MA INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY

Canterbury
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PDip, MA

This programme provides an advanced understanding of social policy in developed and developing countries.

Reasons to choose this programme
• It is based in the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR), which was ranked 2nd in the UK for research power in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014.
• It is a multidisciplinary programme, giving you the opportunity to apply theories and methods of social policy in a range of fields such as education, health, migration and social care.
• SSPSSR is a large and vibrant academic centre of expertise where you are taught by research active academics.
• You undertake research using a diverse range of sources including data compiled by international policymakers and government agencies.
• It is based in an excellent location in the historic city of Canterbury, with easy access by train to London, Paris and Brussels.

Compulsory modules
Comparative Social Policy
This module is interdisciplinary, drawing on sociology, political economy and policy studies. You study the provision and theories on the subject of the welfare state and the challenges associated with welfare.

Critical Social Research: Truth, Ethics and Power
Through this module, you gain the understanding and skills necessary to access the quality of research and to use your findings effectively and ethically.

Design of Social Research
This module provides you with the knowledge required to develop a research idea into a coherent and achievable research proposal. You learn key skills in research design such as developing your research question, writing the proposal and considerations such as ethics, costs and feasibility alongside key skills in quantitative and qualitative research design.

Key Issues in Comparative Social Policy
This module focuses on the main challenges existing today in international social policy; you are introduced to a range of issues and, using relevant international and comparative analytic frameworks, you learn to interpret, analyse, critically assess and develop evidence-based arguments around these issues and their solutions.

Programme director
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Dr Kendall is an internationally renowned scholar of, and expert on, the third sector.

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