

Social Work - International Curriculum

Courses in English

Lecturer	Title/Description	Type	ECTS Credits	Level
				BACHELOR
Joanne Archer	<p>Academic Writing</p> <p><i>This course is meant for students that do not have to take the English course anymore or who want to further improve their English. We read and analyze English academic texts and practice our writing skills through creative techniques. Step by step, we work on longer argumentative essays whose content will be discussed in the writing workshop. The topics refer to the study curriculum but can be chosen freely for the writing exercises.</i></p>	Seminar	5	Advanced English proficiency
Nöck Gail	<p>Areas, Targets Groups and Institutions of Social Work - Werkstatt (Unit 2 of module: Fields of Work, Target Groups, Organizations of Social Work)</p> <p><i>The workshop enables students to engage more thoroughly with one particular field. After introducing the theoretical principles and the complexity of clients' personal circumstances, each workshop group tackles a particular problem. This issue acts as a focus for both theoretical and applied discussion.</i></p>	Workshop	3/5	Beginners
Darius Zifonun	<p>Foundation of Sociology (Unit 2 of module: Society, Health and Social Work)</p> <p><i>This seminar serves as an introduction to sociology. While academic training in social work provides students with the practical skills and techniques to handle their future professional challenges, academic fields like sociology add the necessary theoretical and conceptual backbone. The course starts out with a number of exercises in order to raise our sociological imagination. We will then move on to key concepts in sociological thought (action, interaction, communication, role, norm, group, culture, inequality). Finally, course participants will read selected sociological masterpieces dealing with fundamental issues in social life.</i></p>	Seminar	3/5	All

Jürgen Nowak	<p>Foundations of Social Work: Social Science and Social Policy (<i>Unit 3 of module: Society, Health and Social Work</i>)</p> <p><i>This elective module within the International Curriculum will be an introduction to issues of the European social policy linked to the social work.</i></p> <p>Contents of the module</p> <p>(0) Personal introduction of all students, of myself and contents of the module. (1) International social work and international social policy (2) From welfare to workfare: the great transformation of the welfare state (3) Citizenship and civil society discourse (4) Social work under construction (5) Community policy and community work (6) Migration, diversity, intercultural social work and transnationalism as a new paradigm (7) Final discussion: Social work as a profession, research and science</p>	Seminar	5	All
t.b.a.	<p>Gender- und Queerstudies (<i>Unit 2 of module: Diversity Studies</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Advanced study in selected areas of gender and queer theories, men's studies or sexual research on the development of different forms of sexual identity. · International women's, gay, lesbian and transsexual movements. · Analysis of the origins of violence against, and exclusion and discrimination of, women and men of various sexual orientations. · Discourse analysis of the construction of gender in social institutions such as politics, law, media, science, art/literature, religion and also in social work concepts, e.g., medical, legal and biological discourses. · Methods of anti-sexist youth work with boys and girls; working with women, gays and lesbians; transsexuals; working with violent offenders · Supporting women and men of various sexual orientations in assertiveness strategies at both individual and social levels. · Approaches to the pluralisation of the order of sexes; the significance of human rights in relation to discrimination of, and violence towards, women and men of various sexual orientations. · International comparisons of gender democracy and gender mainstreaming. 	Seminar	2	Advanced (from 2nd y.)

Uta Maria Walter	<p>Methods of Social Work Practice or Reconstructive-qualitative Methods of Research (Unit 2 of module: Theory and Methods of Social Work)</p> <p><i>This seminar focuses on theories and methods of social work practice. Building on students' practicum experiences, theoretical and practical approaches will be discussed and applied in exercises, case examples etc. The seminar combines self-study, reading, and critical analysis of texts, small group and full class discussions, and experiential approaches to learning always seeking multiple perspectives. Particular emphasis will be put on strengths-oriented, solution-focused methods and systems theories.</i></p>	Seminar	3/5	Advanced (from 2nd y.), practical experience required
Bernd Kolleck	<p>Quantitative Research Methods (Unit 2 of module: Research Methods Social Work)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduction to the relation between research question(s) or research subjects/objects and the appropriate methods, · Genesis and rationale, application, research logic, theory of science, paradigms, research ethics · Empirical methods and methodologies: theory, hypothesis, design and planning of a research process using open and standardised techniques; secondary analysis, diachronic studies, combining methods [triangulation], strategies of analysis and interpretation, boundaries and limits of various methods · Analysis and interpretation: statistics and data analysis 	Seminar	3	All
Maria do Mar Castro Varela	<p>Racism and Migration (Unit 1 of module: Diversity Studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduction to the theoretical foundations of diversity studies · Overview of the key terms of diversity studies and an in-depth look at them (culture, discourse, dispositive, hegemony, power, representation, heteronormativity, essentialism, deconstruction, performative utterance, assemblage) · Analyses of social framework conditions of social representation forms and subjective options for action · Overview of models for dealing with power-based differences and discrimination structures · Overview of different anti-discrimination practices and violence prevention 	Seminar	2,5	All
Sheila Shrivastava	<p>Social Work History and Theory (Unit 2 of module: Preparatory course, History and Theory of Social Work)</p> <p><i>Connections between the historical development of social work and the theoretical processes involved in social work; socio-historical genesis of social work; theories and theoretical approaches. Particular issues include: Roots of social work (care for the poor and educational issues), origins of social work in various social movements, biographies of significant social work pioneers, social work in various periods (esp. nineteenth century) in Germany and internationally.</i></p>	Seminar	3	All

Rolf Wirsing	<p>Sociology of Health and Illness (<i>Unit 4 of module: Society, Health and Social Work</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Demographic and social epidemiological basics; current public health studies and reports relevant to social work, · Theories on the development of health and illness, · Psychosocial aspects of health, illness and coping with illness, · Societal and socio-demographic factors influencing health and health behaviour; explanations of the uneven distribution of health and illness (regional and international), · Health provision and care needs of selected illnesses, course of illness and disabilities, · Significance of social work in the context of health and illness <p>Structures of health care provision, interdisciplinary contexts and approaches, social work intervention methods (e.g., community psychiatry, orientation to resources and mobilisation, social participation, facilitation of self-determination, prevention and health promotion especially with the socially disadvantaged).</p>	Seminar	3/5	All
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Courses in Turkish

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Halil Can	<p>Racism and Migration (<i>Unit 1 of module: Diversity Studies</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduction to the theoretical foundations of diversity studies · Overview of the key terms of diversity studies and an in-depth look at them (culture, discourse, dispositive, hegemony, power, representation, heteronormativity, essentialism, deconstruction, performative utterance, assemblage) · Analyses of social framework conditions of social representation forms and subjective options for action · Overview of models for dealing with power-based differences and discrimination structures · Overview of different anti-discrimination practices and violence prevention 	Seminar	2,5	All

Courses in Spanish

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Heinz Stapf-Finé	<p>Trabajo Social Internacional</p> <p><i>Globalization and Europeanization have several consequences for social work practice. Whoever is using services offered by the professional group of social work is confronted with declining standards of assistance. In the social policy of the EU, temporary programs are increasingly prominent. For social workers, this results in the deregulation of work conditions and wage cuts. Moreover, professionals complain about a growing managerialization. Based on a critical assessment, we will track down potentials for change. In particular, we will work with international comparisons, analyze the role of NGOs and explore the potentials of change through social work.</i></p> <p><i>The course language is Spanish, a good knowledge would be helpful.</i></p>	Seminar	5	Advanced (from 2nd y.)

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