



University of the  
West of England

### PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information	
<b>Awarding Institution</b>	University of the West of England
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	University of the West of England
<b>Delivery Location</b>	University of the West of England
<b>Study abroad / Exchange / Credit recognition</b>	None
<b>Faculty responsible for programme</b>	Health and Applied Sciences
<b>Department responsible for programme</b>	Health and Social Sciences
<b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links</b>	None
<b>Highest Award Title</b>	BA (Hons) Social Science
<b>Default Award Title</b>	None
<b>Interim Award Titles</b>	BA Social Science DipHE Social Science
<b>UWE Progression Route</b>	None
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	FT/PT
<b>ISIS code/s</b>	
<b>For implementation from</b>	September 2017

**Part 2: Description**

This programme is a fall-back award designed to enable students to complete an honours degree who are unable to complete their original programme of study; their original programme of study will be an honours degree within the Department of Health and Social Sciences.

Learning is based on a student-centred approach, where the student is encouraged and enabled to take responsibility for their own learning.

The programme aims to:

- Facilitate students to appreciate the broad context of social science
- Develop critical, creative and analytical thinking
- Develop self awareness
- Consider issues such as diversity, equality, sustainability
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of current issues in the social sciences
- Enable the evaluation of arguments, assumptions, concepts and research to inform judgements
- Communicate effectively and appropriately through a range of modes
- Take responsibility for, and effectively manage, their own learning and continuing personal development
- Develop leadership, project management and transferable skills
- Develop reflective and reflexive learners

**Programme requirements for the purposes of the Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR)**

This award recognises students' academic achievements in the area of social sciences. Graduates will acquire knowledge and understanding, transferable skills and attributes necessary to enable them to successfully work in a contemporary society. A flexible programme, which focuses on the individual learner and hence can be tailored to meet their individual development needs.

**Regulations**

Approved to [University Regulations and Procedures](#)

**Part 3: Learning Outcomes of the Programme****A Knowledge and understanding of:**

1. The broad context and diversity of social science
2. Factual and theoretical awareness of the social world
3. Social scientific concepts.
4. The main issues in their chosen fields of study.
5. Research design and methodologies

**B Intellectual Skills**

1. The capacity for analysis, synthesis and evaluation
2. A proactive approach to academic development

**C Subject/Professional/Practical Skills**

The student will be able to:

1. Communicate/present information effectively and appropriately according to the audience/setting

**D Transferable skills and other attributes**

The student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate effective time management and organisational skills
2. Use investigative skills to research issues
3. Use information technology competently and effectively
4. Act independently and as a team member in planning and effecting tasks
5. Demonstrate reflection and reflexivity
6. Apply knowledge and transferable skills according to the setting/environments
7. Recognise the value of self-development and lifelong learning

**Part 4: Programme Structure**

Immediately prior to entry the student will be enrolled on an honours degree from within the Department of Health and Social Sciences. They will have achieved at least 120 credits at level 1 + 60 credits at level 2.

**Students may enter at level 2 or level 3 depending on their academic profile.**

**Level 2 entry;**

- Additional level 2 credits (as required to complete level 2 academic profile and ensure learning outcomes of the programme are met) from modules within \*relevant fields of study; by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.
- Level 3; a module which demonstrates the capacity for sustained independent work (minimum 30 credits) to ensure the regulatory requirement for an honours degree have been met. Module by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.
- Additional level 3 credits (as required to complete level 3 academic profile and ensure learning outcomes of the programme are met) from modules within \*relevant fields of study; by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.

**Level 3 entry;**

- a module which demonstrates the capacity for sustained independent work (minimum 30 credits) to ensure the regulatory requirement for an honours degree have been met. Module by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.
- Additional level 3 credits (as required to complete level 3 academic profile and ensure learning outcomes of the programme are met) from modules within \*relevant fields of study; by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.

\*Relevant fields of study; normally these will be from;

- philosophy
- politics and international relations
- psychology
- sociology and criminology

<b>ENTRY</b>	Level 2	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Awards
		There are no compulsory modules	Additional level 2 credits (as required to complete level 2 academic profile) from modules within *relevant fields of study; by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader	<b>Interim award:</b> DipHE Social Science <b>Credit requirements;</b> 240 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 220 are at level 1 or above and not less than 100 are at level 2 or above
	Level 3	Compulsory Modules	Optional Modules	Interim Awards
		There are no compulsory modules although students are required to undertake a module which demonstrates the capacity for sustained independent work (minimum 30 credits) to ensure the regulatory requirement for an honours degree have been met.	Additional level 3 credits (as required to complete level 3 academic profile) from modules within *relevant fields of study; by negotiation and in agreement with the Programme Leader.	<b>Interim award:</b> BA Social Science <b>Credit requirements;</b> 300 credits, at level 0 or above of which not less than 280 are at level 1 or above, not less than 100 are at level 2 or above and not less than 60 are at level 3 or above  <b>Target/Highest Award</b> BA (Hons) Social Science <b>Credit requirements;</b> 360 credits at level 0 or above of which not less than 340 are at level 1 or above, not less than 200 are at level 2 or above and not less than 100 at level 3 or above.

**Examples of Possible Pathways**

1. Student originally enrolled on BA (Hons) Politics and International Relations and has 120 credits at level 1, 120 credits at level 2 and 60 credits at level 3 (USPSTS-30-3 not achieved). The student is eligible for a BA Politics and International Relations without honours, but wishes to achieve an honours degree. The student is currently working part time.

Following discussion with the Programme Leader the student enrolls on and passes modules;

**UZQNHK-30-3 The Politics of Climate Change**  
**30 credit level 3 Independent Study or Evidencing Work Based Learning module**  
 (meets requirements for sustained independent work)

and is then eligible for the BA (Hons) Social Science award.

2. Student originally enrolled on BA (Hons) Philosophy and has 120 credits at level 1, 105 credits at level 2 (UZSSTR-15-2 not achieved) and 30 credits at level 3; student is eligible for a Dip HE Philosophy but wishes to achieve an honours degree.

Following discussion with the Programme Leader the student enrolls on and passes modules;

**UZRRVX-15-2 Theoretical Ethics**  
**USPSTS-30-3 Social Sciences Project/Placement Module** (meets requirements for sustained independent work)  
**UZRPMP-30-3 Film and Philosophy**  
**UZRPRC-30-3 Contemporary Continental Philosophy**

and is then eligible for the BA (Hons) Social Science award.

3. Student originally enrolled on BA (Hons) Sociology and has 120 credits at level 1, 60 credits at level 2 (UZSST5-30-2 and UZSST4-30-2 not achieved); student is eligible for a Cert HE Sociology but wishes to achieve an honours degree.

Following discussion with the Programme Leader the student enrolls on and passes modules;

**UZSNMD-30-2 The Sociology of 'Race' and Ethnicity.**  
**UZSNNU-30-2 Transgression**  
**USPSTS-30-3 Social Sciences Project/Placement Module** (meets requirements for sustained independent work)  
**UZSSSQ-30-3 Bodies, Technology and Society**  
**UZSST8-30-3 The Sociology of Madness and Mental Disorders**  
**UZSST7-30-3 Religion and Society**

and is then eligible for the BA (Hons) Social Science award.

**Part 5: Entry Requirements**

The University's Standard Entry Requirements apply with the following additions/exceptions.

Students must;

- Have been registered on a UWE honours degree from the Department of Health and Social Sciences
- Achieved at least 120 credits at level 1 + 60 credits at level 2

Students will transfer into the programme via the University internal transfer process.

**Part 6: Reference Points and Benchmarks**

Existing UWE Health and Social Science programmes.

[QAA UK Quality Code for HE](#)

-Framework for higher education qualifications (FHEQ)

[Strategy 2020](#)

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