

**« Contemporary changes in family structures : new challenges for future social workers »**

**COURSE OVERVIEW / CONTENT**

This international course is designed for students who have completed at least 2 semesters in a social work programme or related fields and who speak and write English at B2 level. The language of instruction is English and the full semester consists of 30 ECTS in total (duration 20 weeks) with possible shorter durations of 1 term (10 weeks = 15 ECTS). Assessments will include individual assignments and research, group projects, written and oral evaluations.

<b>MODULES</b>	<b>UNITS</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
<b><i>Changes in family structures and their impact on social work</i></b>	<b>Multidisciplinary perspectives</b> : This unit will provide theoretical knowledge on the topic of family changes from various academic background : History, Law, Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Psychology ,...	<b>6 ECTS</b> (3 per term)
	<b>Social and institutional approaches</b> : This unit is focused on the implications of family changes on social policies, both in the French and European institutional context. It will be completed by a comparative approach from various european countries with the inputs of visiting lecturers from Danemark, Romania, Belgium, U.K., Portugal, ...	<b>6 ECTS</b> (3 per term)
	<b>Professional practice and expertise</b> : This unit will be centred on professional and practical realities presented by social workers and practitioners involved in various fields : early childhood education, family mediation, youth protection, migrant families, people with disabilities, elderly care, ...	<b>6 ECTS</b> (3 per term)
<b><i>Internship and project work</i></b>	During the semester, students will be offered <b>short internship experiences (2x2 weeks)</b> , working in pairs, to enable them to gain insight into French social institutions that deal with family matters. They will be assisted with French/English speaking tutors during these field experiences.	<b>8 ECTS</b> (4 per term)
	<b>Project work</b> : on the basis of their field experiences and other visits to social work institutions, students will be required to produce a small-scale research project based on one aspect of their field observations	
<b><i>Introduction to French culture and language</i></b>	<b>French as a foreign language</b> : This course will provide students with a basic training in French language focused on the ability to develop social interactions	<b>4 ECTS</b> (2 per term)
	<b>French culture</b> : Students will be introduced to various aspects of French contemporary culture focusing on the characteristics and assets of the city of Lyon and its surroundings	
		<b>TOTAL : 30 ECTS</b> (15 per term)