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Master of Social Work (**MSW**)

Postgraduate Dip. in Social Work Studies (**PDSWS**)

Eligible Courses for Direct Entry to the Master of Social Work (MSW) and Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work Studies (PDSWS) programmes at University College Cork

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# Eligible Programmes for Direct Entry to the MSW and PDSWS programmes at UCC

The following programmes have been deemed to be equivalent to the Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc) at UCC for purposes of being eligible to apply **directly** to study for the Master of Social Work (2H1 or higher) or the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work Studies (PDSWS, pass or 2H2 grade in your degree).

While this list is not exhaustive, it is important to note that requests for equivalency applications **MUST** be completed by the School of Applied Social Studies to the College of CACSSS for candidates without a Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc), BA Hons in Social Care, or a Higher Diploma in Social Policy/Social Studies or one of the approved programmes listed below. For example, applicants with undergraduate social work programmes (e.g. BSW) from other countries **can apply directly**, but an equivalence check must be undertaken if your application is successful.

*If your programme is not listed, you may still be able to apply to the PDSWS programme under the Recognition of Prior Learning pathway (RPL). See [www.ucc.ie/en/msw](http://www.ucc.ie/en/msw) for further information on eligibility criteria for the RPL pathway.*

Course	Third Level Institution
All CORU-approved BA Hons Applied Social Studies Social Care (Level 8) / BA Hons in Social Care Practice (level 8) programmes in the Republic of Ireland (* see the end of this document for a full list)	
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degrees from international universities <i>(will need additional approval process at College level on a course by course basis)</i>	
All Higher Diploma in Social Policy (level 9) programmes in the Republic of Ireland, including:	
Higher Diploma in Social Policy (online)	UCC
Higher Diploma in Social Policy (campus)	UCC
Higher Diploma in Social Policy	UCD
BA Hons Community Development (level 8)	Munster Technological University (formerly CIT)
Bachelor Hons (Early Years Education) (level 8)	Munster Technological University (formerly CIT)
BA Hons Social Science	Dublin Business School
Higher Diploma in Applied Social Studies	South East Technological University (formerly IT Carlow)
Bachelor of Social Work and Administration	Kampala University
Bachelor Hons Social and Community Studies	Technological University of the Shannon TUS (formerly Limerick/Tipperary IT)
BSocSc Hons	NUI Maynooth
Higher Diploma in Community Development	University of Galway (formerly NUIG)
BA Children's Studies	University of Galway (formerly NUIG)
BA Hons in Community, Youth and Family Studies	University of Galway (formerly NUIG)
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies	TCD

Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc)	UCC
BSocSc Youth and Community Work	UCC
BA Hons Early Years and Childhood Studies	UCC
BA Hons Early Childhood Studies	UCC
MA in Women's Studies	UCC
MSocSc Voluntary and Community Sector Management	UCC
BSocSc	UCD
BA Hons Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc)	South East Technological University (formerly Waterford IT)
Honours Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Studies	South East Technological University (formerly Waterford IT)

Examples of programmes which have **NOT** met the Equivalence Standard include:

- [BA History, Politics, Sociology and Social Studies \(UL\)](#)
- [B.Ed \(Mary Immaculate College Limerick\) + 30 credit non-degree flexi options from BA\(Hons\) Social Care ITT.](#)
- [MA in Criminology.](#)

**However, students on these programmes can apply to the PDSWS at UCC under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) pathway, if they meet the RPL eligibility criteria to apply. See here: [www.ucc.ie/en/msw](http://www.ucc.ie/en/msw)**

**List of CORU-approved social care programmes (December 2024. Check CORU website for updates/revisions).**

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Atlantic Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Care, Atlantic Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Atlantic Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Institute of Technology, Sligo
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Care, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care, Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care, Munster Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care, Institute of Technology, Tralee
- Honours Bachelor of Arts (Social Care), National University of Ireland, Galway
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies (Professional Social Care), Quality and Qualifications Ireland, delivered by Carlow College, St. Patrick's
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care, Quality and Qualifications Ireland, delivered by The Open Training College
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Professional Social Care Practice, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Professional Social Care Practice, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, South East Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Professional Social Care Practice, Institute of Technology, Carlow
- Bachelor of Arts in Professional Social Care Practice, Institute of Technology, Carlow
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care, Institute of Technology, Carlow

- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Professional Social Care, Institute of Technology, Carlow
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Waterford Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Waterford Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Technological University Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Technological University Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care, Technological University Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Technological University Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Care, Technological University Dublin
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care, Dublin Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Institute of Technology, Tallaght
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Practice, Institute of Technology, Tallaght
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Work, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Work, Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Care, Athlone Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care, Athlone Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice, Athlone Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Work, Limerick Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Work, Limerick Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Work, Munster Technological University
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Work, Cork Institute of Technology