

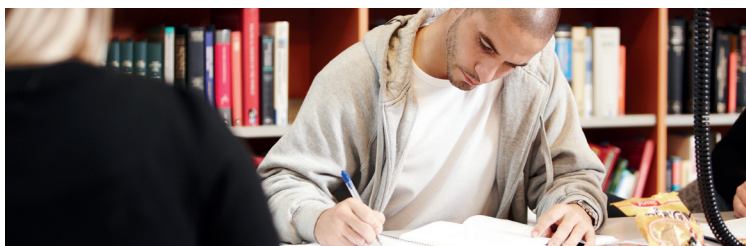


International Course in Social Work

20-week course on the development of
general social work and social work with
young adults

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We offer you the opportunity to study innovation, entrepreneurship and development in the fields of general social work and social work with young adults from a comparative perspective. You will study with fellow students from Denmark and all over Europe who have a shared interest in the development of general social work and social work with young adults in particular – an area where social work faces challenges in countries throughout Europe. You will be living in Copenhagen, a beautiful and safe capital that has attracted international attention for providing excellent opportunities for quality of life.



In this brochure you can read about this international course focusing on innovation of social work, social entrepreneurship and social work with young people in a globalised world. You will meet teachers with various professional backgrounds, such as social work, psychology, sociology, social science and law. You will find general information about Metropolitan University College and the course, how to apply, and other useful information about being a student in Copenhagen.

Structure of the course

This one-semester course lasts 20 weeks and is worth 30 ECTS credits.

First module

Theme one: *Welfare states in a comparative perspective.* The Nordic welfare state, its content and its impact on the practice of social work.

How do different welfare policies affect citizenship and social work? This section will include a history of the Danish welfare state, legal rights, living conditions, social policy and integration policy debates. Shared experiences of social work and comparative perspectives. (Two weeks.)

Theme two: *Innovation, social entrepreneurship and the development of social work.* Introduction to theoretical and empirical approaches to innovation, social entrepreneurship, methods and tools in project and developmental work. Subsequently students work on identifying needs for the development of practice in a social-work agency. Systematic work with innovation of practice in order to suggest improved interventions in current practices. (Six weeks.)

Theme three: This module is concluded with joint presentations of projects to facilitate shared learning. The students finish their projects based on the feedback they have received in the seminars. (Two weeks.)

Second module

Theme one: *Citizenship in a comparative perspective.* Comparative perspectives on youth unemployment and the access of young adults to labour markets and education. The impact of globalisation, migration and perceptions of young adults in relation to rights, opportunities and living conditions. Inclusive and exclusive policies. (Three weeks.)



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Theme two: *Young adults in a multicultural globalised world.* Perceptions of diversity and multiculturalism in relation to social work with young people. Narrative and social-constructionist perspectives on identity, culture and gender. Focus on radicalisation, gangs, crimes and subcultural identities. Social problems in a local/global perspective. Conflict resolution. (Three weeks.)

Theme three: *Social work with young adults.* Family, family typologies, young people and intervention strategies. Perceptions, understanding, intervention in a comparative perspective. Ethics in social work as a societal activity, anti-oppressive social work and critical reflection. Community work and empowerment strategies. (Three weeks.)

This course will begin in September and February every year. Metropolitan University College receives around 100 exchange students each semester, who are invited to take part in an introductory week programme before beginning their professional studies. The Metropolitan arranges social activities and language courses for all exchange students.

The Institute of Social Work is situated close to the centre of Copenhagen, in Frederiksberg, and includes approximately 900 students and 95 members of staff. We offer two bachelor programmes in social work: the traditional programme and the intercultural/international programme. We also run several postgraduate diploma programmes. We have several years of experience in offering international students learning opportunities in the programme taught in English.

The Social Research Centre is also located here, along with our research library. Students benefit from our long tradition of collaboration with other international schools, colleges and universities, and our well-established international educational network.



How we study



The course offers a range of lectures, study groups, field visits, tutorials, project groups, written assignments and oral presentations.

During your stay you will get the opportunity to meet and interact with

people from various social and ethnic backgrounds who have many different experiences and views regarding social work. We consider this an important component of this educational programme, because we believe that students broaden their horizons and develop a strong professional identity through dialogue, debates and interaction.

Studying in Copenhagen

Copenhagen is a dynamic and vibrant capital that is very attractive to students.

Copenhagen will offer you a wide range of social and cultural activities within easy reach: many different music venues, cafés and restaurants, parks, museums, international book stores, cinemas, sports events and many colleges and universities.

The Institute of Social Work is situated in a lively area in the heart of Copenhagen. From here you will find it easy to get around by public transport or on bicycle.



Accommodation

The price level for a rented furnished room in the city of Copenhagen is usually between DKK 2500–3500 per month. Accommodation can be provided by Metropolitan University College.

Transport

The city of Copenhagen has a fast and efficient public transport system of buses, metro and trains. A monthly saver card can be used on all public transport systems, and costs about DKK 500 per month. However, most students save money by riding their bikes, and you can purchase a used bike for around DKK 500.

Cost of living

Average monthly living expenses:

Food and household: DKK 2,000–2,400

Telephone: DKK 200

Leisure: DKK 500–1,500

Admission criteria

To be admitted to the course you must have completed at least one year of a social work programme at your home university/college. Spoken and written English at B2 level is a prerequisite for all applicants. For more information about Erasmus grants and conditions for studies abroad, please contact the Erasmus coordinator at your home institution.



The course takes place at
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