

English Courses in WS 2014/15



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Title and ECTS	Course contents
<p>Fundamentals of Psychology, Pedagogy and Sociology</p> <p>4 ECTS</p>	<p>From a psychological perspective, an overview of perception, intelligence and theories of personalities, as well as theories of learning, will be presented. The basic forms of pedagogy will be explored with a special focus on approaches to child raising, learning and theories of education. The sociological perspectives explore theories of social control or, where appropriate, deviant behaviour. In addition, social exclusion, social disadvantages/discrimination, the connection between material, economic and social problems and processes of community exclusion will be broached.</p>

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Communication and Presentation 2 ECTS	<p>Student gain an overview of the various forms of communication in social work (i.e. counselling, negotiation, mediation, accompaniment in voluntary and mandated contexts) and explore various aspects/concepts of communication theoretically and as related to praxis (i.e. analysis of the course of a conversation). As a foundation of communicative ability, basic competences will be practised such as active listening, sending I-messages, and receiving and dealing with feedback in a constructive way. Basics of presentations techniques that the students need in the framework of the course of study will also be communicated, practised and deepened.</p>
Praxis Reflection 2 ECTS	<p>Based on the learning experience gained in the practical placement context, students will learn to examine concrete case analyses and methods as well as theoretical and conceptual foundations of praxis organisation.</p> <p>In preparation for the practical placement in the following semester, detailed planning of the instruction-period, especially the exploration of general and personal learning-goals will take place.</p>
Orientation 1,5 ECTS	<p>In this course, reflection on the personal study and life biography will be encouraged and followed up by the presentation of specific study skills and strategies. Along with the presentation of student group work as a special form in the course of studies, for example, the methods of time management will be introduced as well as the personal implementation of such models. In addition, students gain a first overview of the various professional fields of social work as well as of the professional responsibilities in these contexts.</p> <p>Planned lectures are: „The Austrian Welfare System“ „Social Work in Austria“ „EU-Funding“ Agency visits</p>

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Introduction to Scientific Work 1,5 ECTS	<p>In this course, students' interest in science in general, as well as the discipline of social work, will be awakened. Students are introduced to central steps of scientific work such as searching for a theme and making it practicable, researching the literature and work in the field, as well as the rules and techniques of working and writing scientifically. Following an introduction to theoretical foundational terms of science, there will be an introduction to quantitative and qualitative social research, methods of collecting and evaluating data in empirical social research. Implementation of social research for selected core areas will be discussed.</p>
Gender and Diversity 1 ECTS	<p>Students receive insight into the foundations and the historical development of feministic, gender and diversity theories, whereby difference and variety as well as processes of establishing difference will become more concrete given the core criteria of diversity. Central concepts, such as for example construction and deconstruction or doing gender, will be communicated and the students will learn how to reflect upon their own gender roles, their knowledge and experiences. The integration of gender and diversity aspects in communication and action strategies of students are of central importance in this course. In addition, students learn concrete approaches to work in social work so that the foundations of gender and diversity management are taken into consideration.</p>
Counselling 2 ECTS	<p>The central focus of this course revolves around typical schemes of progress and the structuring of counselling interviews in settings with individual clients, families, or systems. Role-plays provide a starting point for professional reflection of conversations. Here, special attention is paid to a respectful attitude and mode of engagement.</p> <p>Differing approaches to counselling (i.e. systemic, solution-oriented, person-centred, psychoanalytical) will be introduced and the systemic-solution oriented consultation will be especially practiced in role-plays.</p>

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Sociology 4 ECTS	<p>Students are introduced to central sociological theories, concepts and systems on the macro-, meso- and micro-sociological levels. Relationships between society and the individual within social structures, institutions / networks and social interaction in primary groups will be analysed and reflected upon. Special attention will be paid to social inequality and social exclusion. In response to guiding questions in select special sociologies (e.g. organisations sociology, educational sociology, criminal sociology) the students learn to use sociological perspectives to understand social problem for the praxis of social work and to reflect upon and connect to current developments in the fields of social work.</p>
Perspectives of Political Science 4 ECTS	<p>In this course students are introduced to the foundations and terminology of political processes, political communication and the aggregation of interests. Given concepts such as nation, democracy, public realm, political culture or power, central perspectives of political action in social work will be communicated. Subsequently, given select political fields, students are given the opportunity to analyse the connections between politics and social work and learn to develop political action in the tension between representative systems and non-formalised areas of politics.</p>
Political Economics and Development Policy 3 ECTS	<p>In this course the students receive an overview of the schools of thought and theories of economics, perspectives of political economics, political economics terminology and relevant economic and developmental political actors. Development politics and economics explore the organisation of that what is necessary for life, which is the thematic context of this course. Connections between economics (at the local as well as the global level) and social work in national and international contexts will be presented with their societal, political and historic connections. Given select economic political themes such as, e.g. public sector, third sector, work, international trade, the student will be encouraged to reflect upon their attitudes to economics and to connect their knowledge to their fieldwork.</p>

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Mediation and Negotiation 2 ECTS	<p>In this course students will examine the causes and phases of conflicts as well as the levels of escalation. Basic attitudes, basic principles and techniques of mediation as well as their possibilities and limits in the context of social work will be presented and tested in role-plays. An important topic of this course is also gaining insight into the preparation and implementation of negotiations in private and professional contexts (e.g. as a resource to establish systems of help in the context of social work).</p>
Elective in Methods 2 ECTS	<p>At the centre of this course stand specific concepts and methods in the work with individuals and their environments, in working in and with groups and in the work in and with community, respectively in and with specific contexts. Working from theoretical foundations, competencies to enable students to take action in professional interaction with clients of social work and their special conditions will be taught. Because various courses will be offered, it is possible to specialise in a method in accordance with special interests. For example, such courses are possible: online counselling, out of court settlements, teamwork, and special communication approaches. Concrete offers will be available from April 2014.</p>
Current Topics in Social Work 2 ECTS	<p>Using the competencies acquired to date, students are given the opportunity to implement their comprehensive basic knowledge of select, current topics in social work. Courses in this category either broaden or deepen knowledge in one or more fields of social work or in a scientific field associated with social work, hereby students can choose according to their own interests. Concrete offers will be available from April 2014.</p>

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<p>Austrian Culture</p> <p>2 ECTS</p> <p>This course is offered by our International Office for all Incoming Students</p>	<p>Framework of the Course: Course consists of two parts: theory sessions + practical sessions</p> <p>Dates and locations: theoretical sessions will take place at FH Campus Wien on Mondays from 6 pm to 7:30 pm every other week; practical sessions will take place in and around Vienna at different times that will be agreed on with the participants of the course</p> <p>Grading and ECTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no grade • Upon successful completion of the course the students will be awarded 2 ECTS • There will be no exam; but students are expected to actively participate in the lessons – i.e. participate in group discussions, give short presentations, etc. • If students need additional ECTS, they can hand in a paper (around 5 pages) in either German or English on a subject that has to be agreed on <p>Language of instruction: Language of Instruction is English</p> <p>Costs: At the beginning of the course students need to contribute 30€ towards expenses - apart from that there will be no extra costs for the students (also in the practical session)</p>

Additions, cancellations and changes may though occur.