

APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES STAIDÉAR SÓISIALTA FEIDHMEACH



PROGRAMMES

OVERVIEW

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) offers advanced 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: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/phdresearch-programmes



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The Department of Applied Social Studies (DAPPSS) in Maynooth University 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 promote human rights, social justice and equality, nationally and internationally, through excellence and innovation in education, research and public engagement that contribute to the development of the social professions and applied social sciences."

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 (BSocSc) and post-graduate (MSocSc) 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 Maynooth University and now offers both a Bachelor of Social Science (BSocSc, Hons) degree, and a Master of Social Science (MSocSc, Rights and Social Policy) in this discipline.

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

Bachelor of Social Science BSocSc (Community and Youth Work)

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 MH807 (part-time, in-service)

Master of Social Science MSocSc (Community and Youth Work)

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 programme 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 substantial 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 youth workers 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 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; Child Protection; European Youth Mobility Project Management; Digital Creativity in Youth Settings. We also offer Continuing Professional Development (CPD) in such areas as Professional Supervision and Human Rights and Equality Practice.