



Trinity College Dublin

Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath

The University of Dublin

School of Social Work and Social Policy

Bachelor in
Social Studies (Social Work)

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Historic
47-acre campus at
the heart of Dublin
city centre

Bachelor in
Social Studies (Social Work)
(TR084)

18,000
students
in 122 countries



The Bachelor in Social Studies degree is placed at level 8 of the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and one of only two undergraduate programmes in Ireland which qualifies students to a professional level in social work. This four-year full-time undergraduate programme combines an honours degree in the social sciences (BSS) with professional education in social work. The BSS degree is an intensive programme which aims to help you become a reflective and proactive social worker who will make a significant contribution across a broad range of statutory, voluntary and community services.

The degree programme is approved by CORU (the Health and Social Care Professionals Council). Graduates of the programme are, therefore, eligible to apply for registration with the Social Work Registration Board which operates under CORU.





student societies, sports clubs and publications

Why study social studies at Trinity College Dublin

Social Studies is a challenging and a rewarding field and requires a personal commitment to the ideals and values of the social work profession. Students in the BSS are guaranteed small group teaching in social work modules, individual input from active academics and practicing social workers and an interactive class environment. The programme is committed to inclusiveness and diversity in its student group. Overseas, mature and non-traditional students are welcomed.

The School of Social Work and Social Policy offers small classes to promote engaged learning. The school has one of the smallest student to staff ratios in the entire university with only 21 students per every staff member and an average lecture size of 45.

Is this the right course for you?

Social Studies could be the right course for you if you wish to work in a caring and challenging profession. Most importantly it is the right course for you if you believe you have the personal qualities and motivation necessary for this work. Potential applicants are advised to find out what social workers do before they apply.

<https://www.iasw.ie/iasw-career-in-social-work>

Current student profiles

Hear from some of our current students about what it is like to study for the Bachelor in Social Studies <https://www.tcd.ie/swsp/undergraduate/social-studies/alumni.php>



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdnXKLMv4Q8>



What our graduates say

"The BSS degree was a fantastic experience for me from a professional and personal level".

Ciaran Carroll



6th in the world for gender equality

School of Social Work and Social Policy

(Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021)

Programme content

This course introduces you to a wide range of social science subjects in the Junior Freshman (first) year, and then increases the number of social work subjects in the following three years. Teaching methods are varied and interactive and draw on your personal and practice experience.

The Freshman years

Junior Freshman (first year) subjects include introductions to social work, psychology, social policy, sociology, economic policy and political science. We ask you to do 30 hours volunteer work during first year to build your practical experience and help you to apply what you are learning to a real-world situation. Junior Freshman students will undertake a six week placement related to the course.

In Senior Freshman (second year), the social work modules involve field trips to relevant organisations and services. In addition students undertake a ten week placement during this academic year.

What our graduates say

"To those looking for a comprehensive, challenging, diverse and relevant degree, this may be the one for you."

Leah Keogh

The Sophister Years

Junior and Senior Sophister (third and fourth) year subjects include:

Family and child care studies

Social policy

Sociology

Mental health

Equality issues

Group work

Human rights law

Social work theory and practice, including counselling skills and practice workshops





Small classes for
engaged learning



12th Most
International
University in the
World

(Times Higher Education
Ranking 2022)

Placements

In each of the four years, students undertake a placement in a different social service agency under the supervision of an experienced practitioner. These placements provide practice experience and an opportunity to develop and apply the skills and knowledge acquired in college. Placements in the first two years take place in the summer vacation. Placements in the final two years run in the first semester of each year.

Admissions requirements

School leavers who reach the CAO points (or equivalent) needed for entry. School Leaver applicants should enter BSS (TR 084) on their CAO application form.

Mature students and international students eligible to apply for the course.

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/international/how-to-apply/index.php>

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/apply/alternative-paths-to-trinity/index.php>

Advanced entry into the BSS degree is not permitted. It is a course requirement for all new students on the Bachelor in Social Studies that they complete Health Screening and Garda Vetting requirements.

Our school areas of research

- Ageing and social policy
- Adoption & Fostering
- Drug and alcohol policy and services
- Child protection and welfare
- Criminology and penology
- Domestic violence
- Family and gender
- History of social policy
- Immigration and Social Policy
- Intellectual disability
- Mental health
- Social work
- Sociology of reproduction

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for this programme, please apply online at

www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/courses/social-studies/

or visit www.tcd.ie/swsp for further information.



Top **100**
University in
the world for 19
subjects

(QS Subject Rankings
2022)

School of Social Work and Social Policy

Situated in the centre of Ireland's vibrant capital city, Trinity's stunning campus is home to a community of scholars at the cutting-edge of research and teaching. Combining historic traditions with world-renowned centres of research excellence, Trinity College Dublin offers a unique opportunity to blend a rigorous academic programme with an unparalleled array of cultural, social and professional experiences.

The School of Social Work and Social Policy offers professional education and training in social work, multidisciplinary study of social policy, and postgraduate training in applied social research. The school seeks to ensure that teaching responds to new social and economic developments, reflects robust empirical evidence, and is infused with a scholarly vigour, in order that students are equipped to engage with the challenges they will face as employees and as citizens.

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