



Social Work, Youth Work - Bachelor of Arts (part-time) -

YOUTH WORK – A TASK WITH A FUTURE

Specialists with a university degree in child and youth work are in high demand. At the same time better educational opportunities are called for in discussions by experts and by politicians alike. This part-time Bachelor's degree course with its focus on youth work considers both these issues and provides comprehensive qualification for professional activities in social work.

THE TARGET GROUP

This degree course addresses full-time specialists in child and youth work (according to article 11 of the German Social Security Code) in particular. These are e.g. nursery-school teachers with state recognition and professionals with similar degrees. Consequently, this professional area features voluntary participation and high level voluntary commitment.

YOUR JOB PROSPECTS

In addition to an in-depth qualification for the working area of child and youth work, this degree course enables graduates to potentially change in other sectors of social work as well, especially so in the whole area of child and youth welfare and in educational work with adults. There will be a high demand of specialists in this area in the next few years. Prospects of finding appropriate, diverse jobs therefore are excellent.

THE COURSE CONCEPT

This degree course has been designed by analogy with the degree courses in Social Work at other universities and Social Services Management at Kempten University of Applied Sciences. The core subjects of social work, such as its history, theories, methods and organisations are complimented with central basics of their referential sciences. These are pedagogics, psychology, philosophy, sociology and social politics. In addition, legal and management basics are taught.

YOUR PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

Experience gained in a previous occupation or voluntary work in child and youth work will facilitate the processing and deepening of the study contents. Further prerequisites for your successful studies are an ability to learn independently but also readiness to work in groups, and the ability to work scientifically and have a mind for the interconnectedness of many issues.

THE COURSE STRUCTURE

Building up on your previous experience, specific basics of legal issues, history, theories and methods of social work are imparted in the first few semesters. These are complimented with basic subjects such as introduction in scientific work. Further on in the studies emphases will be put regards to methods and contents in subjects such as "Communication and Counselling", "Project and Concept Development", "Gender, Intercultural Behaviour and Diversity" and "Empirical Social Research" with special emphasis on "Social Reporting and Youth Care Planning". Moreover, basics of business management will be imparted.

Three practice-oriented study projects lasting two semesters each will be completed in semesters one to six. These should take place in the students' working area and are intended to link practice with academic knowledge acquired. Covering an application-oriented topic the Bachelor thesis marks the end of the studies. It will be done with support and under supervision of a full-time professor and provides an opportunity to perform in-depth research in one specific area and to work on issues with a scientific approach.

THE STUDY ORGANISATION

The study duration including credit transfer of previous trainings as nursery-school teacher or similar professions is ten semesters with a total of 210 ECTS-credits. The course is delivered in blocks of 18 attendance days per semester. In addition there are weekly e-learning units, additional independent study and the exam time of one half day per semester. The course is offered in cooperation with the Bavarian youth organisation "Bayerischer Jugendring (BJR)" and the institute for youth work "Institut für Jugendarbeit Gauting".

THE VARIOUS STUDY LOCATIONS

The course takes place at Kempten University (three days in winter semester), at the Vöhlenschloss University Centre in Illertissen (three days in summer semester, at "Institut für Jugendarbeit" in Gauting (nine days each semester) and in regional groups close to the place where you live (six days each semester).

THE LIST OF STUDY MODULES

Semester 1

- Legal Basics of Social Work I
- History and Theories of Social Work I
- Introduction in Scientific Work
- Practice Project I*
- Social Youth Work, Youth Work and School
- History and Theories of Child and Youth Work

Semester 2

- Legal Basics of Social Work II
- Theories of Social Work II
- Practice Project I*
- Phase of Life Youth / Living Environment of Children and Youths

Semester 3

- Gender, Intercultural Behaviour and Diversity
- Methods of Social Work/Social Actions Science
- Practice Project II*
- Pedagogical Basics of Social Work

Semester 4

- Communication and Counselling
- Social Work Organisations
- Practice Project II*
- Philosophical and Psychological Basics of Social Work

Semester 5

- Management Basics of Social Work I (Accounting and Planning)
- Empirical Social Research, Social Reporting and Youth Care Planning
- Practice Project III*
- Sociology, Youth and Social Policies

Semester 6

- Management Basics of Social Work II (Human Resource Management, Closing of Accounts...)
- Youth Social Work and other Working Areas in Child and Youth Care
- Practice Project III*
- Project and Concept Development

Semester 7

- Recent Developments
- Scientific Supervision of the Bachelor Thesis
- Bachelor Thesis

* Project within your professional activity in child and youth work

A WIDE VARIETY OF CAREER PATHS

Having developed from welfare work and social pedagogy, social work is still a growing sector today. Social changes and development led to more and more people needing help and support. Social work - the task of which has become to support social fringe groups in particular – has meanwhile found its place in the centre of society and addresses nearly all social groups. For this reason the demand of graduates of social work is expected to keep increasing over the next few years.

The degree in Social Work, Youth Work offers many opportunities for later specialisation. Relevant employment areas may be: adult education, youth social work, vocational support for youths, school social work, planning of youth support, social pedagogical family support, street work, educational and family counselling offices, addiction assistance, educational support, support of juvenile courts, management of all-day nurseries, general social welfare service, assistance to the handicapped and inclusion, social eldercare, battered women's shelters, social work with refugees, counselling and support of the homeless, debt counselling, management of social facilities or organisational units.

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