

The Masters in Social Work at Sheffield Hallam University

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What are the entry requirements?

- 2.2 or above
- Experience of working in a social care setting
- UCAS application
- Shortlisted and invited to a selection event
 - Group exercise
 - Written tasks
 - 1 to 1 interview

Who are our students?

- MSW students start programme in March.
- Start 1st placement in September of first year.
- Start 2nd placement in September of second year.
- Complete course in following April.

How is the course structured?

- 24 months - starts on 1st March
- 6 modules in year 1 + skills days + 70 day assessed placement
- 3 modules in year 2 + skills days + 100 day assessed placement + Dissertation
- A generic course children and families, adults and mental health
- The MSW qualifies a student to register and practice as a social worker
- A PGDip option (no dissertation) also allows them to register and practice as a social worker

What do they Learn?

Year 1

- Introduction module
- Law module
- Theories and methods module
- Ethics and Values modules
- Readiness for Practice module
- Research module
- 20 skills days
- 70 day placement

Year 2

- Theories and methods part 2
- Law policy and practice in context
- Service development
- Inter-professional contexts
- Dissertation - research skills
- 10 skills days
- 100 day placement

How are they assessed?

Year 1

- Group presentation on inter professional working
- Critical self-reflection
- Theories and methods applied to a case study
- Open book Law exam
- SWOT analysis
- Professional ethics and values applied to a case study
- Online safeguarding test
- Critical review
- Research proposal
- Practice learning 1
- Mandatory skills day attendance

Year 2

- Critical case analysis
- Integrative study based on 1st placement
- Critical review
- Individual presentation based on practice problem and proposed service development
- Dissertation; a literature review, empirical study or evaluation relevant to social work practice
- Practice learning 2
- Mandatory skills day attendance