

# Woman and Child Abuse

MA



**Location:** London North campus, Ladbroke House

Starts September	Yes
Starts February	Yes
Full-time day and evening	Yes
Part-time day and evening	Yes

## Aims of the course

This course will provide you with a comprehensive grounding in theoretical frameworks, research, policy and practice approaches to woman and child abuse. Whilst the main focus will be on the UK, intellectual and practical approaches from across the globe will be explored. Courses will develop your knowledge and understanding of all forms of violence against women and child abuse, including sexual exploitation, domestic violence, sexual violence and harmful traditional practices.

The course content and required work will be cross-disciplinary addressing criminology, law, health, criminal justice, sociology, social policy, gender studies and social research.

Themes covered include: the history of how child and woman abuse came to be recognised as social problems; definitions and conceptual boundaries; connections between forms of violence against women and child abuse; theoretical, methodological and ethical considerations when researching abuse; the current knowledge base on incidence, prevalence; evidence-based policy and promising practices in responding to victims/survivors and perpetrators; what we know about prevention; contemporary theoretical and policy debates.

## Duration and attendance

Full-time: 1 year, evening and day

Part-time: 2 years, evening and day

Starting September and February

Standard attendance is a combination of day and evening modules. Three of the core modules are run as intensive short courses. Each is delivered over 5 days, (10am - 5pm) with an introductory first day, and two blocks of 2 days spread over a teaching semester of 11 weeks.

## Dates/timetable

Autumn semester: September – January

Spring semester: February – June

## Course structure

The MA course consists of nine modules – six taught modules plus a triple-weighted dissertation. There are four core modules:

- Violence Against Women: issues, research and policy
- Social Research: Principles and Practice
- Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People
- Sexual Violence: causes, consequences and interventions

## Plus one optional module from the following:

- Children and Changing Families Policy and Practice
- Collecting life histories – interview, context and technique
- Criminal Justice and Human Rights
- Evaluation: Principles and Practice
- Health in the City
- International Child Law and Human Rights Law
- Mental Health, Illness and Society
- Protecting Children
- Refugees and Human Rights
- Researching Women's History
- Social Structures and Policies
- Twentieth Century Women
- Women, Gender and Human Rights

You may choose the lesser award of Postgraduate Diploma by successfully completing the five core plus one optional module.

If you wish to narrow your focus of study you can opt to take one of three Postgraduate Certificates in: Child Abuse; Violence Against Women; or Child and Woman Abuse. Course requirements are:

## PG Cert Child Abuse

- Children and Changing Families: research and policy
- Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People

## Plus one designate from:

- Protecting Children
- International Child Law and Human Rights
- Evaluation: Principles and Practice

## PG Cert Violence Against Women

- Violence Against Women: issues, research and policy
- Sexual Violence: causes, consequences and interventions

#### Plus one designate from:

- Mental Health, Illness and Society
- Refugees and Human Rights
- Women, Gender and Human Rights
- Evaluation: Principles and Practice

#### PG Cert Woman and Child Abuse

- Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People
- Violence Against Women: issues, research and policy

#### Plus one designate from:

- Children and Changing Families: research and policy
- Safeguarding Children
- Sexual Violence: causes, consequences and interventions
- International Child Law and Human Rights
- Women, Gender and Human Rights
- Evaluation: Principles and Practice

#### Core modules

- **Violence Against Women: issues, research and policy** – is central to the MA and within an intersectional framework aims to: familiarise you with the current knowledge base on the prevalence of, relationships and contexts for a range of forms of violence and their short- and long-term consequences; locate the emergence of the issues within social movement and social problem analysis and enable you to critically assess explanatory frameworks and contemporary policy responses. The syllabus covers frameworks, framings and methods; intimate partner violence; rape and sexual assault; harmful traditional practices in a globalised world; sexual exploitation; issues and debates.
- **Sexual Violence: causes, consequences and interventions** – aims to explore the connections between sexual violence in child and adulthood, critically assess theoretical and conceptual frameworks and equip you to: locate legal reform and policy development in historical context; provide comparative perspectives; and locate sexual violence in the context of contemporary sexual norms and cultures. The syllabus covers theories, research and responses, persistence and change in legal frameworks and criminal justice practice; sexual mores and cultures; understanding of perpetrators and approaches to prevention.
- **Sexual Exploitation of Children and Young People** – will extend your knowledge base in relation to sexual exploitation. The syllabus covers: definitions, prevalence, intervention and protection, managing perpetrators, policy and legislation; historical continuities in the form and nature of sexual exploitation in a national and international context; the impact of sexual exploitation on the child or young person; and examples of good practice in working with young people. There will be a specific focus on trafficking, prostitution and pornography.
- **Social Research: Principles and Practice** – the overall purpose of this module is to offer students an introduction to the concepts and theories which underpin social research methodology. It provides a framework for current debates about research and policy whilst emphasising the relationship between the intellectual and practical aspects of social research.

#### Dissertation

Students submit a triple-weighted module of 12,000–15,000 words for the Masters programme. You may choose your own topic, in consultation with your personal tutor. The dissertation enables you to use the knowledge and skills gained throughout the programme, and apply them to a specific question or topic.

#### Entry requirements

A good Honours degree in a relevant subject and/or experience of developing/delivering policy or service provision in the field. A degree in an unrelated subject and lower qualifications may be acceptable if balanced by extensive relevant experience. All applicants are normally interviewed, but importance is also placed on the statement of application.

Applicants for whom English is not their first language must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in both written and spoken English.

The minimum requirement is:

- IELTS 6 or above
- TOEFL (old examination) 580 minimum
- TOEFL (new examination) 237 minimum

#### Assessment

Assessment includes seminar presentations, short and long essays and a dissertation.

#### Career opportunities

This course is particularly suited to those who are: working in, developing or extending specialist services dealing with violence against women and/or child abuse; undertaking policy development at local, regional or national level; delivering government or agency policy commitments addressing violence against women and/or children; or wishing to establish careers in these sectors.

#### Fees

See our website, [www.londonmet.ac.uk/tuition-fees](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/tuition-fees), or call the Admissions Office.

#### How to apply

Contact the Postgraduate Admissions Office for an application form or you may download one from: [www.londonmet.ac.uk/how-to-apply](http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/how-to-apply)

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