



Social Work and Social Professions (SBS2)

This pathway prepares students for graduate professional training in social work and provides them with an opportunity to test out their interest in becoming a professionally qualified social worker. Social Work is practiced in a variety of settings including child welfare and child protection, probation, hospital-based social work and social work in addiction, mental health, disability and vulnerable older people. This pathway offers the opportunity to study Social Policy and Sociology, and to take a specialist series of modules that introduce social work theory and practice in areas such as child welfare and child protection, physical disability, intellectual disability, mental health, physical illness, probation, vulnerable people and those who are dying or are bereaved.

Stage 2

50
Programme Credits

10
Elective Credits

CORE Modules:

Code	Title	Credit
SOC20100	Sociological Theory Level 2	5
SPOL20210	Investigating Social Services	5
SPOL28130	Crime, the Justice System, & Social Services	5
SOC20260	Quantitative Sociology	5
SOC20280	Childhood & Family	5
SPOL28110	Social Work in Practice	5

SELECT 2
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SOC20040	Sociology of Gender	5
SOC20170	Economic Sociology	5
SOC20230	Analytical Sociology	5
SOC20270	Sociology Health & Inequality	5
SOC20210	Animals and Human Society	5
SOC20300	Introduction to Social Simulation	5

OPTION Modules:

SELECT 2
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SPOL20050	Economics of Social Policy	5
SPOL28120	Comparing Welfare States in Europe & Asia	5
SSJ20010	Childhood Inequality in a Global Context	5
SPOL20260	Social Protection: Security, Work and Poverty	5
SPOL20280	Housing Policies, Neighbourhoods and Homes	5
5SPOL28140	EU Social Policy	5

Stage 3

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Programme Credits

10
Elective Credits

CORE Modules:

Code	Title	Credit
SOC30410	Qualitative Research	5
SOC30460	Applied Sociology	5
SPOL30280	Social Policy Capstone Essay	5
SPOL38190	Child Abuse, Sexual + Domestic	5
SPOL38200	Analysis Health & Social Care Policy	5
SPOL38220	Family Policy in Comparative Perspective	5

SELECT 1
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SPOL30220	Social Policy, Social Justice and the Environment	5
SPOL38210	Migration, Racism and Irish Society	5
SSJ30030	Disability and Equality	5
SPOL38270	Gender, Inequality and Social Policy	5

OPTION Modules:

SELECT 3
from the following list

Code	Title	Credit
SOC30330	Currents in Contemporary Theory	5
SOC30360	Sociology of Migration, Race and Ethnicity	5
SOC30370	Historical Sociology	5
SOC30380	Social Dynamics and Networks	5
SOC30390	Punishment and Social Control	5
SOC30100	American Society	5
SOC30350	Work and Social Stratification	5
SOC30420	Deception: The Social, Moral & Economic Foundations of Lying	5
SOC30440	Sociology of the Body	5

Careers Opportunities

There are a wide range of organisations, public service, local authority and non-government agencies employing social workers in Ireland. The fact that the professional training is generic, not confined to a particular client group, allows social workers to move from one area of practice to another over their career. The fact that the professional qualification is at Masters level means that it is accepted for practice in a wide range of countries including the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Graduate Study Opportunities

This pathway offers a gateway to the UCD Master of Social Sciences (Social Work) and to Master of Social Work programmes in other Irish Universities offering post-graduate professional training in social work.



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