

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for



MSc Social Work

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.

It should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures](#) for Postgraduate programmes, the relevant [prospectus entry](#) and general [application guidance](#).

Admissions criteria

Academic and English language requirements	<p>The academic and English language requirements for this programme are displayed on the Postgraduate Prospectus</p> <p>For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website.</p>
Non-standard applications	<p>We welcome applications from those with non-standard qualifications who can demonstrate knowledge, experience and skills developed in the workplace, or elsewhere, relevant to the programme of study. Please use your personal statement to provide further details.</p> <p>Non-standard applications will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Non-standard applications will require an up to date CV/resume and will be considered by the Admissions Tutor(s) for the programme on a case by case basis.</p>

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our [guidance for online applications page](#).

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded.

Required and optional documents

✓	One academic reference (minimum) and one work reference (minimum) from a social care related job / voluntary experience	<p>One academic reference and one professional reference from a social care related job or voluntary experience will be required. References should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Degree certificate(s) and academic transcripts	<p>From first and subsequent degrees. Degree certificates and transcripts should comply with our standard requirements outlined on our guidance pages.</p>
✓	Personal statement	<p>In a maximum of 750 words, personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Evidence of interest in Social work as a professional qualification

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of commitment to work as a social worker
✓	English language certificates/other evidence	<p>Evidence of meeting the English language profile as stated on the Postgraduate Prospectus and specified by the University English Language Requirements Policy</p> <p>Evidence to meet programme specific requirements should also be supplied.</p>
✓	Maths qualification	Evidence of meeting programme specific Maths criteria should be supplied.
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	Your CV (also known as a resume) should include details of relevant work/voluntary experience, qualifications and achievements to support an application.

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#)

Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Academic preparedness
- Good standard of written English
- Relevant learning from work and life experience
- Understanding of social care, social work and appropriate personal and intellectual qualities
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the values and ethics of social work.
- Written test and communication exercise administered by the school.

For further information about the selection process, please follow this link:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/study/postgraduate/social-work/>

Interviews

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview. The purpose of the interview is to assess whether the applicant has the necessary skills and capabilities to pursue the chosen postgraduate programme, and whether the programme is appropriate to the applicant's interests and aspirations. If required, interviewees based overseas will normally be interviewed by telephone or Skype.

Declaration of Suitability for Social Work

Social Work England requires that the admissions processes assess the suitability of applicants to train as social workers, including their conduct, health and character. This process is referred to as a 'declaration of suitability for social work' and will need to be completed by all applicants shortlisted for interview.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met

Results deadline

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will be required to submit all final results to meet their offer conditions by 29th July 2022. Offer holders who will be unable to provide their final results by this date should email choosebristol-pg@bristol.ac.uk to notify the admissions team as soon as possible.

Deferrals

Requests to defer the year of entry must be submitted via the applicant portal. Requests to defer should be submitted at the earliest opportunity so that it can be reviewed by the admissions team. We cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

Disclosure and Barring Service

A satisfactory criminal records disclosure will be required. Some programmes also require a check of the DBS Barred Lists prior to registration. Students from overseas or those who have lived overseas for a substantial period of time should provide a certificate of good standing or [appropriate alternative documentation](#) to meet this requirement.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. Guidance is available on the [University website](#).

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee is available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £2000. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Sponsored Students
Fully sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter to the online application.

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