

The School of Health and Social Studies is a multidisciplinary department with staff from social work, nursing, anthropology, health policy and political science.

There is a vibrant research ethos with a commitment to student-centred practice. Staff conduct research within specialist centres to which students are affiliated. The School offers a range of MA and PhDs in the areas of social work, nursing, health studies, ethnic relations and applied social research. Staff also teach health-related social science to medical students in Warwick Medical School.

The School has an excellent track record in the last three RAEs, with 60% of outputs rated as 4* or 3* in 2008. The School has had ESRC recognition for research training at MA and PhD level for some years. There are research centres of excellence in the areas of domestic violence and child protection, in health inequalities and in nursing research with expertise on knowledge translation, public and patient involvement and Patient-Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs).

RESEARCH DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES

MA IN APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH WITH SPECIALISMS IN HEALTH STUDIES, SOCIAL WORK OR ISLAM IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES.

MA SOCIAL WORK (MASW)

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Longina Furidze

MA Social Work

School of Health and Social Studies

“I am of Zimbabwean origin and have been resident in the United Kingdom for over five years.

I chose to study at Warwick because of the structure of the MASW course, especially the second year. The dissertation is replaced with a Professional Related Agency Study, Literature Review and Presentation. This gives a chance to focus on preparing students to become professional social workers.

The support provided by the academic staff is excellent. The library and IT facilities are excellent and there is always someone to assist. The course is intense in the first year, but in the second year there is some space to let students get on with preparing for work.

I was able to secure funding through the Social Work Bursary Scheme, but have had to juggle work and study in order to keep up with bills. I am married with two children and I have not relocated the family to Coventry, but have travelled from Birmingham to Coventry to get to University.”

RESEARCH GROUPS

Royal College of Nursing Research Institute

This research institute is supported by the Royal College of Nursing and is directed by Professor Kate Seers. The research themes are Knowledge Transfer, public and patient involvement, and patient reported outcomes.

Institute of Health

The Institute is co-directed by Professor Gillian Hundt and Associate Professor Reader Davide Nicolini and its members both within SHSS and across the University carry out health-related social science research. Research themes include different aspects of health inequalities, health, wellbeing and the environment, and housing and the built environment.

Centre for Research in Safety and Wellbeing

This research centre undertakes research on gendered violence and is directed by Associate Professor Christine Harrison. Research focuses on domestic violence and child safety and protection both in the UK and internationally.

RESEARCH DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

Standard Duration: 3-4 years full-time,
5 – 6 years part-time

PhDs are available in Social Work, Health Studies, Nursing, Health Care, the Built Environment, Applied Social Studies and Health and Social Studies. PhD training involves taught research training and supervision from two supervisors. In addition, there are Graduate School and Faculty-wide training opportunities, PhD seminars and writing-up support group. PhD students are welcomed and valued and we have students from overseas, the EU and the UK studying full-time and part-time. There is ESRC recognition and a range of funding sources.

Students may study part-time whilst employed and so continue in their jobs or return to their academic posts on completion when studying on a scholarship. Several students have returned to their sponsoring university to teach social work or nursing.

APPLICATION FACT FILE (RESEARCH DEGREES)

Entry Requirements

First degree 2:1 in a relevant area and MA

English Language Requirements

IELTS 7.0, TOEFL (iBT) 105 or equivalent

Application

Applications should be made online at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply

Tuition Fees

(2011/12 fees. Please note: fees for 2012/2013 will be published online in spring 2012.)

Home/EU: Full-time £3,900, Part-time £2,340
Overseas: (Band 1) Full-time £12,115

Funding

Details of the Chancellor's Scholarships and other funding opportunities are available on the Graduate School website: www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool

TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES

MA IN APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH WITH SPECIALISMS IN HEALTH STUDIES, SOCIAL WORK OR ISLAM IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETIES

Standard Duration: 1 year full-time,
2 years part-time
Places available: 10

This degree has a core of research training in qualitative and quantitative methods and then substantive courses in the three specialist areas. The core covers Advanced Issues and Skills in Applied Social Research, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences. Specialist courses are for Health Studies: Health, Well-being and the Built Environment, Social Determinants of Health and Understanding Research and Critical Appraisal; for Social Work: Theorising and Researching interpersonal Violence, Research in Practice, Diversity in Society, and for Islam in Contemporary Societies: Issues in Islam in Contemporary Societies and Introduction to Islamic Law.

The course delivers a strong research training in applied social research in qualitative and quantitative research. Part-time students may be working within the NHS or social work and this enhances their skills if working in the area of research or research management e.g. within a Mental Health Research Network. It is also an excellent grounding for a PhD.

APPLICATION FACT FILE (TAUGHT MASTER'S DEGREES)

Entry Requirements

Good first degree 2:i or above or 2:ii with professional working experience

English Language Requirements

IELTS 7.0, TOEFL (iBT) 105 or equivalent

Application

Applications should be made online at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/pgapply

Application Deadline

15 September

Tuition Fees

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Home/EU: £6,080 Full-time, £3,040 Part-time
Overseas: £12,325 full-time

Funding

British Council Chevening Scholarships, International Office Scholarship. Other funding opportunities are available on the Graduate School website: www.warwick.ac.uk/go/graduateschool

MA SOCIAL WORK (MASW)

Standard Duration: 2 years full-time

Places available: 56

The MA comprises 200 days of structured academic teaching and learning in year one, followed by 200 days of assessed practice learning in year two, when students are placed in a wide range of statutory, voluntary and independent social work agencies. Successful completion of the MA gives eligibility for entry to the General Social Care Council (GSCC) Register of Social Workers. This course is suitable for those who may have undertaken their first degree some time ago and have been working in social care or those who want to change career, as well as more recent graduates.

Employment prospects are very good. Registered social workers continue to be in short supply in many areas. Warwick social work graduates have a very high employment rate in statutory and voluntary social work, social care and health agencies.

APPLICATION FACT FILE (MA SOCIAL WORK)

Entry Requirements

Normally a 2:i degree but applicants with a good 2:ii degree will be considered. GCSE grade C or equivalent in Maths and English. Equivalent of three months full-time experience relevant to social work on a voluntary or paid basis, or substantial caring responsibilities that have provided first-hand experiences of social work or social services interventions.

English Language Requirements

IELTS 7.0, TOEFL (iBT) 105 or equivalent

Application

All applications are made via UCAS (Universities & Colleges Admissions Service). Please visit their website at www.ucas.ac.uk for further information.

Tuition Fees

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Home/EU: £6,080 Full-time, £3,040 Part-time
Overseas: £12,325 full-time

Funding

Government-funded bursaries are available for all eligible students. The bursary includes payment of: tuition and other compulsory fees to the University; a maintenance grant, based on individual circumstances and recognising the needs of disabled students and students with dependants; travel and other expenses (within limits).