

# Education plan

for

**International Master's Programme in Social Work**  
**Internationellt masterprogram i socialt arbete**

**120.0 Higher Education**  
**Credits**  
**120.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Programme code:</b>	SISAO
<b>Valid from:</b>	Autumn 2007
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2006-09-28
<b>Department:</b>	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, demonstrated English language proficiency and basic competence in social scientific research methodology and the theory of science.

## 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 dialogue 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.

## Courses

The student is required to take five mandatory courses of 10 credits each:

- 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 may also choose to take one or more of the following elective courses of 10 credits each

- Youth at risk
- Work and income
- Ageing
- Migrants, minorities
- Vulnerable groups
- Social aspects of housing and urban renewal
- Alcohol and drugs
- The law of the social dimension in the European Union

### **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.

### **Misc**

The programme is offered in collaboration with Hogeschool van Amsterdam/Universiteit van Amsterdam  
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Universidad Complutense de Madrid,  
School of Social Work, Hacettepe University, Ankara  
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