



Reflecting on social science with UWS

UWS offers a unique range of choices in the study of Social Science. Many units are available in flexible modes, recognising your competing demands of study, work and family. Students are able to study units with specialist lecturers who emphasise contemporary social and professional relevance. These courses also provide a core of social science studies in research methods, theory and their applications.

The Master of Social Science, the Graduate Diploma and the Graduate Certificate courses allow students to select areas of study according to personal interest and professional need.

These courses are designed to enhance critical and reflective professional practice in the human services sector through core units in social theory, research methods and, in some cases, a research project. In addition, you are able to choose specialist units from a wide range available in other UWS postgraduate programs (providing any prerequisites are met).

Career opportunities

Many students enrol in postgraduate studies to enhance professional status and career opportunities in their chosen fields with their

current employers or to enhance mobility within their sectors.

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POSTGRADUATE SOCIAL SCIENCE

Enhance your critical and reflective professional practice in the human services sector.

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Depending on choices of units, as a graduate, you are well placed for careers in a range of government (local, state and federal) and non-government or community agencies in areas as diverse as community welfare, health services (including public health), research and development, policy development and analysis, human resources and cultural and heritage work.

Recommended study sequence

Master of Social Science

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points. Students must complete three core units (40 credit points) and a 40 credit point specialisation in Studies in Art Therapy, Studies in Counselling or Urban Studies, or a selection of postgraduate level units offered across the University.

COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE AUTUMN	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
952812	Master of Social Science	1F/2P	Penrith
952816	Graduate Diploma in Social Science	0.5F+0.5P/1.5P	Penrith
952820	Graduate Certificate in Social Science	0.5F/1P	Penrith

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TO SUIT YOUR
FUTURE CAREER.



Kiki Korpinen

Deputy Director, ACT Council of Social Service

Graduate Diploma in Social Science

Kiki Korpinen believes individual values need to match the values of the organisations you work with and for. 'In other words, where we sit is where we stand,' she says. 'This has greatly assisted me to gain employment with organisations that I feel I have truly been able to contribute to in a holistic way.'

'I started my career journey in the Community Sector, focusing on Women's Services and issues impacting on women in the ACT. This quickly grew to a broader interest in gender studies, which ultimately led me to enrol in the University of Western Sydney's Graduate Diploma in Social Science, where I was able to complete a study (mini thesis) titled 'Collectives, Hierarchy and Power'.

'I chose UWS as the flexible delivery of the course was something I needed to fit in with other aspects of my life, and I had heard good things about the professors/tutors who were engaged with this particular course. As well, I was entitled to receive support in the ACT through a mentoring system provided by the CIT.'

'The combination of graduate studies and experience working within organisations has provided me with a good tool set to continue working with confidence within the broad range of issues impacting on communities.'

Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au

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Graduate Diploma in Social Science

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 60 credit points. Students must complete three core units (40 credit points). The remaining 20 credit points are to be made up of postgraduate level units offered across the University.

Graduate Certificate in Social Science

Qualification of this award requires the successful completion of 40 credit points. Students may graduate upon completing the three core units. Alternatively, students may complete Theories of the Social and Research Methods for Humanities and Social Sciences plus two elective units.

All students may consult with the Head of Program for a list of suggested units outside the list of core units.

Core Units

- Theories of the Social
- Research Methods for Humanities and Social Sciences
- Integrating Theory, Research and Practice (20 credit points)

Specialisation Units

Studies in Art Therapy

- 101303 Art Therapy: Histories, Groups (20 credit points)
- 101304 Art Therapy: Application to Client Groups (20 credit points)

Studies in Counselling

- 101506 Counselling 1 (20 credit points)
- 101507 Counselling 2 (20 credit points)

Urban Studies

- 101633 Managing Cities: History and Theory
- 101314 Urban Management Practice: Governance & Power in the City
- 101636 Developing Sustainable Places
- 101315 Financing Cities in the Global Economy

Entry requirements

Master and Graduate Diploma of Social Science

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree in any discipline.

Graduate Certificate of Social Science

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree in any discipline

OR

have a minimum of 3 years full-time equivalent work experience in education, community welfare, social work, psychology, criminology, social policy, social research or employment relations.

Recognition of prior learning

In the case of the Graduate Certificate in Social Science course, special equivalence may be granted on the basis of evidence you submit at the time of application for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications you hold.

Pathways

Students have the option of graduating with a Graduate Diploma in Social Science after the successful completion of 60 credit points, or with a Graduate Certificate in Social Science after completing 40 credit points.

Following successful completion of one semester of study, students in the Graduate Certificate may apply to upgrade to a Graduate Diploma or Master of Social Science. Likewise, a Graduate Diploma student, after one successful semester, may apply to upgrade to the Master of Social Science course.

How to apply

Applications for this course must be made online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at myfuture.uws.edu.au

For international students

Part-time mode for this course is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations.

International students need to apply direct to the University. Application forms and information on admission are available at www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions

For information about studying at UWS, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit www.uws.edu.au/international