

Module Description: Bachelor and Masterlevel

1.	Module Code	pbx107
2.	Module Title	Blended Intensive Programme: Comparative perspectives in social work
3.	Module Coordinator	Magnus Frampton MA
4.	Teaching Staff	Magnus Frampton MA Colleagues from Vechta's partner universities
5.	<p>Competences</p> <p>“Knowledge and Understanding”</p> <p>“Skills”</p>	<p><u>After completing the module students will have acquired</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appreciation of the diversity of social work in Europe, including an understanding of how their own country's social work differs from that abroad • An in-depth understanding of the host country's traditions in a particular area of social work (this area will rotate according to the hosting country), and the ability to contextualize this with reference to that country's social policy, history, and cultural values • An understanding of Esping-Andersen's 'three worlds of welfare capitalism' and what it says about comparative social policy within Europe; insights into different welfare state traditions and understanding of how these shape national social works • Comparative perspectives in particular fields of social work (such as child protection and family services) • Knowledge of some current European discourses in social work <p><u>Students will be able to</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contextualize their home country's social work and explain why it has the form it has • Apply comparative welfare studies to comparative social work • Identify common trans-European social work discourses and issues • Highlight differences in national social works within Europe • Learn from service user experiences in social work • Participate in a group presentation in English • Be interculturally competent in their work together with students from different countries and cultures
6.	Content	This course will have three parts: a digital component (approx. 3 sessions) in early spring; an in-person 'block' 6-day programme, and then a digital evaluation session afterwards. Various additional material and group tasks will support lecturer-led sessions.

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		<p>This blended intensive programme is expected to involve lecturers and students from Stavanger, Norway, Thomas More, Belgium and VAMK, Finland; in future this constellation of European universities may change and grow.</p> <p>The in-person part of this course will first take place in Antwerp in April 2023, and in successive years it is envisaged the location will rotate.</p> <p>Students will be invited to work together, independently discussing tasks and questions from a multi-national perspective, and giving an (ungraded) small group presentation on the last day of the in-person teaching.</p> <p>As well as the seminar sessions this course will involve experiencing service user testimonials, agency visits and participating in cultural activities together.</p> <p>Expected social work areas covered: Child protection; supporting families; working with migrants</p>
7.	Selected Literature	<p>Healy, L.M., Link, R.J. (Eds) (2012). International social work. Human rights, development, and the global profession. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Lorenz, W. (1994). Social work in a changing Europe. London: Routledge.</p> <p><i>For students who can read German:</i></p> <p>Erath, P. (2012). Sozialarbeit in Europa. Fachliche Dialoge und transnationale Entwicklungen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer.</p>
8.	Courses (hours per week)	4 SWS
9.	Required Prerequisites <i>according to examination regulations</i>	none
10.	Recommended Prerequisites	English level B2 and a passion for meeting, interacting with, and learning from students from different countries.
11.	Rotation Schedule	annual
12.	Offered in (Winter/Summer Semester)/ Recommended Semester of Study	summer semester/ 4. semester

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13.	Form of Assessment <i>according to examination regulations</i>	Portfolio	
14.	Workload	contact hours: 50	overall workload: 180
		self-study: 130	credit points: 6 CP
15.	Applicability of Module	Elective course (Profilierungsbereich) Bachelor, and Master levels	
16.	Further Information (e.g., registration, maximum number of participants)	<p>Places are limited: maximum of 7 participants from Vechta. A large proportion of the group will be from our partner universities. If taking place abroad: Selection process: email your English CV and a short letter of motivation to magnus.frampton@uni-vechta.de: see the <i>Ausschreibung</i> in the preceding autumn. If taking place in Vechta: No selection process.</p> <p>As per Section 3 subsection 3 of the Examination Regulations of the cross-curricular field of studies, students have no claim to the provision of certain offers or a regular repetition of modules.</p>	