Get ready for BSc(Hons) Social Work

The Social Work team warmly welcome you onto the BSc(Hons) Social Work programme and look forward to meeting you.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us.

Dr. Robert Lomax and Patrick Moreno
Programme Leaders

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme. Please come to the Main Reception on **Glenside Campus** at **10am** on **Monday 14 September** where you will be met by students' ambassadors who will direct you to the room.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

How to make a successful start to your programme

In previous correspondence you will have already been informed about our additional requirements which must be completed ahead of Enrolment and Induction:

- **Academic certificates**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS)**
- **Occupational Health clearance**

Immunisation
Please read both the Immunisation Letter and Immunisation leaflet prior to commencing your studies.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding, you must send the relevant paperwork to us, as instructed, as soon as possible.

Please be aware that Incomplete Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health Checks will impact on your ability to access learning materials, attend placements and complete your enrolment onto your degree programme.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

We would recommend you do the following to prepare:

- Have a look at these links and decide which you will want to follow to see what is going on in social work:
    - communitycare.co.uk
    - gaps.org.uk
    - basw.co.uk
    - socialworkfuture.org
- To prepare for learning about how policy, research and theory informs practice with service users and carers, have a look at the 'Children' section on scie.org.uk. There is a guide about Strengths Based Practice. Do you think it would be a useful approach to working with all groups of people?
- To prepare yourself for study and learning with others, reflective practice is key. So think about what you would say to someone about the kind of social worker **you** want to be when you complete the programme and make some notes. We will be asking you to share some of your ideas, your hopes and fears about this

during induction.

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- Ruch, G. Turney, D. & Ward, A., 2018, *Relationship-Based Social Work*, Second Edition: Getting to the Heart of Practice, Jessica Kingsley.
- Green, L. 2017, *Understanding the life course: sociological and psychological perspectives*, Polity Press.
- Rogers, M., Whitaker, D., Edmondson, D. and Peach, D. 2020 *Developing Skills and Knowledge for Social Work Practice*. 2nd ed. Sage.
- Daniels, H. and Livingstone, M. 2014 *Hackney Child*. First Edition: Simon & Schuster Ltd.
- McGarvey, D. 2018 *Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain's Underclass.* Picador.
- Pierre, R. 2024. *Free Loaves on Fridays: The Cares System as Told by People Who Actually Get it,* Unbound/Boundless Publishing.
- James, E. et al 2018 *Social Work, Cats and Rocket Science: Stories of Making a Difference in Social Work with Adults,* Jessica Kingsley.

These texts are a mix of academic books and other writing relevant to your studies throughout your time at UWE.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our Disability web pages so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

Specialist applications used on the course include: **Blackboard, Pebblepad, Microsoft**. These applications work on **Windows and Mac** devices but not on tablets or Chromebooks.

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact the Programme Leaders: **Patrick Moreno** via email at Patrick2.Moreno@uwe.ac.uk and **Robert Lomax** via email at Robert2.Lomax@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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