

MSc CONTEMPORARY DRUG & ALCOHOL STUDIES

(CAMPUS AND DISTANCE LEARNING OPTIONS AVAILABLE)



- **MSc Contemporary Drug & Alcohol Studies**
- **Postgraduate Diploma in Contemporary Drug & Alcohol Studies**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Contemporary Drug & Alcohol Studies**

Full-time and part-time opportunities available

Paisley Campus or by Distance Learning

September intake

Full-time students are eligible for a SAAS loan towards tuition fees

UWS has been offering postgraduate education on drug and alcohol use/problems for over 40 years. Our innovative programme draws on cross-disciplinary theories and concepts to explore the patterns and meaning of drug and alcohol consumption over time and place - in Scotland, the rest of the UK, and internationally. UWS staff, and guest lecturers from the field, support students to critically assess contemporary developments in policy and practice responses and examine the impact of social settings and risk environments on alcohol and drug-related harms. The programme provides students with a unique opportunity to develop a range of attributes and skills and to link theory and practice by engaging in a work-based learning placement with an organisation in the field, including their own workplace if relevant.

Programme content

Teaching and Learning modules typically include:

- Understanding Substance Use
- Research Methods
- The Politics of Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Contemporary Responses to Substance Use
- Work Based Learning
- Contemporary Social Issues

Students can achieve a Postgraduate Certificate by completing three modules, or a Postgraduate (PG) Diploma following completion of all six modules. For an MSc, a substantial research dissertation is completed in addition to the PG Diploma.

Career prospects

The programme prepares graduates for employment in drug/alcohol services in the statutory and voluntary sectors; in broader youth, health, social care, and criminal justice settings; and in research and policy positions. For people currently employed in services, the programme provides Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through specialist knowledge of theory and contemporary evidence-based developments in the field.

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