



BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology Pathways Information Session

AGENDA



3:00 – 3:15

Introduction and outline of the pathways
Dr Maria Pierce, Programme Director

3:15 - 3:30

Career perspectives and supports
*Leonie Phipps, Careers and Skills Consultant,
UCD Career Network*

3.30 – 3.35

Progression to the Professional Masters in
Social Work
*Dr Sarah Donnelly, Associated Professor,
School of Social Work, Social Policy and Social
Justice*

3:35 - 3.40

Questions and Answers



BSocSc Social Policy and Sociology



A career-orientated Social Science Degree

Stage 1: Broad foundational level

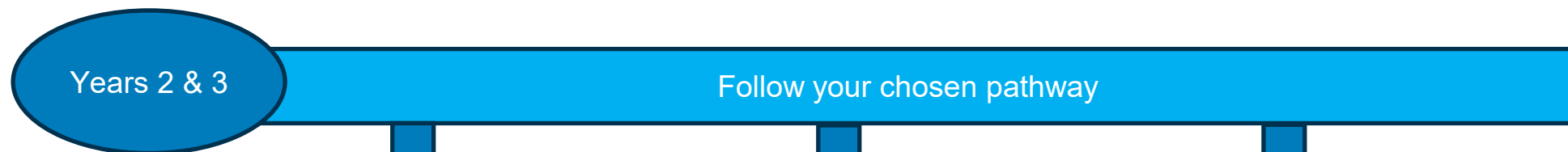
Stages 2 and 3: Choose a Pathway to follow

Each pathway leads to:

- Immediate career opportunities on graduation
- Further study opportunities



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Stages 2 and 3 – Choose and follow a pathway

Three pathways from which to choose:

Work,
Organisations &
People

Social Work &
Social Professions

Society &
Public Policy





Credits in Stages 2 and 3

Must complete 60 credits per Stage:

(1 module = 5 credits usually)

- 50 must be programme credits

These are core and optional modules that are specified for each pathway at each stage

- 10 are elective credits

Can select from the college list of elective modules if you wish



Core Modules in Stages 2 and 3



Each pathway has a set of core modules in Stages 2 and 3

- Social Policy, Sociology modules
- Core modules may be from a related subject (depends on pathway)
- Some core modules are common to all three pathways

In 2023/24:

Core Modules common to all three pathways in Stage 2

- Investigating Social Services
- Sociological Theory Level 2
- Quantitative Research Methods

Core Modules common to all 3 pathways in Stage 3

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Social Policy Capstone Essay (10 credits)



Optional modules in Stages 2 and 3

Each pathway has a set of optional modules in Stages 2 and 3

- Social Policy optional modules
- Sociology optional modules
- Select a minimum number of each

Elective modules in Stages 2 and 3

Select two electives per Stage

- Choose modules available from across University
- Choose additional SP / SOC optional modules as your electives instead





What you need to do

- **Review** the pathways
- **Choose** one of the three pathways
- **Register your choice** by 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 10 April 2024

You will receive an email from College Office with a link to an online form



Work, Organisations & People (SBS1)



This pathway prepares students for careers in the areas of human resource management, industrial relations, business organisation, corporate responsibility and governance

Careers:

- HR Manager / Partner
- Trade Union official
- Employer organisation official
- Marketing,...



Work, Organisations & People - Modules



Modules (in 2023/24) include:

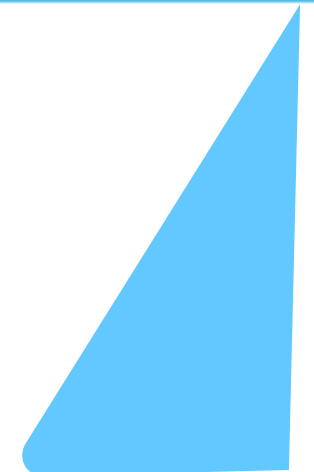
- Introduction to Work and Organisational Psychology
- Work and the Welfare State
- Social Protection: Security, Work and Poverty

- People at Work
- European Industrial Relations and HRM
- Inequality in the Labour Market

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Work, Organisations & People - Career Routes



Directly from degree

- Entry grades e.g., HR roles, other people-related business roles...
- Good demand and opportunities for career building



Work, Organisations & People – Indirect Career Routes



Indirectly from degree

- Via a subsequent academic qualification which would focus your skills further in a particular area
- Allows:
 - entry at a more senior level
 - more rapid career progression

Common UCD Business Masters:

- Human Resource Management
- Marketing / Digital Marketing / ...

Other postgrad opportunities:

- Higher diplomas: HR, Marketing, ...



Starting circa €30-40k+ with yearly increments/reviews



Social Work & Social Professions (SBS2)

This pathway prepares students for

- graduate professional training in social work
- careers in caring professions such as counselling or community work

Careers:

- Professional Social Worker:
Child protection, criminal justice, mental health, adoption, older people
- Social Care Worker
Similar groups, care and support roles



Social Work and Social Professions - Modules



Modules (in 2023/24) include:

- Social Work in Practice
- Sociology of Family
- Sociology and Ethics of Care
- Child Abuse, Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Gender, Health and Society
- Environment, Society and Human Wellbeing

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Stage 1 module: *Introduction to Social Work*

Social Work and Professions - Career Routes



Directly from degree

- Entry grades e.g., social care
- Good demand and career building opportunities

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Social Work and Professions – Indirect Career Routes



Indirectly from degree

- Via a subsequent academic qualification which would further focus your skills in a particular area
- Allows:
 - entry at a more senior level
 - more rapid career progression
- Professional Masters in Social Work UCD (3+2)
 - Entry opportunities in Stages 2 and 3
 - 50% UCD and 50% placement
 - Starting circa €40k
- Other Social Care leadership postgrad courses



Society and Public Policy (SBS5)

(from Autumn 2024; formerly Society and Public Service)



This pathway is for students who want to be involved in shaping current and future societal and policy developments in Ireland and internationally

Careers:

- Government officials (local, national, international)
- Employees of research & policy focused organisations
- Media (current affairs, public policy...)
- Policy & leadership roles in NGOs



Society and Public Policy - Modules



Modules (in 2023/24) include:

- Society, Health and Inequality
- Economics of Social Policy
- Social Policy and Sustainable Wellbeing
- Sociology of the Environment
- Policymaking, Implementation & Evaluation
- Global Social Policy
- Housing Policies

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Society and Public Policy – Direct Career Routes



Directly from degree

- Entry grades e.g., government or civil service
- Good career progression prospects
- Starting circa €30k with yearly increments
- also NGOs...



Society and Public Service – Indirect Career Routes



Indirectly from degree

- Via a subsequent academic qualification which would further focus your skills in a particular area
- Allows:
 - entry at a more senior level
 - more rapid career progression
- Masters in Public Policy, UCD
- Masters in Sociology, UCD
- Other Social Science Masters Programmes ...
- Postgrad qualification in: journalism, social justice, public administration
- Starting circa €35-40k+ with yearly increments



BSocSc International – Reminder!



You can make it a *four-year degree*

- By spending a year abroad at one of our partner Universities
- Apply in Stage 2, go in Stage 3

Where?

- *Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Malta, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada*



Key points to note:



- Register your pathway choice by 5.00 p.m.
Wednesday 10 April 2024
- You will receive an email from the college office with a link to an online form
- Talk to Careers / Other students / Social Sciences team / Lecturers



Online Resources:



Programme structures:

<https://www.ucd.ie/socscilaw/undergraduateandgraduate/socialsciencesstudents/programmeinformation/socialpolicysociology/>

Degree Profile:

<https://www.ucd.ie/sociology/study/undergraduateprogrammes/social-policy-sociology-dn750>



Graduate Insights



Work, Organisations and People (5m 15 sec)

Colm Godfrey, Manager, People Advisory Services, EY

<https://youtu.be/VZIMAQ-M5Rw>

Social Work and Social Professions (3m 18 sec / 2m 35 sec)

Erin Ni Dhomnaill, Social Worker, TUSLA

<https://youtu.be/oGGrLxyhZmU> OR <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ta2p-oiZ6Mw>

Society and Public Policy (2m 21 sec)

Maire Claire McAleer- Head of Research and Policy at National Youth Council of Ireland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYGZz2LRwGc&t=7s>



**Please hold your
questions for the end**





UCD Careers Network Presentation



UCD Professional Masters in Social Work