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MAKE
AN IMPACT
IN

ADVICE STUDIES

UNDERGRADUATE
SUBJECT GUIDE

This guide has been created to give you a flavour of the subject areas we offer at Staffordshire University. It's one of over 50 different routes, so there's a good range to choose from. Visit www.staffs.ac.uk/ugsubjects for information on all of our subject areas.

GET TOGETHER WITH OUR BEST SUPPORTIVE MINDS.

Why choose Advice Studies at Staffordshire University?

If you're interested in working or volunteering in the advice industry, you couldn't have a better grounding than one of our Advice Studies degrees.

Graduates have a wealth of rewarding employment opportunities available to them, such as working for the Citizens Advice Bureau or independent charities and advice agencies, helping marginalised groups in society such as asylum seekers, homeless people, older people, and those with mental health problems.



A distance learning degree is a wonderful opportunity to achieve a degree in a subject you are particularly interested in whilst living at home, looking after the family and working.



Joanna Booth, recent BA(Hons) Advice Studies graduate.



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Our Advice Studies courses

BA(Hons) Advice Work

UCAS code: LL45

LLB(Hons) Advice Work

UCAS code: M290

BA(Hons) Advice Studies - Distance Learning

UCAS code: Apply direct to University

CPD in Debt Advice

CPD in Housing Advice

CPD in Benefits Advice

MA Advice Studies

Awaiting validation

Our typical entry requirements

BA(Hons) Advice Work

180 UCAS points A levels: DDD

LLB(Hons) Advice Work

240 UCAS points A levels: CCC

BA(Hons) Advice Studies - Distance Learning

All applicants are individually assessed.

CPD in Debt Advice

CPD in Housing Advice

CPD in Benefits Advice

Relevant employment or experience in the advice sector.

MA Advice Studies

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A reputation for excellence

Staffordshire University pioneered degree-level education in the field of Advice Studies and has been providing training and education in the advice industry for more than a decade. The University has established a strong reputation for academic excellence and professionalism. Lawyers, academics and people working within the advice industry all contributed their knowledge, experience and expertise when we put our courses together, which means you can be sure that our content is relevant to the workplace, as well as being academically excellent.

Taught by industry experts

We want to make sure you graduate with the skills necessary for a successful future. That's why you'll be taught by experienced professionals. The main tutors teaching our courses all have extensive advice backgrounds, working at a variety of levels, and in a range of advice related organisations, both within the public and third sectors.

“The key features of the Advice courses offered at Staffs can be summarised easily in three ways: unique, flexible and vocationally-focused. They offer a unique opportunity for those interested in a career in the advice and information sector as they are the only such courses offered anywhere in the UK, and have been since their launch in 2002.”

Mark Savage, Principal Lecturer



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“ We have enjoyed an excellent working partnership with Staffordshire University in the delivery of our professional qualification to our 1,700 members. We choose to work with Staffordshire University because of their established academic reputation within the Advice sector. **”**

Sallie Johnson, Professional Development Manager (IMA)



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Flexible study options

At Staffs, you're in control of your own life. You can study Advice Work full-time over three years, part-time for up to six years or through distance learning. Our distance learning degree, BA(Hons) Advice Studies, is a national first. Delivered electronically to our students through our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), this course is perfect if you're already working in the advice industry and want to gain a top-notch qualification, stretch yourself academically, and improve your advice skills.

Key links with advice professionals

We have a strong relationship with key players in the advice industry, giving Staffordshire University graduates an advantage in the jobs market. We also have partnerships with many local and regional authorities who are employers of advice workers, including The Institute of Money Advisers, Citizens Advice Bureau, YMCA, various housing associations and voluntary organisations.



To find out more
about our Faculty of
Health visit

[www.staffs.ac.uk/
health](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/health)

World of work experience

Our Advice Studies degrees are an ideal balance of theoretical learning and practical experience. Our BA(Hons) Advice Work course incorporates work placements with advice-giving agencies, giving you first-hand experience of advice work and allowing you to gain a real insight into the advice industry. You'll hone your advice skills through a blend of practice and theory-based work, resulting in the perfect combination of academic excellence and polished practical skills ready for the workplace.

Innovations in teaching

We believe that a wide range of learning opportunities enhances and enriches your educational experience. We therefore offer face-to-face, Blended Learning and full Distance Learning opportunities. We incorporate traditional lectures and workshop style teaching, a combination of face-to-face and technology enhanced teaching and full off-site technology enhanced teaching.

Give support while getting support

Advice work is all about supporting and enabling others, but what about you? As an Advice Studies student, you'll get lots of support and encouragement too. The Course Leader will be available face-to-face and through email and telephone to give you individual advice and you will be allocated an Academic Guidance Tutor to help steer you in the right direction academically.

Career choices

Our Advice Studies courses fully prepare our students to work in the advice sector, with many graduates going on to work for the Citizens Advice Bureau or for local authorities. Some of our recent graduates have achieved promotion within their own organisations, others have taken up other career opportunities within the developing advice sector, and some have gone on to undertake further research into advice work within other universities.

CHOOSE FROM A RANGE OF EXCITING AND INNOVATIVE SUBJECTS.

Other subject areas that could interest you:

- Accounting and Finance
- Business, Management and Entrepreneurship
- Law
- Psychology and Mental Health
- Social Work

View the complete range at
www.staffs.ac.uk/ugsubjects

The information in this guide is correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change.

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Now you've read the guide, if you would like specific information about one or more of the courses listed, please call our enquiries team on 01782 294400 to request a course leaflet or visit www.staffs.ac.uk/undergraduate

Why not check out what student life is like, first hand, at one of our open days? Visit www.staffs.ac.uk/opendays for more details.



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WHY STUDY AT STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

We have a reputation for preparing students to take on the world. Our courses deliver the skills and knowledge employers value. Our lecturers and supporting colleagues from the sector know what is required to succeed because they all have extensive advice related knowledge and experience. What we teach is quality assured academically and is developed in collaboration with employers ensuring that theory is linked to current practice. With excellent facilities, a range of placement opportunities and our long history of delivering these programmes, Staffordshire University is a great place to be an Advice Studies student.



■ CREATE THE DIFFERENCE

For lots of friendly help and advice:
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