



**PROGRAMMES  
OVERVIEW**



The Department of Applied Social Studies (DAPPSS) in NUIM is the longest established provider of professional education and training in youth work and community work in the country.

More recently, the Department has developed a reputation for excellence in Social Policy studies.

## OUR MISSION

“to contribute to human rights, social justice and equality nationally and internationally through excellence in education for and development of the community work and youth work professions, together with innovative social science education and research and associated public contributions.”

Since the department was established in 1981, Applied Social Studies has earned an unrivalled reputation for teaching, research and development in these areas.

Professional programmes on a full-time and part-time in-service basis are offered at under-graduate (BACYW) and post-graduate (MACYW) levels, as well as a post-qualifying MA in Applied Social Studies (MAASS) and a Doctor of Social Science Programme (DSocSc).

The Department established Social Policy as a subject in NUIM and now offers both a Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc, Hons) degree, and a Master of Social Science (MSocSc, Rights and Social Policy).

The Department is home to the *Centre for Youth Research and Development* and the *Centre for Rights, Recognition and Redistribution*.

The Department collaborates with a variety of organisations who sponsor specific NUI Certificate programmes, including youth work, community work, youth justice and youth arts for a range of groups around the country.

## PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY WORK AND YOUTH WORK

### **BA in Community and Youth Work (BACYW)**

Three-year, full-time or four-year, part-time in-service programme for school leavers and mature in-service learners who have some experience in and knowledge of community work/youth work, leading to professional honours degree level qualification in community work and youth work. Entry through the CAO.ie. Code MH116 (full-time) or MH117 (part-time, in-service)

### **MA in Community and Youth Work (MACYW)**

A two-year, full-time or three-year, part time in-service programme for primary degree holders who have some experience in/aptitude for community work/youth work, leading to professional Masters degree level qualification in community work and youth work. Entry through PAC.ie. Course code MHB54 (full-time) or MHB55 (part-time). A two-year, part-time in-service route to the MACYW may be available for experienced graduates with a relevant primary degree and substantial professional work histories.



## POST-QUALIFYING PROGRAMMES

### **MA in Applied Social Studies (MAASS) *Advanced Practitioner Route***

A one-year, taught MA for professionally qualified and experienced youth workers and community workers with at least ten years post-qualifying experience. Entry is through PAC.ie. Please contact the Department for details.

### **Doctor of Social Science Programme (DSocSc)**

A four-year, taught professional doctorate programme for professionally qualified and experienced youth work and community workers with a Masters level degree. Entry through PAC.ie. Please contact the Department for details.

### **Pre-professional and Continuing Professional Development**

Applied Social Studies NUIM also offers a range of NUI Certificate programmes, usually with external sponsor organisations, including Certificates in Youth Studies; Youth Arts; Youth Justice; Management and Leadership; Community Work in a Changing Ireland and Child Protection. We also offer Continuous Professional Development (CPD) in such areas as Professional Supervision and Human Rights and Equality Practice.





## SOCIAL POLICY

### **Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc)**

Applied Social Studies is the lead Department for the three-year, full-time honours Social Science degree. Social Policy, taught by the Department, is mandatory for each of the three years of the programme. Entry through CAO.ie, code MH107.

### **Master of Social Science (MSocSc, Rights and Social Policy)**

Taught programme (coursework and minor dissertation, part-time) offers advanced and critical study to relevant degree holders. Entry through PAC.ie. Course Code MHB56 (one year full-time) or MHB57 (two-year part-time).

### **Research Degrees**

The department offers both MLitt and PhD research degrees. Interested individuals are encouraged to make an informal approach to the Department to discuss their proposal and establish an initial alignment between their interests and the Department's research priorities and expertise. Please contact the Department for more details or check out: <http://graduatestudies.nuim.ie/prospectivepostgrads/researchdegrees/socialsciences/appliedsocialstudies>



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