Learning to make a difference

PROGRAMMES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
I am delighted that you are thinking of joining us. Your experience is at the heart of all that we do – the way that we teach and the way that you will learn is unique. We pride ourselves on our individualised approach to learning, with small interactive group sessions, modern facilities, and expert tuition which ensures that you will receive an outstanding educational experience.

Students at Ruskin College tell us that their time here has inspired them, increased their confidence, supported personal growth, and ensured their progression into employment or further study.

We are dedicated to ensuring that your journey with us will be enriching and fulfilling, and that when you graduate you will be leaving us with the skills and confidence to build your future.

I look forward to meeting you.

Paul Di Felice
PRINCIPAL
Ruskin is an independent College located in Old Headington, three miles from the Centre of Oxford. It was founded in Oxford in 1899, providing vocational degrees, apprenticeships, and access programmes with a social purpose that transform the lives of individuals.

We are a small College with big ideas; and 120 years’ experience of enabling individuals to realise their potential in the areas of social work, activism, social care, youth work, public service, politics, voluntary work. We specialise in providing educational opportunities for adults with few or no qualifications, offering them a second chance at education. Ruskin welcomes students who not only want to develop themselves but also want to put something back into society.

We pride ourselves on:
- Our individualised approach to learning
- Small group sessions
- Exceptional support and expert tuition
- A diverse and culturally thriving campus
- Modern facilities
- Accommodation options
- State of the art library facilities

Feedback has helped me significantly with my studies and has raised my confidence.

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Supporting you

LEARNING DEVELOPMENT
We have an excellent Learning Development team on site should you wish to discuss any aspect of your studies.

TUTORIAL SYSTEM
Ruskin College is one of the few places that provides small weekly tutorial sessions for students. With guidance from your tutor, you can work together to review and evaluate your work.

TIMELY FEEDBACK
Ruskin College prides itself on providing students with timely and thorough feedback. We consistently receive extensive praise from our external examiners and partner organisations about the quality of our academic support.

PRAYER AND QUIET TIME
We have a dedicated room for prayer and quiet time available to all students. Whether you wish to pray, meditate or have quiet contemplation, you can use this space.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS SUPPORT
Your needs are at the heart of what we do. We provide a practical, supportive, and welcoming environment for students with disabilities and/or specific learning difficulties. Your tutor will be able to help organise any additional learning support you may need.
Campus Life

Our campus is a close-knit community, helping you to feel supported and welcome during your time here. With an award-winning café onsite, local shops, bars and restaurants close-by, you will never be far from what you need.

Ruskin College is one of the liveliest venues for literary and political meetings in Oxford with visiting speakers, music evenings, and creative writing. The College regularly hosts events including guest speakers, book launches, political events, Ruskin Red Ball, and a variety of performance-based evenings.

With Oxford on our doorstep, and 32,000 full-time students in Oxford you are not alone and there’s a lot to keep you entertained. Here are some of our suggestions:

EATING & DRINKING
Oxford is a truly cosmopolitan city. On offer is a wide range of places to eat and drink; restaurants, tapas bars, wine bars, independent pubs and bars with live music, tea shops and coffee houses. Try The Varsity Club for some unique views of Oxford from its rooftop bar.

CARNIVALS, PARADES, & FESTIVALS
Oxford plays host to a diverse range of events: Cowley Road Carnival – not to be missed – Oxford Pride and Parade, Oxford Literary Festival, Common People Festival, food events and many music events.

MUSEUMS
The wonderfully quirky Pitt Rivers Museum is a treasure trove of collected items from around the world. The Ashmolean is the University of Oxford’s museum of art and archaeology showcasing fascinating collections from around the globe.

SHOPPING
You will find all the high street names in Oxford, along with the brand new Westgate Oxford shopping destination, together with some wonderful independent shops, and the world famous Oxford Covered Market, which opened in 1774.

BREATHING SPACE
Oxford’s green spaces allow you to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. There are over 50 parks, gardens, meadows and nature reserves as well as the Oxford Canal and the rivers Thames and Cherwell to enjoy. Explore University Parks or watch the sun set over the Oxford spires from South Park.

CINEMA & THEATRE
Catch a movie at a cinema with a difference; the Ultimate Picture Palace on Cowley Road, and the Phoenix Picturehouse on Walton Street are both small cinemas featuring indie and popular films. There are discounts for students and great refreshments available around the venues.

The Playhouse and New Theatre in the city centre stage plays, musicals, shows, and music performances throughout the year. Discounts are available to students.

PUNTING
Punting is the traditional way to see Oxford from the water and is enjoyed by students, visitors and residents all year round – take a picnic with you.

“The teaching is fantastic, responsive, and flexible to students’ needs.”

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It’s all about you

RUSKIN STUDENT UNION (RSU)
Your voice matters and at Ruskin College it has never been easier to have your say. You can choose to take an active role if you wish; attend meetings and get involved with the work done by the Union on behalf of students.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
The RSU organises a number of presentations, talks, events and other activities for students. Details will be made available across the College, and you can look out for news and events on the website too.

LEARNER VOICE & LISTENING TO YOUR FEEDBACK
We value your feedback and always work with you to ensure you have access to as many platforms for voicing your opinions as possible.

LINKS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
All students are also eligible to join the Oxford Union, and University of Oxford clubs and societies, which offer a wealth of sporting, theatrical, musical, and political activities.
Financing your studies

Ruskin College charges all full-time UK, EU and international students the same fees per year, see below for details.

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TUITION FEE LOANS FOR UK & EU FULL-TIME STUDENTS
You won’t pay for tuition upfront. The government will provide a loan to cover your full tuition charges. You or your parents don’t have to contribute anything now – you start to pay your loan back yourself once you graduate and are earning at least £25,000 a year.

To apply for a tuition fee loan contact Student Finance England.

PART-TIME UK STUDENTS
Eligible part-time students also have access to loans for tuition fees. You won’t have to pay upfront as long as it’s your first degree.

To apply for a tuition fee loan please contact Student Finance England. As with full-time students, you won’t have to pay your loan back until you are earning at least £25,000.

REPAYING YOUR LOAN
Repayments will be 9% of any income you earn above £25,000, so the amount you repay each month will depend on your earnings. Examples of monthly repayments for loans covering tuition and living costs:

I feel able to pursue studying as I believe this programme and generally the staff and people at Ruskin have been so warm and helpful.
MAINTENANCE LOANS FOR LIVING COSTS
In addition to the tuition fee loan, you can apply for a maintenance loan to help pay for your living costs (food, travel, accommodation etc.). It’s paid each year in three instalments.

Full-time UK students with a household income below £25,000 are entitled to a loan of up to £8,430 towards living costs. Students from families with incomes above £25,000 are also entitled to maintenance loans. How much you can borrow depends on the year of your programme, where you live, your household income, your age, and whether you can claim welfare benefits. Contact Student Finance England to find out more.

BURSARIES
Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) bursary.
This bursary is available to eligible Social Work students in their second year of study (students cannot apply for it during their first year of study). Eligible students will be provided with information on the HCPC bursary during their studies.

For more info visit:
www.ruskin.ac.uk/student-life/fees-for-higher-education-courses
www.gov.uk/student-finance

Gettng around

Please note that students are not able to park onsite, however here are our suggested options for travelling to and from the College.

DRIVING
We are one of the only places to provide free parking in Oxford. We are fortunate enough to have a strong relationship with Oxford City Football Club – where students can park for FREE! There are regular shuttle buses to and from the club each morning and afternoon. Contact the College to apply for a permit to park there.

TAKING THE BUS
There are regular buses running between Headington and the City Centre – it only takes 10 minutes. There are also coaches running 24 hours a day to and from London. Students receive a discount on most services, so remember to always have your student/NUS card with you.

CYCLING
Oxford is definitely the city of bikes! We have plenty of space for you to store your bike on the campus, making it a great option for travelling to and from the College.
Accommodation

The College is set in a beautiful campus with far-reaching views. There are many lawned areas featuring specimen trees and an avenue of elms. There is also a Grade 2 listed walled garden with an active gardening club which you can join, an orchard, a small wood and meadowland beyond. Above all, the campus offers a calm and tranquil environment in which to study.

The College offers on-campus accommodation, which is of a high standard and recently refurbished. Single study bedrooms in small blocks are close to the main building with cooking facilities in each residential block, and the choice of an en-suite (subject to availability) or shared bathroom. We have accessibility options for disabled students; please enquire for more information. Once offered a place, full-time students can apply for a single study bedroom for the entire academic year.

Entry requirements

Ruskin College is committed to widening participation and has no specific Level 3 academic entry requirements. All students require English at GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 and a commitment to achieving a formal Level 2 Maths qualification (if not already achieved) before completion of the course. However, please see programme details for additional selection criteria specific to each programme.

All students must demonstrate that they have the ability to benefit from studying the programme and fulfil the learning outcomes of the programme. Students must demonstrate an interest in the field of study they wish to undertake.

Suitability for students taking up study will be assessed on a case by-case basis, often through an informal discussion with a Tutor but for some vocational programmes there will be group exercises and other tasks.

All candidates must also be able to satisfy the general admissions requirements for Ruskin College on application or at interview:

- You must demonstrate a commitment to the ethos and vocation of Ruskin College.
- You must demonstrate an interest in the field of study you wish to undertake.
- You must attend a selection interview for the programme.
- We must receive a satisfactory reference.
- If you choose to live on campus or you are studying Community Development and Youth Work BA (Hons), Social Work BA (Hons), Health and Social Care BA (Hons) or MA in Social Work, you will need a satisfactory health check.
- You must participate in an induction week, which includes sessions on all aspects of the College.
Programmes
Applied Social Science
BA (Hons) Degree

SUMMARY
Are you interested in big questions like how does society function? What causes inequality? Does poverty lead to crime? How does human behaviour interact with institutions such as government? The Applied Social Science degree brings together Sociology, Politics, Psychology, and Economics. The programme will help you work through theoretical and practical challenges to enable you to understand the big questions and issues of our time.

PROGRAMME DETAILS
This degree allows you to study a wide range of social science disciplines. You'll find it's suitable if you want to address social issues such as poverty and social exclusion. It will also help you explore public policy and how social, economic, and political decision-making influences people's lives.

KEY FEATURES
- Optional industry placement
- No specific level 3 entry requirements
- 3 years full-time
- 45% progressed to postgraduate study
- Programme validation: Newman University

I enjoyed the academic challenge and moreover, I realised that I actually really enjoyed learning about politics!

WHY CHOOSE RUSKIN FOR APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE?
Ruskin has a long and impressive history of teaching politics and social sciences and a reputation for excellence in social science studies. You will study in a challenging and supportive learning environment with a tutorial and small learning group-based approach which really focuses on the individual. The Applied Social Science BA unites theory and practice in Sociology, Politics, Psychology and Economics and will give you a range of transferable skills and a breadth of employment options, as well as the opportunity to continue your academic studies, either at Ruskin or other leading academic institutions.

MODULES
Level 4 – Year 1
- Critical Skills for Social Science
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Politics
- Independent studies

Level 5 – Year 2
- Research Methods
- Sociology of Organisations
- Economics of Work in the Digital Age
- International Politics: Europe & Beyond
- Psychology of the Individual & Society

Optional Level 5 modules
- Work Placement
- Independent Studies Project

Level 6 – Year 3
- Dissertation
- Annotated Bibliography
- Political Psychology
- Globalisation, Inequality & Sustainable Development
- Contemporary Political Theory
- Exploring Solutions for Change
- Final Dissertation

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
After successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in Applied Social Science, awarded by Newman University. The programme has a clear, practical and vocational character that aims to support your entry into the range of public and third sector professions, or to help you develop and advance your existing career both internationally and in the UK.

You may find employment within areas such as: drug and alcohol support, prisoner rehabilitation, services for older and disabled people, young people, work in other areas of the human services such as: housing, welfare-to-work, and community development.

After graduating from Ruskin in 2016, 45% of the students on a similar programme progressed to postgraduate study and two graduates of the programme have secured OXFAM trainee positions in the past 2 years.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
There are no additional selection conditions other than the standard entry requirements listed on page 17.
Community Development & Youth Work
BA (Hons) Degree

KEY FEATURES
- Youth and Community fieldwork placements and projects
- Professional accreditation from: National Youth Agency (NYA) | Endorsement and Standards Board for Community Development Learning
- No exams
- 75% of graduates gain employment in youth and community work
- 3 years full-time
- Programme validation: Open University

SUMMARY
Young people are our future. Society needs their spark and energy to make it tick. Do you desire to make a real difference to the lives and life chances of young people and their communities? Do you want to help communities respond to issues they face and bring about positive change? This programme will equip you with the critical skills and experience needed to do so.

PROGRAMME DETAILS
This programme will enable you to reflect and theorise your life experiences so that you are able to understand the challenges young people and their communities face and help them make positive changes. Finding your voice and confidence as a student is crucial to your success and development in this field and it is central to what we do. We’ll prepare you to work with young people and community groups in informal learning settings.

We believe that community development and youth work is about making a difference in society, and this programme aims to equip you with the skills to make that difference, and to help you develop solutions to deal with social issues relating to young people and communities. It will aid your understanding of the ethics of professional practice with young people and communities. You will develop the academic skills you need to analyse policy and practice linked to the study of young people and communities. You will also acquire knowledge of national and international research, policies, and debates in the field of young people and communities.

You’ll learn about the various roles in which people work with children and young people, the responsibilities and community development placements and projects. You’ll graduate with the knowledge and skills to work in youth and community roles in a range of organisations including local authorities, non-government organisations, charities, museums, and libraries. Previous fieldwork placements in Oxfordshire include:
- Leys CDI, Wolvercote Young People’s Club, Trax, Base 33

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
After successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in Community Development and Youth Work, awarded by the Open University. The community development component is validated by the Endorsement and Standards Board for Community Development Learning (ESB), and the Youth Work component is validated by the National Youth Agency (NYA) and is JNC recognised.

Graduates from this programme typically work in a range of professions within the youth and community sector, as community development practitioners, youth workers, and in allied roles in the housing, health, education, care, justice, and leisure fields. Additionally, some students go onto study at a Masters level in a related subject such as Community and Youth Work, Women’s studies or Counselling.

In the past three years, more than 75% of CDYW graduates have successfully found employment in the field of youth or community work. Occupations range from managing youth clubs, developing projects for refugee and ethnic minority communities, Army Welfare Services, and working for charities such as Barnardo’s.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
On top of the standard entry requirements listed on page 17 students will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing their programme.

MODULES
Level 4 – Year 1
- The Reflective & Reflexive Practitioner
- Values & Pedagogy of Community Development & Youth Work
- Fieldwork Practice 1: Critical skills & Personal Development
- Counselling & Group Work
- Power & Politics in Communities & Society

Level 5 – Year 2
- Identity, Positionality & Social Justice
- Group Work Practitioner
- Fieldwork Practice 2: Critical skills & Personal Development
- Culture, Signs, & Meanings
- Anti-Oppressive Experiential Group Work

Level 6 – Year 3
- Group Fieldwork Project
- Research Methods
- Dissertation
Health & Social Care
BA (Hons) Degree

KEY FEATURES
Provides a supported entry into the Health Care Sector, with a final year apprenticeship model ensuring no final year fees and an earn-while-you-learn approach
- No specific level 3 entry requirements
- 1 industry placement plus final year apprenticeship model
- 3 Years full-time or 4 Years part-time
- Course validation: Newman University

SUMMARY
There is an increasing demand for health and social care in the UK and globally. This rapidly-growing industry requires individuals with a wide range of knowledge and experience. The programme is designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge that you need to practice high quality, safe and compassionate care in one of the rewarding careers under the umbrella of health and social care.

PROGRAMME DETAILS
This programme will provide you with the key ideas and practical professional care skills demanded by employers in the 21st century care sector. The new apprenticeship-based final year means you will gain your degree with a guaranteed final year employment placement in a range of public, private, and voluntary sector disciplines. Students will study work placement modules building to a substantial work placement at Level 5. The placements will be organised and facilitated in collaboration between students, the College and care providers. This programme will promote and develop standards in care and give you the opportunity to explore and develop your interest in the industry. It delivers the specialist knowledge and skills required in practice, underpinned by broad-based academic learning, with a balance of theory and practice to underpin learning. It is designed to meet the development needs of the individual employee and the needs of the service in a broad range of health and social care settings. It is flexibly delivered using College-based teaching; work-based learning supported through online resources and blended teaching.

MODULES
Level 4 - Year 1
- Health & Inequality
- Critical Skills for Health & Social Care (Preparation for placement)
- Models of Health: Values & Ethics in Health & Social Care
- Contexts of Care: Introduction to Work Related Learning

Level 5 - Year 2
- Communication in Health and Social Care settings
- Policy and Concepts
- Communication in Health and Social Care settings
- Leadership and Change
- Work Placement
- Skills for Social Care

Level 6 - Year 3
- Apprenticeship-based final year
- Action Research project
- Final Dissertation

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
In addition to the standard entry requirements listed on page 17 students may be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing their programme.

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
On successful completion of this programme, students will be awarded BA(Hons) in Health and Social Care validated by Newman University. Graduates are likely to progress onto rewarding roles with public, private and voluntary sectors including care work, community liaison workers, hospice and family support workers, as well as within various charities both in the UK and overseas.

Successful graduates may also wish to continue their studies in a variety of areas including social work, counselling, education and other practitioner-based qualifications including the new Masters Theory and Practice of Social Care at Ruskin.

The placements were great, giving me invaluable real-world experience.
Certificate of Higher Education in Law

SUMMARY
This programme is ideal for you if you are considering studying for a career in Law but do not have the formal qualifications to apply for an LLB (Law) programme. It also provides an excellent general grounding for clear thinking, successful study, skills of use in general employment and for progression to other degree programmes.

MODULES
- English Legal System
- Civil Liberties & Human Rights
- Employment Law
- Law, Rights & the Body
- Anti-Discrimination Law

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
There are no additional selection conditions other than the standard entry requirements listed on page 17. However students wishing to progress onto LLB or similar qualifications may be required to have achieved grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English (grade 9–4 under the new grading system), before they can progress on from the Certificate of Higher Education to a Law degree.

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
On successful completion of this programme, students will be awarded a Certificate of Higher Education in Law validated by the Open University. On completion of the programme, the majority of students progress to university to study the LLB, which is the qualifying degree in law. However, some students go on to study for degrees in other subjects.

While the Certificate of Higher Education in Law will be of value in a broad range of careers it does not count as the first year on an LLB degree, so those wishing to study Law to qualify as solicitors or barristers would need to do a full three-year degree at another university. The College has a good working relationship with Oxford Brookes University and a number of our Law students have either progressed onto Law or Law related programmes there while others have gone on to a wide range of different universities in the UK or abroad.

Previous students have gone on to successful careers in law or law-related employment, in trade union work, with international, local, and national agencies or in business or education both in the UK and/or other countries.

Of the students who successfully completed the programme in 2017, all progressed onto undergraduate degree programmes at universities in the UK, including: Oxford Brookes University, Manchester University, Kings College (University of London), Leeds University, Sheffield University and Lancaster University. 87% progressed onto LLB programmes and 13% to degree programmes in other subjects.

My next step after completing the programme at Ruskin will be to go onto University to study the Law LLB.
Social Work
BA (Hons) Degree

KEY FEATURES
- Combined college and placement learning
- No exams
- More than 75% in employment in social work within 6 months
- 3 years full-time or 4 years part-time
- Programme validation: Open University
- Professional accreditation: HCPC (Health & Care Professions Council)

SUMMARY
This programme is designed to develop your professional skills and knowledge so that you may achieve a recognised HCPC professional social work qualification. The programme is grounded in practice so that you experience first-hand the contemporary challenges and rapidly changing patterns of social work provision.

PROGRAMME DETAILS
People study social work because they want to make a difference. They care for people in need and are determined to try to give a better life to those experiencing abuse, neglect, ill health, poverty or disability. If you have a strong commitment to the empowerment of individuals and communities, and the contribution that social work can make to this through anti-discriminatory practice then this is the programme for you. Listening to and respecting the voices of the users of social work services and implementing the values of social work is central to what you will be taught.

We offer a challenging but supportive learning environment, the programme is taught using a wide range of teaching and learning methods, and all tutors have experience with a range of service users and community groups. The programme is enhanced with small group tutorials and integrated with two placements in the workplace. We benefit from a strong partnership with local social work programmes and Oxfordshire County Council, principally via our Oxford Practice Learning Centre. These well-established links enable us to provide high quality student placements. We ensure we actively involve service users and carers in many aspects of the programme.

LEVELS

Level 4 – Year 1
- Sociology
- Law for Social Workers
- Applied Psychology, Human Growth, & Development
- Social Policy
- Welfare Rights
- Principles & Practice of Social Work (including Skills Development & Assessed Readiness for Direct Practice)

Level 5 – Year 2
- Placement 1
- Research & Social Work
- Principles & Practice of Social Work & Law

Level 6 – Year 3
- Placement 2
- Dissertation

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
After successful completion of the programme you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in Social Work, awarded by the Open University. The majority of our graduates gain social work positions after completing the programme. We also encourage our graduates to pursue postgraduate studies, such as the Graduate Certificate in Practice Educator Professional Standards.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
In addition to the standard entry requirements listed on page 17 students must also satisfy the selection criteria specific to this programme. These will be assessed on application or at interview:
- Grade ‘C’ or Grade 4 or above at GCSE in English.
- Undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.
- Possess appropriate personal qualities and aptitude to be a social worker.
- Have work, voluntary, or personal experience relevant to social work.
- Demonstrate a motivation to return to study, for example, evidence of recent successful completion of an Access to Higher Education Diploma.
- Non UK Applicants need to undertake the IELTS Academic test and achieve an average of Level 7 over the four components (Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking).
Global Labour & Social Change
MA or Postgraduate Certificate

SUMMARY
In an era of radical potential in which the 40 year commonsense acceptance of globalisation and neoliberalism is increasingly rejected, labour and allied movements need to be equipped with the ideas, strategy and skills to meet the opportunities that are emerging.

KEY FEATURES
- 1 year full-time
- 2 years part-time
- Programme validation: Open University

PROGRAMME DETAILS
The MA Global Labour and Social Change will be of use to anybody who wants to develop their ideas and practical skills for use in social change both in the UK or elsewhere. It will be specifically of interest to labour movement officers, organisers, activists and those working in the allied third sector in NGOs and community based organisations.

Whilst the MA retains a central focus on the future of organised labour to represent the interests of workers globally, the new programme explores the role of allied social movements in providing alternative and/or supplementary means to organise and represent the wide, diverse interests of labour and citizens.

Embedded throughout the MA is a recognition that in a rapidly changing networked and digital world, gender and other overlapping identities exercise a powerful influence on our individual and collective behaviours. Consequently, students will benefit from an interdisciplinary approach based on labour and development studies, global political economy and sociology delivered through radical and critical teaching and learning.

This is rooted in the commitment of Ruskin College to self-development and the empowerment through education and learning, and is built into the MA as part of the learner journey. Students are required to reflect on this systematically and critically throughout the programme. A self-reflexive commentary, based on students’ personal journals forms part of a practice-based portfolio which concludes the assessment for the Professional Postgraduate Certificate stage of the MA.

MODULES
- Power & Inequality
- Praxis
- Theoretical Approaches to Organising & Resistance
- Rethinking the World of Work & Globalisation
- Radical Research Methodologies & Methods & Dissertation

LIFE AFTER RUSKIN
The MA aims to provide you with a portfolio of widely transferable skills sought by the third sector, labour and allied movements. This programme will enable you to enhance your strategic skills and knowledge, which will provide the basis for career progression in a number of areas such as research, policy development and practice and education.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA
Students will normally be graduates with an honours degree, or equivalent qualifications in a relevant area of study. Instead of a degree, you may be admitted if:
- You have relevant paid or unpaid experience including training/education programmes, in organisations such as trade unions, community, voluntary or political groups.
- You have knowledge and academic skills equal to degree level.
- You complete an academic case study analysis exercise and background reading set by the MA tutor to the equivalent standard of a first degree.
- You can show evidence of capacity for post-graduate study through providing a portfolio of recent written work; for example reports, policy papers, funding applications, essays, etc.
- You have qualifications in the relevant area of study and have completed the equivalent of year 1 elsewhere, you may apply for entry to part 2 of the MA programme.

As the 21st century progresses, the need for a skilled and reflective social care workforce is ever-more pressing. National staff shortages make this programme of study - developed in close consultation with care providers and funders - a key growth area for Ruskin.
Your next steps

RESEARCH
- Read our prospectus and website to find out more
- Come and visit us at one of our Open Events
- Talk to academic staff to find out more about the programme
- Find out about financial support

APPLY
You can apply directly on our website by visiting www.ruskin.ac.uk/how-to-apply. Or you can apply through UCAS.
We will acknowledge your application and will invite you in for an interview.

KEEP IN TOUCH
Follow us on social media
Email courses@ruskin.ac.uk
Visit our website www.ruskin.ac.uk
Come and see us at one of our events

Open days & events

The College runs a number of Open Events throughout the year. These events are an ideal opportunity for you to gain an insight into what Ruskin College has to offer you and how we can help you take the next step on your learning journey.
You will be able to go on a walking tour of the College where you will be shown the Library, student accommodation, café and classrooms.
They run throughout the year. Please see www.ruskin.ac.uk for more details.

If you can’t make any of our Open Events, then you can come along to one of our weekly Friday campus visits or Wednesday evening open sessions.
To find out more or to book a place visit www.ruskin.ac.uk/about/open-days
TERMS & CONDITIONS

The information in this prospectus is correct at the time of going to print. The prospectus is for general guidance of students entering Ruskin College in September 2019 and does not form part of any contract.

The College aims to provide the facilities and programmes as described in the prospectus, but reserves the right to withdraw or to make alterations; the College will endeavour to notify students as soon as possible and will make all reasonable efforts to find suitable alternatives.

Third parties
The College welcomes comments from students’ parents and sponsors. However the College’s contracts with its students do not confer benefits on third parties for the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

College regulations
As a student of Ruskin College, it is a condition of registration that you consent in writing to be bound by the Colleges’ regulations and the programme regulations (as amended from time to time), accept responsibilities under the Health and Safety at Work Act and pay fees or make satisfactory arrangements for payment. A copy of the College’s regulations is available on request from Admissions.

Data Protection
The College holds personal data on all applicants and enrolled students in computer and paperbased administrative systems. All personal data relating to applicants or students is treated in accordance with the current Data Protection Act. Every effort has been made to ensure that all of the information contained in the 2018/19 HE Prospectus is correct at the time of going to press (September 2017). Please note that Ruskin College accepts no liability for the accuracy of statements in this and other marketing publications.

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