

English Course Program – Bachelor of Arts Social Work

This program is a representative sample, the specific topics may vary.

The exact course program will be published six months before the start of the semester.

Course Overview

Courses	CP
Children's perspectives on childhood, play and learning	3 CP
Gender & Culture	3 CP
Social Work in Germany	3 CP
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Basics of social work in family care	3 CP
Social work with refugees	3 CP
Dealing with Germany's Nazi Past in the 21 st Century: Lessons from Bergen-Belsen Memorial	3 CP
Intercultural Training	3 CP
Europe-Excursion	3 CP
German as a Foreign language (intensive course)	3 CP
Total	30 CP

Course Descriptions

Children's perspectives on childhood, play and learning

In this module, we will discuss recent developments in research on and with children. The seminar will also give some insights into different educational systems in several European countries. Issues will include the following:

- Children's views on childhood and child-adult-relations
- Ways and methodologies to include the perspective of young children in research
- Strategies for engaging multilingual children in conversations
- The role of adults in children's play
- Advantages and challenges of "Risky play"

Students will read and prepare English journal articles for discussion. Main focus will be exchange of ideas and joint discussion, not lecture. It is not necessary to speak or read English well – but you should be willing to talk and argue even if you are not sure about the right words for questions and arguments. We will learn from each other.

The module shall enable participants to deal with scientific articles in English language and encourage participants to seek contact to colleagues in other countries.

Gender & Culture

This seminar will give insights into various issues related to gender, culture, and the relationship between the two. The main focus will lie on exchanging ideas between the participants about their personal perceptions and professional experiences. Students from all disciplines are very welcome.

Social Work in Germany

What is Social Work?

Let's talk about Alice Salomon, about attitude and the Code of Ethics, the vision of sustainable development and the social workers' responsibility to educate people in a change of perspective and human rights.

Improve your English, train professional terms and, maybe, meet students from abroad. Everybody is welcome!

Improvise! English Theatre in Easy English

"DARE TO FAIL!" and "SAY YES!" are two of the basic rules in Improvisation Theatre, invented by Viola Spolin and Keith Johnstone. These rules are essential not only for this special art form. They've got potential to also improve your daily life, and can hopefully create an encouraging atmosphere to speak English!

Improv Theatre might give you new ideas about yourself and others, it will make a difference to normal ways of learning and trying. It's a training for your abilities

- to trust in yourself and your ideas,
- to pay attention to your partners (not only on stage)
- to create characters and stories
- to find unusual solutions in tricky situations
- to make decisions and take responsibility
- and last not least: to embrace "mistakes" and overcome perfectionism

Besides all those useful side effects, improv theatre is a lot of fun. We will get to know a variety of different formats for games and scenes. All of them have got their specific frames and rules, which allow everyone to improvise without getting lost in a million of possibilities.

Basics of social work in family care

This seminar deals with caring for relatives and different care constellations: For example, both child and parental care as well as care in couple relationships will be looked at. The focus is on how care work is shaped against the background of different relationship constellations: What significance do the respective relationship dynamics have for care work and the professional support of this?

Which intervention possibilities and support offers are possible and how counselling and education can take place in this area will be discussed. Furthermore, it will be discussed how professional social workers can take the different relationship dynamics into account in their work.

Social work with refugees

In this seminar we will discuss the possibilities and limits of social work in the context of forced migration. There will be both a theoretical approach to the topic, with a special focus on the perspective of refugees, as well as a practical discussion in which various fields of action and methods in the context of forced migration will be developed. A social worker will also give us an insight into her work in a refugee shelter. I am particularly curious about any experiences you may have! The critical examination of our own role as social workers in the work with refugees will also be part of our seminar.

Dealing with Germany's Nazi Past in the 21st Century: Lessons from Bergen-Belsen Memorial

Learning about the Holocaust in the 21st century has been characterized by the passing of the last generation of witnesses, the globalization of the discourse, and the resurgence of antisemitic and right-wing extremist thinking and violence in many countries, including Germany. So how can Bergen-Belsen as a memory site contribute to our understanding of the continuing relevance of Germany's Nazi past and the Holocaust?

"The Bergen-Belsen Memorial is located on the southern Luneburg Heath, about 25 kilometres from the town of Celle, a former ducal seat. Founded in 1952, the Bergen-

Belsen Memorial is the oldest national memorial in Germany, and it receives around 250,000 visitors a year.

The Documentation Centre, which opened in 2007, features a permanent exhibition, a bookshop, a library and a museum café. All original buildings in the adjacent grounds of the former camp were demolished after the war. The remains of foundations are all that can be found now. Today the grounds are a cemetery with numerous graves and monuments.“

Intercultural Training

This seminar is for exchange and regular students who want to train intercultural communication and increase their intercultural competence. Get in touch with international students, learn more about other cultures and cultural differences and how to bridge them. Welcome to the training!

Europe-Excursion

Dare to look beyond the European horizon!