



BA (Hons) PSYCHOSOCIAL COMMUNITY WORK WITH FOUNDATION YEAR

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Course Overview



START DATE

September 2021



SUBJECT AREA

Social Work and Community

Course Summary

*This course is subject to validation

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

64

COURSE OPTIONS

Degree

UCAS CODE

L307

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First Psychosocial undergraduate degree

The course incorporates a 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 £12,729.

To apply visit gov.uk/student-finance

Supplementary Grants

The government also offer the following additional support:

- Parents' Learning Allowance
- Adult Dependants' Grant
- Childcare Grant
- Disabled Students' Allowance
- All [nursing](#) and many [allied health](#) students on courses from September 2020 will receive a payment of at least £5,000 a year from the government.

For further information visit gov.uk/student-finance or contact Student Finance England.

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 list 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](#)
- [Walcot Foundation](#)
- [Scholarships Search](#)

CONTACT US

The Student Money Advice and Rights Team (SMART) are here to help you navigate your finances while you are 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

UK

£9,250

You don't need to pay this up front.

EU, EEA and Swiss Nationals starting a course in September 2021, will no longer be eligible for Home fees. However, such nationals benefitting from Settled Status or Citizens' Rights may become eligible for Home fees as and when the UK Government confirms any new fees regulations. [Further information can be found at UKCISA.](#)

Tuition fees are subject to annual change. Fees for future years will be published in due course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

September 2021

Degree

64
NEW UCAS POINTS

FROM

A LEVEL

Must include passes at A2 in at least 1 subject

FROM

BTEC

Extended Diploma or Diploma

FROM

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Diploma with 24 points including a minimum of 15 points at Higher Level

INTERNATIONAL

(Including European Union)

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COUNTRY

OTHER ENTRY ROUTES

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

We will also consider the [UEL New Beginnings pre-entry course](#)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Overall IELTS score of 5.5 with a minimum of 5.5 in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking (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-session 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-session course. [Find out more here.](#)

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 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

On this degree we use a range of assessment methods to ensure students have engaged with the learning outcomes of our modules, these include essays, plans , presentations, journals, blogs, portfolios, photography and case studies.

All grades count towards your module mark.

More details will be included in the student handbook and module guides.

Feedback is provided within 15 working days in line with UEL's assessment and feedback policy.

HOW YOU'LL LEARN

We use a range of teaching and learning methods to guide you throughout the course. Your knowledge will be developed through lectures and online learning materials, guided reading, knowledge-based activities with feedback, online discussions and activities, individual personal tutorial support , personal journals, fieldwork practice through work-based learning experience.

You'll be taught by staff with relevant experience and practice to ensure you learn from real life experience and research. 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). Students 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.

When not attending timetabled lectures you will be expected to continue learning independently through self-study. This will typically involve reading journal articles and books, working on individual and group projects, undertaking preparing coursework assignments and presentations, and preparing for exams. Your independent learning is supported by a range of excellent facilities including online resources, Microsoft Teams and Moodle.

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.

Students are supported with any academic or subject related queries by an Academic Advisor, module leaders, former and

current UEL students. If you need support with certain skills such as academic writing, our Skillzone and English for Academic Purposes offer workshops, drop-in sessions and one-to-one appointments will help you to 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.

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 librarian who can assist with your learning.

UEL provides also support and advice for disabled students and those with specific learning difficulties (SPDs). Your overall workload consists of class and online tutor led sessions, individual learning, practical activities.

Our aim is to prepare our students for a broad range of careers, so that they can make amazing contributions to their communities. When you arrive, we'll introduce you to your personal tutor. This is the member of staff who will provide academic guidance, be a support throughout your time at UEL and who will show you how to make the best use of all the help and resources that we offer.

The approximate percentages for this course are:

Foundation year: 100% coursework

Year 1: 100% coursework

Year 2: 100% coursework

Year 3: 100% coursework

The course is assessed entirely by coursework such as essays, video presentations and a research dissertation.

Class sizes:

30 students

Who will teach on this course

Georgie Wemyss

The teaching team includes qualified academics, practitioners and industry experts as guest speakers. Full details of the teaching team 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

Explore the different career options you can pursue with this degree and see the median salaries of the sector on our [Career Coach](#) portal.

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