

Education plan

for

International Masterprogramme in Social Work
Internationellt masterprogram i socialt arbete

120.0 Higher Education
Credits
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SOCIO
Valid from: Autumn 2010
Date of approval: 2013-11-13
Department: Department of Social Work

Decision

This Masterprogramme was approved by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Stockholm University.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

A Bachelors degree in relevant subjects of at least 180 ECTS credits or the foreign equivalent, and English B or the foreign equivalent.

Programme structure

The programme is offered in English, requires full-time studies, and concludes with the submission of an independent paper for 30 credits.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding.

For a Master in Social Work degree, the student shall

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of social work and relevant subjects, including both a broad knowledge of the field and substantial specialization in specific areas, as well as deeper insight into current work of research and development;
- demonstrate advanced knowledge of methodology in social work.

Proficiency and capability

For a Master in Social Work degree, the student shall

- demonstrate ability to critically analyse and systematically integrate different forms of social know-how and to analyse, evaluate and handle complex problems, incidents and situations, even when only in possession of limited information;
- demonstrate ability to critically, independently and creatively identify and articulate problems, and to plan and with adequate methods carry out, and in this way contribute to the development of knowledge in the field;
- demonstrate ability in both national and international settings to orally and in writing in dialouge with various groups present and discuss conclusions arrived at along with the facts and arguments on which they build;
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in work of research and development or to independently undertake other qualified work.

Assessment ability and approach

For a Master's degree, the student shall

- demonstrate ability to make assessments in the area of social work with regard to relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects. The student shall also demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects concerning research and development work.

- demonstrate an insight into the limitations and possibilities of science, as well as its role in society and the responsibility of the people for how it is used.

- demonstrate ability to identify his or her need for additional knowledge and claim responsibility for further knowledge development.

Courses

The student is required to take six mandatory courses:

- Social problems in urban areas; views, concepts, theories and controversies
- Social policy in European countries (local, regional, national), European social policy and globalisation.
- Professionals acting in turbulent urban areas: context, roles and competencies
- Applied social research: design, methods and techniques
- Social work: introduction, history and characteristics, developments
- Essay, 30 credits

The student is also free to choose among additional optional courses from the range of courses currently offered.

Degree

The Master in Social Work degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed the entire programme with at least an E in each course.

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The programme is offered in collaboration with selected universities in Europe.