

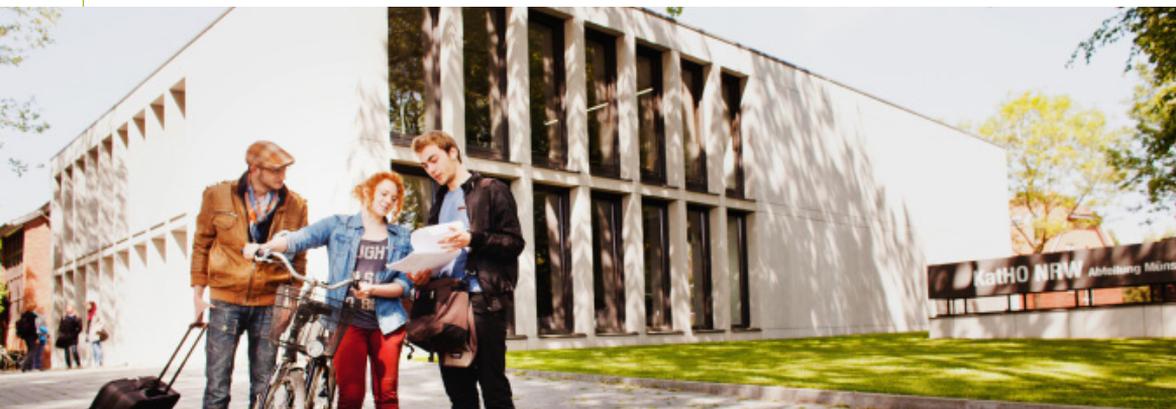
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Welcome!

On the following pages, we would like to introduce our Catholic University of Applied Sciences of North Rhine-Westphalia – Department Münster, our location and the study programme “Social Work and Exclusion” including sample course descriptions as well. You will find our contact details on the last page.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Münster soon!

Sincerely yours,

International Office

Catholic University of Applied Sciences North Rhine-Westphalia
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Studying Social Work in Münster

We offer a study programme in English language in Münster (Germany) each summer term – from April to July. Our international students will be gaining practical experiences in different fields of Social Work. Besides, they will be attending academic courses relevant to the Social Work profession and pedagogy at our faculty of Social Work of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences North Rhine-Westphalia - Department Münster.

Münster accommodates more than 50.000 students of different universities. The city is famous for the huge number of bicycles throughout Germany. Students appreciate everything being close-by. The cultural life is very rich and various. Please visit the following homepage to get more information about Münster: <http://www.muenster.de/en/>.

The campus of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences (KathO NRW) is located in the city center of Münster. The majors in the bachelor and master degrees are “Social Work” and “Special Education/Inclusive Education”. Today, about 1.100 students are enrolled in our different fields of study.

All lectures and seminars at KathO NRW take place on the campus site where everything is in walking distance and easy to find. Lectures, students’ life and leisure time mingles on the campus where a convenient atmosphere between teachers and students prevails. A variety of cultural events such as expositions, students’ parties or conferences is an important part of our students’ everyday life. For further information about our University of Applied Sciences, please have a look at our homepage:

www.study-social-work-muenster.de



Travel around North Rhine-Westphalia: Enrolled as a guest student you will have the possibility to travel all around the federal province of North Rhine-Westphalia without additional fees. You will be able to visit many lively and historical cities such as Cologne, Düsseldorf, Aachen, Paderborn or the former German capital city Bonn. The cities are all located in the Ruhr area, having an interesting industrial heritage and a high

density of different cultures.

The wide range of different landscapes offers several possibilities for sport activities and recreation.

For more information about North Rhine-Westphalia, please visit:

www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/Germany/nordrhein-westfalen.htm

www.nrw-tourism.com/unesco-panoramas

www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/germany.htm

Our incoming students will...

- study with fellow students from Germany as well as from all over the world,
- meet lecturers with various professional backgrounds such as Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Social Medicine, Education, Pedagogy and Social Policy,
- get in contact with social workers of various German institutions,
- benefit from reductions for meals, collegiate sports, admissions (theatre, cinema, museums), and
- get support in case of any queries by our International Office.



Social Work and Exclusion

The programme "Social Work and Exclusion" is designed for international as well as for local students. All the courses are held in English language and are integrated into the regular study programme.

Our international students stay together over the whole semester and get specific support. However, you will study side by side with locals and be part of our small campus family.

Our open structure aims for a lively international exchange. Most of the courses start at the beginning of the semester and continue once a week, same day and time.

Different perspectives will be taken, social work viewpoints and aspects from related disciplines such as sociology, psychology, medical science and political science are considered. Within this programme, international students can get up to 30 ECTS. In the following, you will find sample course descriptions:

*Our educational ambition:
"Empowering People - Finding Solutions"*



Course Descriptions - Some examples

Domestic violence

Prof. Dr. Chritiane Rohleder

The issue of domestic violence – in our context defined as violence in hetero- or homosexual partnerships – has gotten more and more public attention in Germany. In this course we will discuss sociological approaches to explain domestic violence and its dynamics. The basis of this course are findings from Anglo-American research, data about the extent of domestic violence in Germany as well as consequence of legal regulations in Germany, such as the so called „Gewaltschutzgesetz“. The participation in this course requires the willingness to read, prepare and present English texts. But: you do not have to be a perfect English speaker, because in this course we all will be learners, me as well as you.

Human rights and disability

Prof. Dr. Sabine Schäper

The aim of this course is to discuss implications of a concept of inclusion based on the UN Convention on the rights for persons with disabilities. A backward view on the philosophical origins and sources of human rights will lead to analyse differences and similarities in the concept of disability and different strategies to realize participation and inclusion. If you want to do your practical training period abroad this course could be a preparation in researching the living conditions and social support systems in these countries.

Mediation

Prof. Dr. Georg Albers

Mediation is a method for intervening in conflict affected systems. It is the concept of conflict management. In this seminar we will work on the theoretical knowledge base as well as on the practical implications for social work. The seminar requires the willingness for role plays as well as for intensive case work.

Supervision

Prof. Dr. Martina Meyer-Schwickerath

In this seminar the students will have the possibility to reflect the ERASMUS exchange, the study course and the practical visits. The supervision will be held in a group with all international and ERASMUS students.

Child welfare and child protection in international comparison

Regine Müller, M.A.

This seminar is part of an international exchange programme between students of the University of Applied Sciences in DEN HAGUE and the KathO NRW, department Münster. This seminar focusses on challenges within different policies and responses with regard to child abuse and neglect in comparing the countries Germany and the Netherlands. We will have the chance to learn about the process of decentralization in child protection services, which has been implemented in the Netherlands since 2015.

Practical Social Work in Germany

Regine Müller, M.A.

The students will explore social institutions in Münster and in its immediate vicinity. They will have the possibility to interview professionals and to compare and discuss social work practices in Germany with social work practices in their home countries.

Social inequality, networks and the city

Jana Aeverbeck, M.A.

This course introduces sociological perspectives on social inequality and networks in urban settings. It looks at the role of gender, ethnicity and social stratification and explores the impact of spatial relations on the developments of, for example, segregation, deviance and crime. The seminar examines the production, patterns and experiences of inequality as well as access to resources like housing, transport, education and services within the city.

Social skills for transcultural Social Work

Michael Rölver, M. A.

Social work and inclusive education are two professions, which act in a variety of sociocultural contexts, encountering a variety of norms and values. In a pluralistic society in transition, a variety of social skills is a key competence of social work and inclusive education. Thus, awareness of one's own cultural background and a sensibility for cultural plurality are basic preconditions in this context. Based on practical experiences, students will reflect their own cultural identities and their relevance for professional capabilities. Intercultural learning is a process and a basis for the acquisition of practical skills.



Professional discretion and Social Work

Michael Rölver, M. A.

Decision-making is a basic process in social work and inclusive education. Professionals decide how to approach their clients and how a particular case is treated. Social workers have a significant freedom in performing their work. This freedom can be discussed in terms of professional discretion. Social legislation and professional knowledge are important points of reference. Michael Lipsky has described social workers among other professionals as street-level bureaucrats carrying out social policy at the frontline. This seminar will discuss the degree to which discretion is necessary for social work and inclusive education and how it uses effects practice.

Bodies and Technology

Alexander Feldhaus, M. A., M. Sc.

Perspectives on the body in relation to (care)technologies.

During this seminar, different perspectives on the body will be discussed and analysed. The social and cultural construction of the body, dominant in feminist theory of which Donna Haraway (a Cyborg Manifesto) is a famous proponent, serves as an entry point to the discourse. Thus, the discussion will focus on topics such as gender and sex as well as the embodiment of technology.

To be accepted to the programme:

- your home university should be a partner university of the Catholic University of North Rhine-Westphalia (Erasmus+ or Non-Erasmus+ partner),
- you should have completed at least two semesters (terms) of Pedagogy or Social Work studies at your home university, and
- you should be nominated by your home university.

Come and join! Please visit our study platform:

www.study-social-work-muenster.de



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