

Education plan

for

International Master's Programme in Social Policy and Social Work
Internationellt masterprogram i socialpolitik och socialt arbete

**120.0 Higher Education
Credits**
120.0 ECTS credits

Programme code: SOPIO
Valid from: Autumn 2013
Date of approval: 2012-09-05
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

Applicants must have a Bachelor degree or the equivalent amounting to at least 180 credits, with at least 90 credits in relevant subjects, along with English B/English as a second language, or the equivalent.

Programme structure

This programme of advanced level courses in social work is given in English on a full-time schedule. The programme is composed of obligatory courses for 37.5 credits, elective courses for 52.5 credits and the production of a master's thesis for 30 credits.

Goals

Knowledge and understanding

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- show advanced knowledge of subjects relevant to social work in a thorough grasp of the field in general along with specialist knowledge of specific areas and proper orientation in current work of research and development
- demonstrate required competence in social research methodology

Competencies and capabilities

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- demonstrate ability to independently and judiciously formulate issues, to plan and with adequate methods perform qualified tasks within given time frames, thereby contributing to the development of knowledge, and to critically examine and evaluate scientific literature
- demonstrate ability, both oral and in writing, to present arguments and discuss conclusions in both national and international contexts
- demonstrate the proficiencies necessary for participation in work of research and development
- demonstrate knowledge of the comparative analysis of different social-political systems
- demonstrate knowledge of social work in European and other international contexts

Professionalism and discretion

To obtain a master's degree in social work students shall

- show ability to make assessments taking into account relevant scientific, societal and ethical aspects, and awareness of the demands of social research ethics in work of research and development
- show insight into the possibilities and limitations of science and its role in the society.

Courses

Obligatory courses

- Introduction to Advanced Studies in Social Work, 7.5 credits
- The Swedish Model: Principles, Outcomes and Challenges, 7.5 credits
- Comparative Social Policy and Social Work, 7.5 credits
- Social Laws and the UN-Declarations, 7.5 credits
- Scientific Methods in Social Work, 7.5 credits
- Individual Project for Master's Degree in Social Work, 30 credits

Elective courses

Other courses amounting to 52.5 credits may be chosen from the Department of Social Work Catalogue or the equivalent. Note that the courses offered may vary over time.

Degree

The programme leads to the degree of Master of Science with Major in Social Work.

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Credits for a previously executed research paper may be accredited after individual review.

Students admitted to the programme who have not achieved completion in the stipulated two years can apply for continuation even after the syllabus is terminated. The limitations on courses included in the syllabus nevertheless continue to apply.