

B.A. Social Work ECTS Manual for Exchange Students



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Please note: This is an English translation of the Social Work ECTS and course manual. While all courses will be offered in German every semester, the English-taught offer only comprises 12-15 courses of the ones mentioned below. Please check the FAQ on the last page for more information.

1st and 2nd Semester								
	Title	Course No.**	Type of Course	Hours p. Week	Sem 1	Sem 2	Exam / Type of Exam	ECTS
Social Work: Academic Skills, History and Theory							1 exam in unit 1 or 3	10
Unit 1	Academic Skills	S 1110	seminar	2	X		Other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
Unit 2	Introduction: History and Theory of Social Work	S 1120	seminar	3	X		none	3
Unit 3	Consolidation: In-depth History and/or Theory of Social Work	S 2110	seminar	2		X	Final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
Practice Methods I: Methods, Self-reflexivity and Counselling							1 exam in part 1 or 2	5
	Part 1	S 1310	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*
	Part 2	S 2310	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*
Areas, Target Groups and Organisation of Social Work							1 exam in unit 1 and 2	15
Unit 1	Reflection on Practice I	S 1320	seminar	1	X		Other type of exam (e.g. presentation) + practice report	1/2*
	Reflection on Practice II	S 2320	seminar	1		X	Other type of exam (e.g. presentation) + practice report	1/2*
Unit 2	Workshop I	S 1230	workshop	3	X		Final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
	Workshop II	S 2330	workshop	2		X	Final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
English for Specific Purposes ("Fachenglisch", English for Social Workers)							1 exam in part B	5
	Part A	S 1400	seminar	2	X		none	
	Part B	S 1401	seminar	2	X		Final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	5
Legal Foundations of Social Work I							1 exam in unit 1,2 or 3	10
Unit 1	Introduction to Law	S 1410	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
Unit 2	Family Law	S 2410	seminar	3		X	Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4* ¹
Unit 3	Child and Youth Welfare Service Law	S 2420	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/4* ¹
Society, Health and Social Work							2 exams in unit 2,3 or 4	15
Unit 1	Society, Health and Social Work I	S 1510	lecture	1	X		none	1
	Society, Health and Social Work II	S 2510	lecture	1		X	none	1
Unit 2	Foundations of Sociology	S 1520	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/5*
Unit 3	Political Science and Social Policy	S 2520	seminar	3		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/5*
Unit 4	Social Medicine and Social Psychiatry	S 2530	seminar	3		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/5*

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*1You can only attend unit 2 or unit 3 if you also attend unit 1.

3rd and 4th Semester

	Title	Course No.**	Type of Course	Hours p. Week	Sem 3	Sem 4	Exam / Type of Exam	ECTS
Diversity Studies							1 exam in unit 1 or 2	5
Unit 1	Racism and Migration	S 3110	seminar	2	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*
Unit 2	Gender and Queer Studies	S 3120	seminar	2	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*
Social Work Research Methods							1 exam in unit 1 or 2	10
Unit 1	Qualitative Research Methods	S 3210	seminar	2	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/4* ²
Unit 2	Quantitative Research Methods I	S 3220	seminar	2	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/4* ²
	Quantitative Research Methods II	S 4210	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/4* ²
Legal Foundations of Social Work II							1 exam in unit 1 or 2	5
Unit 1	Financial Security and Social Welfare Law	S 3310	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/4*
Unit 2	Social Administration Law	S 3320	seminar	2	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	1/3*
Psychology							1 exam in unit 2	5
Unit 1	Introduction: Psychology for Social Work	S 3410	lecture	2	X		none	2* ³
Unit 2	Consolidation: Psychology for Social Work	S 3420	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3* ³
Education							1 exam in unit 2	5
Unit 1	Introduction: Educational Studies for Social Work	S 3510	seminar	3	X		none	2
Unit 2	Consolidation: Educational Studies for Social Work	S 4310	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*
Culture – Aesthetics – Media of Social Work							1 exam in one part of unit 1 (exam will not be graded, only "pass" or "fail")	10
Unit 1	Exempl. Introduction to Cult., Aesthetic or Media Social Work I	S 3620	seminar	2	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
	Exempl. Introduction to Cult., Aesthetic or Media Social Work II	S 4430	seminar	2		X	Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
Unit 2	Introduction to Cultural Social Work	S 4420	lecture	2		X	none	2
Practice Methods II: Counselling							1 exam	5
	Practice Methods II: Counselling	S 4110	seminar	3		X	Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	5
International Social Work							1 exam	5
	International Social Work	S 4510	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/5*
Introduction to Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work							1 exam	5
	Introduction to Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work	S 4700	seminar	2		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/5*

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² If you do two parts of this module, you will receive 5 / 7,5 ECTS (depending on whether or not you complete an exam).

³ We strongly recommend to attend the *entire* module (i.e. both units). You may attend unit 1 alone (2 ECTS for regular attendance), but not unit 2.

6th and 7th Semester*4

	Title	Course No.**	Type of Course	Hours p. Week	Sem 6	Sem 7	Exam / Type of Exam	ECTS
Ethics								5
	Ethics	S 6100	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	5
Social Work Theories and Methods*5								10
Unit 1	In-depth Social Work Theories and Methods*5	S 6210	lecture	2	X		none	2
Unit 2	Practice Methods or Reconstructive Social Work I*5	S 6220	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
	Practice Methods or Reconstructive Social Work II*5	S 7220	seminar	3		X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/4*
Advanced Theory and Practice: Child and Youth Welfare Services								10
	Child and Youth Welfare Services	S 6310	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Social Work in Cultural and Educational Fields								10
	Social Work in Cultural and Educational Fields	S 6320	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Delinquency and Deviant Behaviour								10
	Delinquency and Deviant Behaviour	S 6330	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Health, Illness and Social Work								10
	Health, Illness and Social Work	S 6340	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Poverty, Unemployment and Homelessness								10
	Poverty, Unemployment and Homelessness	S 6350	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Gender and Queer Studies								10
	Gender and Queer Studies	S 6360	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Racism and Migration								10
	Racism and Migration	S 6370	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Advanced Theory and Practice: Social Gerontology								10
	Social Gerontology	S 6380	seminar	4	X		Final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	10
Legal Foundations of Social Work III								10
Unit 1	Employment and Social Security Law	S 6410	seminar	3	X		Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/7*
Unit 2	Selected Aspects of Law for Social Work	S 7310	seminar	3		X	Written exam or final paper or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	3/7*

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*4 In order to attend modules from the 6th or 7th semester, students should have completed at least 60 ECTS or one year of studies at their home university.

*5 The module "Social Work Theories and Methods" lasts for two semesters and the 7th semester unit is based on the 6th semester units in terms of contents. Therefore, the following rules apply: *Within one semester*, exchange students can only attend units from the 6th semester (unit 1 and/or unit 2, part I). Attending units from the 6th and the 7th semester at the same time is not possible. Unit 2, part II is not open to exchange students – with two exceptions. Exception 1: Students stay at ASH Berlin for two semesters and attended unit 2, part I during the first semester. Exception 2: In case both parts of unit 2 are offered in English, students can attend both parts within one or two semesters. This exception is made to provide more course options to English-speaking students. You can find more information concerning the English course offer in our FAQ, question 1 on the last page.

Additional Course Offer:

Title	Course No**	Type of Course	Exam / Type of Exam	ECTS
Elective Courses ("Wahlmodul")			with or without exam	
Elective course offer changes every semester (see LSF for exact course offer)	W...	seminar	At least two different types of exam (consult with the lecturer directly)	2/3*
Language Courses (e.g. German, Spanish or English)			with exam	
Language course (2 hours p. week)	O...	seminar	written exam	3
Language course (3-4 hours p. week)	O ...	seminar	written exam	5

FAQ for Exchange Students in Social Work (B.A.)

? Will all units be offered every semester?
! Yes, all units listed here will be offered every semester (winter *and* summer term) in German. See next question for English courses.

? What is the language of instruction?
! While all units listed here will be offered in German, approx. 12-15 units will also be offered in English, Turkish or Spanish (called "International Curriculum"). They will be published in the course catalogue "LSF" online at www.ash-berlin.eu/lsf about 3-4 weeks before the start of the semester. In order to get a rough idea of what will be offered and in order to prepare your Learning Agreement, you should access the International Curriculum from past semesters at www.ash-berlin.eu/en/ash-international/exchange-at-ash-berlin/studying-at-ash-berlin/#c7405. Please note that they might be subject to change every semester.

? Do I have to do the entire module or can I attend single units?
! Yes, you can attend single units. If there are restrictions, we explain them in the footnotes (e.g. in the module "Psychology" or "Social Work Theories and Methods").

? Can I attend units from different semesters (e.g. from the 1st, 3rd and 4th semester)?
! Yes, you can attend units from different semesters. For units from the 6th and 7th semester, the only restriction is that you should have completed at least 60 ECTS or one year of studies at your home university.

? What kinds of exams will be offered?
! At least two of the listed kinds of exam will be offered from which you can choose. Your lecturers will inform you at the beginning of the semester about your exact exam options.

? Where can I find the exact content of the modules and units?
! For the exact content of the modules, please consult the module handbook at https://www.ash-berlin.eu/fileadmin/Daten/Internationales/Incomings/International_Curriculum/Engl_Handbuch_8.Auflage_final.pdf.

? When and how will I know about the exact course times, locations and teachers? How can I register for the courses?
! You can access the course times and details via the course catalogue „LSF“ at www.ash-berlin.eu/lsf about 3-4 weeks before the start of the semester. During orientation, we will inform you in detail about how to use the LSF and how to register for your courses.

? Can I change my Learning Agreement after the semester has started?
! In certain circumstances, you can change your Learning Agreement after the semester has started, e.g. because of a time clash or in case a course isn't offered anymore and you wish to substitute it with another course.

Information concerning modules and units:

Our Bachelor "Social Work" at ASH Berlin consists of so-called "modules". A module is a complete "package" of teaching and learning with clearly defined contents to be completed in a set time-frame. Often, a module consists of several units (which may in turn consist of several parts). For example, our module "Diversity Studies" in the third semester consists of two units: unit 1 "Racism and Migration" and unit 2 "Gender and Queer Studies".

As we explain in the FAQ / question 3 above, you usually do not have to complete the entire module, but you can also only attend single units. If there are restrictions, we explain them in the footnotes (e.g. in "Psychology" or "Social Work Theories and Methods").

Please note: In case you complete the entire module, the ECTS and exam regulations mentioned in the grey module line apply. If you only attend single units, the ECTS and exam regulations mentioned in the unit line apply.

Diversity Studies							1 exam in unit 1 or 2	5
Unit 1	Racism and Migration	S 3110	seminar	2	X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*	
Unit 2	Gender and Queer Studies	S 3120	seminar	2	X	Written exam or final paper or oral exam or other type of exam (e.g. presentation)	2/3*	

Let's take, for example, our module "Diversity Studies" from the third semester: If you complete the entire module (unit 1 and unit 2), you only do one exam (you can choose in which one) and receive 5 ECTS in total. If you only complete one unit, you'll receive 2 or 3 ECTS (depending on whether you do an exam or not).

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