

MCAST PROGRAMMES - PUBLIC INFORMATION TEMPLATE (FULL TIME)

Institute	Institute of Community Services
Department	-

Programme Title	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Work				
Course Code <i>To be filled in by Admissions Dept.</i>	CS6-A06-24		If the programme includes a WBL element, How is it accredited?		Apprenticeship
MQF/ EQF Level	Level 6	Type <i>(refer to Appendix 1 for Parameters)</i>	Qualification	Awarding Body	MCAST – Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology
Accreditation Status		Accredited via MCAST's Self Accreditation Process (MCAST holds Self-Accrediting Status as per 1st schedule of Legal Notice 296/2012)			
Mode of Delivery	Face to Face	Duration <i>(Academic Years or Semesters)</i>	4 Years	Mode of Attendance	Full-time
Total Number of Credits	240 credits	Total Learning Hours <i>(25 Total Learning Hours for each ECTS)</i>		6000 hours	
Target Audience	Ages 16 - 65	Target Group <i>(the type of learners that the educational institution anticipates joining this programme)</i>	the programme of studies is mainly for further and higher education learners who wish to become warranted social workers		
Programme Fees	There are no fees applicable to Maltese and other EU Nationals (as will be evidenced by their Identity Document) Fees apply for other International Applicants... for fee information and any related updates it is best to communicate with MG2i International through applyinternational@mcast.edu.mt One may consider checking about possible eligibility or otherwise for any exemption from fees by contacting the relevant section within MEYR (Floriana) – or visit the servizz.gov.mt website here				
Date of Next Student Intake	For further information regarding upcoming student intake and applications time windows for same kindly click here				
Language of Instruction	The official language of instruction at MCAST is English. All notes and textbooks are in English (except for language courses, which will be in the respective language being instructed). International candidates will be requested to meet English language certification requirements for access to the course.				
Application Method	Applications to full-time courses are received online via the College Management Information System. Applicants can log-in using Maltese Electronic ID (eID) in order to access the MCAST Admissions Portal directly and create one's own student account with the identity being verified electronically via this secure service. Non-EID applicants need to request account creation through an online form after that they confirm that their local Identification Document does not come with an EID entitlement. . Once the identity is verified and the account is created on behalf of the applicant, one may proceed with the online application according to the same instructions applicable to all other applicants.				

	<p>For more information about how to apply online for a course at MCAST, please visit: https://mcast.edu.mt/how-to-apply-online-2/</p>
Information for Non-EU Citizens	<p>Non-EU candidates require a study visa in order to travel to Malta and join the course applied for (on a Full Time delivery mode). For further information re study-visa please access https://www.identitymalta.com/unit/central-visa-unit/.</p> <p>Further information International / TCN applicants should take note of before requesting to being considered for a programme of studies at MCAST, can be obtained through the respective FAQ found on https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
IMPORTANT note to Non-EU Nationals / TCNs	<p>In instances where a TCN is applying for an MCAST programme of studies which includes Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, it is the applicant's responsibility to check with the relevant Maltese Authority whether one would be eligible to have the necessary permits to be able to carry out the accredited Apprenticeship / Placement / Internship, success from which is expected in order to be able to successfully complete the selected programme of studies. Further information can also be obtained through the respective FAQ found on:</p> <p>https://mcast.edu.mt/important-information/</p>
Address where the Programme will be Delivered	<p><i>MCAST has four campuses as follows:</i></p> <p>MCAST Main Campus Triq Kordin, Paola, Malta</p> <p><i>All courses except for courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences and the Gozo Campus are offered at the Main Campus address (above).</i></p> <p><i>Courses delivered by the Institute for the Creative Arts, the Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, or the Gozo Campus, are offered in one of the following addresses as applicable:</i></p> <p>Institute for the Creative Arts Mosta Campus Misraħ Ġhonoq Tarġa Gap, Mosta</p> <p>Institute of Applied Sciences Centre of Agriculture, Aquatics and Animal Sciences, Luqa Road, Qormi</p> <p>Gozo Campus J.F. De Chambray Street MCAST, Ġhajnsielem Gozo</p> <p><i>In the case of courses delivered via Online Learning, students will be following the programme from their preferred location/address.</i></p> <p><i>Programmes delivered via Blended Learning, and which therefore contain both an online and a face to face component shall be delivered as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face to Face components – as per above address instructions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online components – from the student's preferred address.
Course Description <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>The MCAST BA (Hons) in Social Work aims at nurturing social workers with the right knowledge, attitude and skills to fulfil this professional role to the highest standards. The degree will take four years to complete and is hands-on work based learning. During the working experience, educators and employers will support students in linking the world of employment with theory related to the role of social workers. The degree will lead to a social work profession, a career that supports individuals and families in addressing various social issues such as accessing services, providing services in schools, hospital settings or correctional facilities. Social work also targets larger scale interventions through research, working with non-governmental organisations and policymaking. The degree welcomes applicants from MCAST Advanced Diploma in Social Care as well as other learners coming from post-secondary education having obtained the MATSEC level, and those who have been working in social care and wish to further their skills. To progress to the second year of the course students must successfully complete specific units.</p>
Deskrizzjoni tal-Kors <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>Il-BA (Hons) fil-Ħidma Soċjali għandu l-għan li jrawwem ħaddiema soċjali bl-għarfien, l-attitudni u l-ħiliet xierqa biex iwettqu dan ir-rwol professjonali sal-ogħla standards. Il-kors huwa ta' erba' snin u jinkludi ħidma Prattika. Matul l-esperjenza tax-xogħol, l-edukaturi u min iħaddem se jappoġġjaw lill-istudenti biex jorbtu d-dinja tax-xogħol mat-teorija relatata mar-rwol tal-ħaddiema soċjali. Il-kors se jwassal għal professjoni ta' xogħol soċjali, karriera li tgħin individwi u familji f'diversi kwistjonijiet soċjali bħall-aċċess għal servizzi, il-provvista ta' servizzi fl-iskejjel, fl-isptar jew fil-faċilitajiet korrettivi. Il-ħidma soċjali tħares ukoll lejn interventi fuq skala akbar permezz ta' riċerka, ħidma ma' organizzazzjonijiet mhux governattivi u t-tfassil ta' politika. Il-kors jilqa' l-applikanti mill-MCAST Advanced Diploma in Social Care kif ukoll studenti oħra li ġejjin mill-edukazzjoni post-sekondarja li kisbu l-livell tal-MATSEC, u dawk li ilhom jaħdmu fil-kura soċjali u jixtiequ jkomplu l-ħiliet tagħhom. Biex jgħaddu għat-tieni sena tal-kors l-istudenti jridu jtemmu b'suċċess unitajiet speċifiċi.</p>
Career Opportunities:	<p>Social Worker</p>
Entry Requirements <i>(Refer to Prospectus / Course Page on MCAST website)</i>	<p>Internal Progression Route.... MCAST Advanced Diploma in Health and Social Care or MCAST Advanced Diploma in Social Care</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2 A-Level passes and 2 I-Level passes and <u>Compulsory:</u> SEC/SSCP-Level Pass in English Language</p>
Other Notes related to this Programme, and which are to be taken note of	<p>Once found eligible for this Degree Programme, and consequently become an MCAST registered student, the following needs to be noted.</p> <p>Before being eligible to continue to the second year of studies, students must successfully complete all year 1 units forming part of the programme structure, and in particular the following core units;</p> <p>CSSCW-506-2407 Introduction to Intra-Personal Skills and Reflective Practice CSSCW-506-2410 Interpersonal Skills and Working within Teamwork</p> <p>Similarly, prior to being able to start off the accredited Apprenticeship placement, the above two units forming part of the Degree programme structure must be successfully completed.</p>

Programme Learning Outcomes <i>(Refer to Programme Specification)</i>	<p>At the end of the programme the learner will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate ethical and professional behaviour in social practice that advocates client access to social work. 2. Identify and assist vulnerable people in society. 3. Advance social and economic justice to propagate human rights. 4. Engage in social policy that excludes oppression and marginalisation and promotes respect and inclusion. 5. Assess and evaluate presenting situations to be able to intervene effectively with individuals, groups and communities. 6. Develop an understanding of legal frameworks and major policies to be able to work collaboratively with various organisations.
Teaching, Learning and Assessment Procedures	<p>The programmes offered are vocational in nature and entail both theoretical lectures delivered in classes as well as practical elements that are delivered in laboratories, workshops, salons, simulators as the module requirements dictate.</p> <p>Each module or unit entails a number of in person and/or online contact learning hours that are delivered by the lecturer or tutor directly (See also section 'Total Learning Hours').</p> <p>Access to all resources is provided to all registered students. These include study resources in paper or electronic format through the Library and Resource Centre as well as tools, software, equipment and machinery that are provided by the respective institutes depending on the requirements of the course or module.</p> <p>Students may however be required to provide consumable material for use during practical sessions and projects unless these are explicitly provided by the College.</p> <p>All Units of study are assessed throughout the academic year through continuous assessment using a variety of assessment tools. Coursework tasks are exclusively based on the Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria as prescribed in the course specification. The Learning Outcomes and Grading Criteria are communicated to the Student via the coursework documentation.</p> <p>The method of assessment shall reflect the Level, credit points (ECTS) and the schedule of time-tabled/non-timetabled hours of learning of each study unit. A variety of assessment instruments, not solely Time Constrained Assignments/Exams, are used to gather and interpret evidence of Student competence toward pre-established grading criteria that are aligned to the learning outcomes of each unit of the programme of study.</p> <p>Grading criteria are assessed through a number of tasks, each task being assigned a number of marks. The number of grading criteria is included in the respective Programme Specification.</p> <p>The distribution of marks and assessment mode depends on the nature and objectives of the unit in question.</p> <p>Coursework shall normally be completed during the semester in which the Unit is delivered.</p> <p>Time-constrained assignments may be held between 8 am and 8 pm during the delivery period of a Unit, or at the end of the semester in which the Unit is completed. The dates are notified and published on the Institute notice boards or through other means of communication.</p> <p>Certain circumstances (such as but not limited to the COVID-19 pandemic) may lead Institutes and Centres to hold teaching and assessment remotely (online) as per</p>

	<p>MCAST QA Policy and Standard for Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment (Doc 020) available via link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/</p> <p>The Programme Regulations pertaining to this Programme's MQF/EQF level available at: link https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, apply.</p>
Grading System	<p>All MCAST programmes adopt a Learner-centred approach through the focus on Learning Outcomes. The assessment of MCAST programmes is criterion-referenced and thus assessors are required to assess learners' evidence against a pre-determined set of Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria.</p> <p>For a student to be deemed to have successfully passed a unit, a minimum of 50% (grade D) must be achieved.</p> <p>All full time units are individually graded as follows: A* (90-100) A (80-89) B (70-79) C (60-69) D (50-59) Unsatisfactory work is graded as 'U'.</p> <p>Work-based learning units (where applicable) are graded on a Pass/Fail basis only.</p> <p>Some units which follow industry standards and regulations may also be graded on a Pass/Fail basis as per programme regulations referred below.</p> <p>Detailed information regarding the grading system may be found in the Programme Regulations pertaining to this programme's MQF/EQF Level available at: https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/ (Refer to DOC 003, 004 and 005)</p>
Exit Point (where and as applicable)	<p>Where a student will not make it to the Final Certification achievable from this Programme of Studies (as per Programme Regulations), one might wish to look into Exit Point possibilities as may be applicable to this programme for studies. Further information, is available at https://www.mcast.edu.mt/college-documents/, kindly refer to <i>DOC 077 Procedure for the processing of Claims for Certificates at Interim Exit Points</i>.</p>
Contact details for Further Learning Opportunities	<p>The MCAST Career Guidance Team, offers the service of qualified and experienced Career Advisers who will be very willing to discuss with potential applicants the course which best achieves one's career ambitions, as well as exploring one's education route, or similar.</p> <p>MCAST Career Guidance Tel: 2398 7135/6 Email: career.guidance@mcast.edu.mt</p>
Regulatory Body/ Competent Authority Contact Details <i>(where applicable - in the case of a programme leading to Regulated Profession)</i>	<p>The Social Work Profession Board</p>

Programme Structure	Unit Code	Unit Title	ECTS	Year	Semester
	CSSCW-506-2401	Health and Safety	6	1	1
	CSSCW-506-2402	Academic, Creative Writing for the Social Field	6	1	1
	CSSCW-506-2403	Introduction to the Economy and Social Welfare Benefits	6	1	1
	CSSCW-506-2404	Introduction to the Social Field	6	1	1
	CSSCW-506-2405	Introduction to Psychology	6	1	1
	CSSCW-506-2406	Family Law	6	1	2
	CSSCW-506-2407	Introduction to Intra-Personal Skills and Reflective Practice	6	1	2
	CSSCW-503-2408	English for the Social Care Professional	3	1	2
	CSSCW-503-2409	Malti għall-Użu Soċjali	3	1	2
	CSSCW-506-2410	Interpersonal Skills and Working within Teamwork	6	1	2
	CSSCW-506-2411	Developmental Psychology	6	1	2
	CSSCW-506-2412	Helping Skills	6	2	1
	CSSCW-506-2413	Sensitivity Training	6	2	1
	CSSCW-506-2414	Research Methods	6	2	1
	CSSCW-506-2415	Introduction to Social Work Theories	6	2	1
	CSSCW-506-2416	Ethics in Social Work Practice	6	2	1
	CSWBL-530-2409	Work Based Learning 1	30	2	2
	CSSCW-606-2417	Social Work Theory 2	6	3	1
	CSSCW-606-2418	The Maltese Legal Framework	6	3	1
	CSSCW-606-2419	Legal Protection of Vulnerable Individuals	6	3	1
	CSSCW-604-2420	Entrepreneurship and Social Work Service Delivery	4	3	1
	CSSCW-606-2421	Psychopathology (Issues of Mental Health)	6	3	1
	CSWBL-632-2410	Work Based Learning 2	32	3	2
	CSSCW-606-2422	Leadership and Management in a Changing Environment	6	4	1
	CSSCW-606-2423	Working in Alternative to Home Settings	6	4	1
	CSSCW-606-2424	Psychology of Personality	6	4	1
	CSSCW-606-2425	Social Work Theory 3	6	4	1

	CSSCW-606-2426	Disability and Positive Ageing	6	4	1
	CSSCW-606-2427	Community Based Social Care Services	6	4	2
	CSSCW-606-2428	Connecting Social Care Practices to a Globalised World	6	4	2
	CSSCW-606-2429	Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Individuals	6	4	2
	CSDIS-612-2403	Dissertation	12	4	2

Allocation of Total Learning Hours (per Unit)	The total learning hours required for each unit or module are determined as follows:			
	Credits (ECTS)	Indicative contact hours ¹	Self-Learning and Assessment Hours ³	Total Student workload (hrs) ²
	1	5 – 10 hrs	20 - 15 hrs*	25 hrs
	2	10 – 20 hrs	40 - 30 hrs*	50 hrs
	3	15 – 30 hrs	60 - 45 hrs*	75 hrs
	4	20 – 40 hrs	80 - 60 hrs*	100 hrs
	6	30 – 60 hrs	120 - 90 hrs*	150 Hrs
	9	45 – 90 hrs	180 - 135 hrs*	225 hrs
	12	60 – 120 hrs	240 - 180 hrs*	300 hrs
<i>Note: The 'Self-Learning and Assessment Hours³' amount to the difference between the 'Indicative Contact Hours¹' and the 'Total Student Workload²'</i>				

APPENDIX 1**MINIMUM CREDITS FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS**

MQF Level	Minimum ECTS Required for a Qualification*
8	
7	30
6	180
5	30
4	30
3	60
2	60
1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

*Reference: Fig.1: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024).
Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.*

APPENDIX 2

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFICATION TYPES AT A SPECIFIC MQF LEVEL

MQF Level	Examples of qualification types at a specific MQF level (The list in this column is not exhaustive)	Number of ECTS *
8	Doctoral Programmes:	
	PhD	N/A
	Professional Doctorate	180
7	Master's Degree	90
	Postgraduate Diploma	60
	Postgraduate Certificate	30
6	Bachelor's Degree	180
	Bachelor's Honours	240
5	Undergraduate Higher Diploma	90
	Undergraduate Diploma	60
	Undergraduate Certificate	30
	VET Level 5	60
4	Advanced Diploma	120
	Pre-Tertiary Certificate	30 - 60
	MATSEC Matriculation Certificate (Advanced and Intermediate)	N/A
	VET Level 4	120
3	Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 3	60
2	Foundation Certificate	60
	MATSEC Secondary Education Certificate	N/A
	VET Level 2	60
1	Introductory Certificate	40
	VET Level 1	40

* Programmes assigned fewer ECTS than indicated will be classified as Awards.

Reference: Fig.2: p48, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA) (October 2024).
Referencing Report, 5th Revised Edition.