# **BA (Hons) Psychosocial Studies**





### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Our exciting BA (Hons) Psychosocial Studies course explores the relationship between 'self' and society. The course combines the study of individuals, using psychology and psychoanalysis, with the wider cultural and systemic studies of sociology. You will gain a rounded understanding of human behaviours, nature and relationships, as well as the ability to apply the theory practically to a variety of career aspirations and post graduate study.

As a full-time student at UcWA, you will get the opportunity to take a variety of modules in order to build up a programme of study which suits your own subject interest or future career plans. All students have a personal tutor who they can meet at least twice a trimester to review progress and assist with any personal or academic problems. In the first year of the programme, students are provided with study skills and tutorials in order to hone skills relevant to higher education and progression into the sector. This course is an excellent choice if you're considering a career in fields such as mental health, education, criminal justice, counselling, psychotherapy, and social work.

### **ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

There are no final examinations at the end of the course, but some modules have an in class test as part of their assessment. Other modes of assessment include presentations, essays and, in the third year the major project dissertation.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- 72 UCAS tariff points from a minimum of 2 A-levels or equivalent level 3 qualification e.g. extended diploma (MMP) or Access course (30 level 3 credits at merit grade are required for Access progression)
- GCSE English at 4 (grade C) or above (or equivalent), or a willingness to achieve this if considered necessary.

### What if I don't meet the entry requirements?

Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirements but have a passion for the subject and relevant life experience may also be considered.



## **COURSE COMPOSITION**

How many days per week:

Between 12 and 14 hours per week (across 2 or 3 days)

What days:

Currently Monday and Friday (to be confirmed)

Made up of approximately:

An even split between lectures and seminars

Expected self-study hours (per week):

8 to 10 hours



# **MODULES**

Students are expected to choose three optional modules in year 3.

### Year 1

Module name	Credits
Sociology in Action	30
Self & Society	30
Media Society & Crime	30
Contemporary Inequalities	30

## Year 2

Module name	Credits
The Research Toolkit: Design & Delivery	30
Sociology of Education	15
Diagnosis & Formulation in Mental Health	15
Violence, Masculinity & Confrontation	15
Violence, Gender & Victimisation	15
Sociology of Religion	15
Sociology of Health Inequalities	15

### Year 3

Module name	Credits
Undergraduate Major Project	30
Nature and Society	15
Clinical Psychology	15
Sex, Sexuality & Gender (optional)	15
Organised Crime (optional)	15
Investigative Psychology (optional)	15
Youth, Crime and Aggression (optional)	15
Groups in Conflict: Social & Psychological Issues (optional)	15
Lifespan Development (optional)	15



### **COURSE FEES**

### **Tuition fees:**

Full-time: £9,000 (2023-2024)

We set our course fees annually. As students pay a fee for each year of their course, the fees set for future academic years may be higher than those set in the 2023/2024 academic year.

For each future academic year of your course of study, your fees may be subject to review and increase on a basis in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) plus 3%. RPI is a measure of inflation published monthly by the Office for National Statistics which measures the changes from month to month in the cost of a representative sample of retail goods and services bought by consumers within the UK. This means that your course fees will not be increased each year by more than RPI + 3% from the previous year's fees and will not ever exceed the maximum amount that the government allows higher education institutions to charge students in the related academic year.

### **ADDITIONAL COSTS**

Suggested reading list - £50 (or free from your local library!)

#### **TRIPS**

All trips are voluntary and are pending general restrictions at the time. Trips include:

- Visits to local prisons
- Freud Museum, London (approx. £6 + travel costs)

#### **FURTHER STUDY AND PROGRESSION**

### Career opportunities

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