



Foundation Degree/BSc (Hons) in Housing Practice

The Foundation Degree in Housing Practice is a part-time day-release programme for people employed in the Housing sector. On successful completion of this Foundation Degree, you become eligible for Corporate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Housing (MCIH) without further study.

You can then go on further to enhance your skills and knowledge by taking a 'top-up' course to graduate with a BSc (Hons) degree in Housing Practice.

About the course

Foundation degrees are vocational work-based courses* designed in conjunction with employers and organisations such as professional bodies to address skills needs in various sectors of employment.

If you are already employed in the Housing sector, the three-year part-time Foundation Degree (FdSc) in Housing Practice will provide you with the opportunity to develop a wide range of personal and professional skills, and gain a sound knowledge base for career progression, as well as Corporate Membership of CIH.

On registering for the FdSc, you automatically become a student member of the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) with a range of associated benefits.

Course content

In the first year, you study modules in:

- Housing & Society
- Personal & Professional Skills for Housing Practice

- Core Housing Services
- Legal & Economic Framework for Housing

In the second year, you study:

- Regeneration & Sustainability
- Housing & the Environment
- Managing the Business of Housing
- Partnership Working

and then in the final year:

- Housing Policy & Strategy
- Customer & Neighbourhood Services
- Professional Project in Housing

On successful completion of the FdSc, you are qualified for corporate CIH membership, but you can also choose to 'top-up' and continue for 18 months in order to graduate with the BSc (Hons) in Housing Practice

BSc (Hons) Housing Practice

In the first (or fourth including the FdSc) year you cover:

- Project Management
- Strategic Management
- Research Methods
- Research Project

and in the final 6 months you continue your research project, as well as studying a module on Public Services Management.

Teaching, learning and assessment

Teaching is delivered by lectures, seminars, class discussion & exercises, case studies & scenarios, and study visits.

You will be assessed through report writing, team work assignments, essays and research projects.

Careers and employment

As well as satisfying the requirements for corporate membership of CIH, your professional development potential in the housing sector and related areas such as regeneration will be enhanced.

Entry requirements

For the Foundation Degree:

- a pass in 1 subject at Advanced GCE level or 2 subjects at AS level
- Ordinary National Certificate
- or equivalent qualifications

Please ask if you are employed in this sector but do not meet the above formal entry requirements. We welcome enquiries from mature students with relevant experience, individuals on access programmes, and those seeking accreditation of prior learning or experience, wide use of which will be made in order to accept students onto the programme. The FdSc in Housing Practice or equivalent qualification is needed for entry to the BSc(Hons) programme.

Duration

Foundation Degree: 3 years part-time.
BSc (Hons): 18 months part-time (4 and a half years in all including the FdSc). One day per week throughout.

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