



BA (Hons) PSYCHOSOCIAL COMMUNITY WORK

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Course Overview



START DATE

September 2021



SUBJECT AREA

Social Work and Community

Course Summary

Psychosocial Studies derived out of a desire to develop a programme in the Social Sciences that enables us to think about individuals' lived experiences not just from a psychological perspective or a sociological one but in a much more holistic way. Society shapes the way that individuals experience their worlds and, in turn, our inner worlds influence our thoughts, actions and relationships. The two facets are dynamically and intimately related to each other and to focus upon just one aspect severely limits our perspectives of human beings. To become a professional community practitioner, one needs not only a theoretical and ethical understanding of people's personal motivations, circumstances, beliefs, backgrounds, behaviours, cultures etc, but one also needs to critically consider the societal structures and systems that impact lives.

If you don't meet the entry requirements for a BA, you can study this course as an 'extended' four-year programme. You'll begin with a Social Science Foundation year which will prepare you for a successful transition to the BA degree.

UCAS POINTS

112

COURSE OPTIONS

Degree

UCAS CODE

L306

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First Psychosocial degree

UEL is the first university to teach a psychosocial undergraduate course in the UK. It will equip students with a unique rich and non-reductionist understanding of the inextricable relationships between individuals, societies and communities.

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Darren Ellis

UEL Psychosocial Community Work Programme Leader

I studied Psychosocial Studies at UEL as an undergraduate, which enabled me to train as a psychotherapist and then completed a PhD thesis concerning the processes of self-construction related to disclosure about emotional experiences. The degree is a unique programme that draws on relevant aspects of Psychology, Sociology and Community Studies. This new holistic approach will equip students with the specialist knowledge to work professionally in a variety of contexts, as well as enable students to grow in self confidence so that they can positively make a difference to their lives and the lives of others.

FEES AND FUNDING

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Tuition Fee Loan

You can apply for a loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees, which will be paid directly to UEL. There are no up-front fees required. Repayment only starts after you finish your course and are earning over £25,000. If you haven't finished repaying your loan after 30 years it will be automatically cancelled.

To apply visit gov.uk/student-finance

Maintenance Loan

You can apply for a loan to help with living costs such as food, travel and accommodation. How much you can borrow depends on where you live and study, and whether you are currently on welfare benefits. The maximum loan you can apply for is £12,382.

To apply visit gov.uk/student-finance

Supplementary Grants

The government also offer the following additional support:

- Parent's Learning Allowance
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- Childcare Grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance

For further information visit gov.uk/student-finance

UEL FUNDING

We appreciate that finance is one of the key considerations when you are applying to university. That's why alongside your Government loan, you can apply for scholarships to help towards your finances. We have invested over £2 million worth of scholarships to financially assist new students, starting in September 2019. If you are awarded a scholarship you don't need to pay it back.

All students will receive:

Ebooks

Bursaries Schemes for which you can apply

- [Care Leaver and Foyer Bursary - up to £1,500](#)
- [Progression Bursary - up to £2,000](#)
- [Engagement Bursary - up to £2,000](#)
- [Hardship Bursary - up to £2,000](#)
- [Helena Kennedy Foundation - £1,500](#)
- [Going Global – awards range from £300 - £700](#)

Scholarships Schemes for which you can apply

- [Vice Chancellor Scholarship - up to £27,750 over three years](#)
- [Dean Scholarship - up to £13,500 over three years](#)
- [Civic Engagement Scholarship - £1,000](#)
- [EU Scholarship \(EU Only\) - £1,000](#)
- [ELSEF Scholarship - £1,000](#)
- [UTC Scholarship - £1,500](#)
- [Sports Scholarships - up to £6,000](#)

EXTERNAL FUNDING

There are a number of external organisations that offer financial help to students. Please see the below list to view additional support options. Alternatively, you can visit the [Scholarship Search](#) website.

Please note that the University of East London is not responsible for the content of these external sites and is not associated in any way with the funding schemes and their application processes.

[Bank Of England Scholarship Programme](#)

[European Funding Guide](#)

[The Student Disability Association Fund](#)

[Sir John Cass's Foundation](#)

[The Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust](#)

[The Newby Trust](#)

PLACEMENT YEAR

Some courses offer the option of a placement year, giving you the chance to gain valuable work experience in a relevant industry between your second and third years. If you are an international student on a Tier 4 visa, you are able to undertake a placement if it is an integral and assessed part of your course.

In 2018/19 placement year tuition fees are set at £1,060.

CONTACT US

The Student Money Advice and Rights Team (SMART) are here to help you navigate your finances while you're a student at the University of East London.

We can give you advice, information and guidance on government and university funds so that you receive your full funding entitlement.

Email: study@uel.ac.uk

Phone: 020 8223 4444

£ Tuition fees

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£TBC

Course fees will be confirmed soon.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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NEW UCAS POINTS

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Must include passes at A2 in at least two subjects.

FROM

BTEC

Extended Diploma or Diploma

FROM

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Diploma with 26 points including a minimum of 15 points at Higher Level.

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(Including European Union)

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OTHER ENTRY ROUTES

Access to HE Diploma (QAA approved) with 60 credits overall and 45 credits at Level 3.

We will also consider the [Law Short Course](#).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in Writing and Speaking; minimum 5.5 in Reading and Listening (or recognised equivalent).

If you do not meet the academic English language requirements for your course, you may be eligible to enrol onto a pre-sessional English programme. The length of the course will depend on your current level of English and the requirements for your degree programme. We offer a 5-week and an 11-week pre-sessional course. [Find out more.](#)

ALTERNATIVE GCSE QUALIFICATIONS

Level 2 equivalences such as Level 2 Functional Skills in English / Maths, Level 2 Key Skills in Communication / Application of Number and Level 2 Adult Literacy / Adult Numeracy

MATURE APPLICANTS AND THOSE WITHOUT FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS

As an inclusive university, we recognise that applicants who have been out of education for some time may not have the formal qualifications usually required for entry to a course. We welcome applications from those who can demonstrate their enthusiasm and commitment to study and have the relevant life/work experience that equips them to succeed on the course. We will assess this from the information provided in your application – in particular your personal statement – to help us decide on your eligibility for the course.

Please note that some courses require applicants to meet the entry requirements outlined on the course page. Our pre-entry [Information Advice and Guidance Team](#) are able to provide further advice on entry requirements and suitability for study.

FURTHER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

You can speak to a member of our Applicant Enquiries team on +44 (0)20 8223 3333, Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Alternatively, you can visit our [Information, Advice and Guidance](#) centre.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Are you interested in what makes people 'tick'? Are you fascinated by how we develop a sense of self (I) and in relation to others (me)? and how culture and upbringing shapes a person's thoughts, views, beliefs and actions in the world? Do you want to work with people to make a positive difference to you, to them and to communities?

This course is about the real world, engaging with a wide range of problems and issues including mental health, social care, racism, psychotherapies, class, families, gender, employment, youth, and ageing.

You'll get to grips with the policies and systems of service user delivery, issues of power, oppression and social justice, as well as community development and human and social needs. Students will develop their understanding of reflexive practice and professional standards of conduct, performance and ethics in relation to governance which regulates working with diverse service users and change-makers. You will be taught by cutting-edge academics who bring their research, critiques and experiences to their teaching—we have some very lively discussions!

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY AND WHEN

FOUNDATION YEAR (IF REQUIRED)

If you don't meet the entry requirements for a bachelor's degree, you can study this course as an 'extended' four-year programme. You'll begin with a foundation year, which will prepare you for a successful transition to the degree course a year later.

- Knowledge, Skills, Practice and the Self. Professional Life (Core)
- Exploring Communities as Social Scientists (Core)
- Reading the Body Psychosocially (Core)
- Reimagining Work As A Social Scientist (Core)
- Introduction to Digital Sociology (Option)
- Globalisation and Society (Option)

YEAR 1

- Knowledge, Skills, Practice and the Self (Mental Wealth 1) (core)
- Psychology: Perspectives for Psychosocial Community Work (core)
- Constructions of Identity (core)
- Preparation For Working With Communities (core)
- Psychosocial Work In Community Settings (core)
- Communication For Psychosocial And Community Work Relationships (core)

YEAR 2

- Children, Young People & Families (core)
- Knowledge, Skills, Practice & The Self (Mental Wealth 2) (core)
- Mad, Bad or Sad? Understanding Mental Disorder (core)
- Research Methods (core)
- Professional Practice in Communities 1* (core)
- Counselling: Therapeutic Skills & Practice (core)

YEAR 3

- Knowledge, skills, practice and the self (Mental Wealth 3) (core)
- Professional Practice in Communities 2* (core)
- Applied Project (Dissertation) (**2 x core modules)
- Managing And Leading In The Not For Profit Sector (option)
- Leaders, Followers And Fanatics (option)
- Health, Community And Activism (option)
- Gender, Difference And Empowerment (option)

How you'll be assessed

There are various modes of assessment which include individual and group presentations, essay writing, report writing, blogs, observations, reflexive journals, posters and role-play interviews.

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

On this degree we use a range of assessment methods to ensure you have engaged with the learning outcomes of our modules. Knowledge is assessed by essays, plans, presentations, journals, blogs, portfolios, photography, case studies.

Thinking skills are assessed by reflective logs, project work, poster presentations, research reports, case studies, responses to reflective questions.

Practical skills are assessed by research proposals, portfolios, blogs, presentations, and practice learning log, fieldwork and practice experience.

In addition to innovative digital research methods we offer dual delivery which combines traditional on-campus face-to-face

teaching and online teaching simultaneously, allowing you to interact as if you were there in person. You can move smoothly between online and on campus teaching subject to your individual timetable (and health requirements).

You can interact and collaborate in person and online in any of these live-streamed sessions. Live-streamed sessions will also be recorded, so you can login when you want, playback and watch from the comfort of your home and whilst on the go.

We are investing in key areas beyond your studies including our career services, library and well-being, to be available both face-to-face on campus and online with many of these available 24/7. We have new, modern library facilities on both campuses offering inspirational environments for study and research. Libraries contain resources in print and digital formats, a range of study spaces and dedicated librarians who can assist with your learning.

You will be supported with any academic or subject related queries by an Academic Advisor, module leaders, former and current UEL students.

If you need a bit of extra help with certain skills such as academic writing, maths or IT, our Skillzone and English for Academic Purposes we offer workshops, drop-in sessions and one-to-one appointments to help you achieve your potential.

You can receive advice and guidance on all aspects of the IT systems provided by the University from our IT Service Desks located on all three campuses. Our Student Support hubs in Docklands and Stratford feature centralised helpdesks to cater for your every need. UEL provides also support and advice for disabled students and those with specific learning needs.

Who will teach on this course

Darren Ellis

Georgie Wemyss

The teaching team includes qualified academics, practitioners and industry experts as guest speakers. Full details of the academics will be provided in the student handbook and module guides.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Our graduates have gone on to further study and/or entered the following careers:

- Researcher
- Civil Service
- Advice/Welfare Work
- Voluntary Sector /NGO Officer
- Community Development Worker
- Housing Officer
- Equality And Diversity Officer
- Criminal Justice
- Social Worker
- Mental Health/Counselling/Psychotherapy
- Health Or Care Management
- NGO Founder
- Psychologist
- Volunteer Co-Ordinator
- Family Support
- Teacher/Lecturer/Education Roles
- Youth Worker
- Mediator
- Community Advocacy

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