

Alice Salomon Hochschule (ASH) Berlin · Bachelor Social Work · International Curriculum:

Courses offered in English (*summer term 2023, last updated on: 29 Aug 2023*)



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Course no.	Module	Course title and contents · Hours per week / Type / Length / Exam	Language of instruction	Teacher	ECTS credits	Semester	Requirements
S 13301	Areas, Target Groups and Organisations of Social Work	Workshop I <i>Course description pending</i> Hours per week: 3 / type of course: workshop / length: 1 term	English	M. Apak Kaya	3/4*	1	none
S 23301	Areas, Target Groups and Organisations of Social Work	Workshop II <i>Course description pending</i> Hours per week: 2 / type of course: workshop / length: 1 term	English	A. Awadalla	3/4*	2	none
Note: Both S 12301 Workshop I and S 23301 Workshop II belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total.							
S 15101	Society, Health and Social Work	Foundation of Sociology This seminar introduces students to the discipline of Sociology, to explore social inequality on a global scale. Themes under consideration become more complex as the semester progresses. In the first part, we will examine some core concepts on social inequality used by sociologists. Next, we will explore how social inequality is experienced and maintained by studying various dimensions of inequality and their interactions. This includes unpacking class, race, gender, and ability, as well as how they interact and are experienced in everyday life. In the last part of the course, we delve further into how social structures (institutions, communities, spaces) support or challenge inequality. Some of the topics we will investigate include inequality and COVID 19, sex work, migration, unemployment, and commercial surrogacy. This seminar is student-led and participatory. That means that students take the lead in framing issues and discussions. Students are encouraged to draw from the texts prescribed, their own experiences as well as current events, popular culture, and social media. Leading and participating in discussions is an important aspect of this seminar and will help you get the best out of the course. Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term	English	T. Meer	3/6*	2	none
S 25101	Society, Health and Social Work	Political and socio-political Foundations of Social Work What is this course about? This course focuses on the current ecological crisis facing humanity and global social work. It examines a variety of fields from agricultural policies to financial institutions, from energy infrastructure to rapid decimation of biodiversity. At each step, a different aspect of the problem will be studied, including the colonial origins, the role of the nation-states, economic principles based on indiscriminate growth or ongoing greenwashing attempts led by corporations - and how all these relate to our profession. Teaching Language This is a bilingual course, English and German. The instruction and the readings are mostly in English, but you can participate in class discussions or submit your essays in German. Schedule The course will take place on Friday evenings between 17.00 and 20:00. It is not the most appealing time slot, but we can use these end-of-the-week meetings to create a more conversational, dynamic teaching environment. The contents and readings will give you a fresh perspective on where we are at the moment in terms of environmental struggles. Grading The main method will be an open-book examination. I will provide you with several questions in advance based on our readings and class discussions. You will select and answer three of them and send them back in 24 hours. No essays with extended deadlines, no graded presentations. Readings and Weekly Plan Please see Moodle Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term	English	S. Zeybek	3/6*	2	none

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S 25301	Society, Health and Social Work	<p>Foundation of Social Medicine and Social Psychiatry for Social Work</p> <p>Content The seminar clarifies basic concepts of social medicine and social psychiatry, highlights different explanatory approaches to health and illness, which lead to a comprehensive understanding of the bio-psycho-social model. The aetiology, diagnoses and forms of therapy of mental disorders, addictive disorders and neuropsychiatric diseases are an elementary part of the basic knowledge of health-related social work in all age groups. We will deal with the importance of a helpful therapeutic basic attitude and get to know numerous possibilities of participation for the target groups. Another seminar focus is on social psychiatric, rehabilitative and addiction therapy treatment and care options - a large field of application for social workers. An excursion is being planned.</p> <p>Method The seminar will be held mainly according to the flipped classroom method: all materials will be available on moodle from the beginning, so that the theoretical preparation is done in advance. In the seminar, we actively process this in small group work, in discussion rounds and interactive formats. The linking of theory with concrete social work practice takes place continuously and is deepened and examined in the context of case studies and practical examples.</p> <p>Examinations and participation Graded examinations can be presentations, term papers, podcasts, slidecasts or experimental presentations. For the ungraded certificate of attendance a Petcha Kutcha session takes place at the end of the semester.</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	J. Rehn	3/6*	2	none
<p>Note: The courses S 15101 Foundation of Sociology, S 25101 Political and socio-political Foundations of Social Work and S 25302 Foundation of Social Medicine and Social Psychiatry belong to the same module. If you attend two or three courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both or all three courses, there will be 9 ECTS (2 courses) or 12 ECTS (3 courses) in total.</p>							
S 31001	Diversity Studies	<p>Racism and Migration</p> <p>This seminar will focus on the present-day manifestations of structural racism in Germany and why migration is often used as a euphemism to talk about race. The effects of coloniality on European life, as well as resistance and decolonial movements will also be examined. Intersectional case studies on racism in health, policing, education, and social work will be included in the seminar. For a participation requirement students will write two short reflection papers and attend two museum exhibits and/or lectures. Language of instruction is English.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	J. Petzen	2/3*	3	none
S 31102	Diversity Studies	<p>Gender and Queer Studies</p> <p>Course description pending</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	R. Solis Mecalco	2/3*	3	none
<p>Note: Both S 31001 Racism and Migration and S 31102 Gender and Queer Studies belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 5 ECTS in total.</p>							
S 34201	Culture - Aesthetics - Media	<p>Exemplary Introduction in One Field of Cultural, Aesthetic or Media Social Work I</p> <p>Images of and filming in urban spaces - A practical and theoretical approach to filmmaking in the metropolis In the seminar we will start by watching two iconic city films as „Metropolis“ (1927) by Fritz Lang and „Man with a movie camera“ (1929) by Dziga Vertov. We will then decide which films we want to watch and analyse together – also to review the history of (documentary) filmmaking in urban spaces. We will also visit the exhibition "The Art of Society" in the New National Gallery. In the first term you will also learn how to use a video camera and how to edit footage. In groups you will explore the city and focus on one subject – as an ethnographic participant researcher. The 5-10 min trailers of this small research project will be presented and discussed in class. In the first term we will also visit the team of Campus Transferale at Kastanienboulevard and the station of urban cultures. Within the frame of this new project we will organize a public screening and discussion of a film on contested urban spaces at the end of the term. In the second term you will conceptualize and realize your own film project, either fictive or documentary (or cross over). In a group you will write a script, film and edit the video. The films will then be in a (cinema) place in the inner city at the end of the second term.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	A. Plöger	3/4*	3	none

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S 44301	Culture - Aesthetics - Media	<p>Exemplary Introduction in One Field of Cultural, Aesthetic or Media Social Work II</p> <p>Community dancing outdoors</p> <p>Community dancing outdoors is a way to get to know the city, its rhythm and people in Berlin through dancing. The first two seminar dates we will meet indoors at the Alice-Salomon-Hochschule to get to know each other through dancing exercises. And to find out together, which possibilities there could be, depending on your interests, to pass an exam in this dance seminar.</p> <p>After that, we meet again only from May, depending on the weather. I planned to join different free outdoor dance classes in Berlin in parks. We may for example join a dance class called „Folkswiese“, Friday evening at 6.30 p.m. (I planned three times). There you learn easy to difficult circle, row, alley and couple dances to self-played music from all over the world on the lawn of Berlin's Mauerpark in Prenzlauer Berg. In June another free outdoor dancing class starts in Mauerpark on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. There you could learn first steps in Swing dance and Lindy Hop. And on Thursday evenings at 5 p.m. we will definitely join the "Paranza del Tempelhofer Feld" a couple of times – a kind of Tarantella workshop where people meet with a passion for music and dance and for the lively folk culture of southern Italy. Because on Wednesday, 21 June, we will join this group in the afternoon to dance the Tarantella at Kollwitzplatz in Prenzlauer Berg for the Fête de la musique until it ends. It will be a lot of fun, I promise.</p> <p>So if students want to join this seminar, it is very important to be present at the first two dates (Tuesday, 4.04. and Tuesday, 11.04.2023 from 10-12 a.m. at the Alice-Salomon-Hochschule) so that we can plan the seminar, the possible exams, if needed, and the possible dates of excursions.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	B. Hägele	3/4*	4	none
<p>Note: Both S 34201 and S 44301 belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total.</p>							
S 45101	International Social Work	<p>International Social Work</p> <p>This seminar aims to provide a critical framework for understanding the glocal (global-local) dimension of socio-economic and socio-ecologic conflicts associated with a critical international social work practice. Through categories developed by Immanuel Wallerstein (World Systems Analysis), David Harvey (accumulation by dispossession) and Silvia Federici (reproductive labor), we will examine different case studies from Latin America i.a. on land grabbing, extractivism and agricultural trade, in order to reveal analytical challenges and transformative strategies within a global-south / global-north correlation.</p> <p>Assessment 2 alternatives: presentation or essay.</p> <p>A) An essay (8 pages plus a bibliography) must be written on a topic agreed with the lecturer.</p> <p>Or B): presentations will be held on all seminar topics, which will be submitted in writing (4 pages). Teams of 2-3 students prepare the topic and present at the beginning of each seminar session. Duration of the presentation is approx. 25-30 minutes.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	A. Beretta	3/5*	4	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area.
S 47001	Foundations of Social Economics and Social Management	<p>Foundations of Social Economics and Social Management</p> <p><i>Course description pending</i></p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	A. Beretta	3/5*	4	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area.
S 62201	Social Work Theories and Methods	<p>Methods of Social Work Practice or Reconstructive-qualitative Methods of Research I: Methods of Social Work Practice I</p> <p>This seminar focuses on theories and methods of social work practice and the role of critical reflection. Building on students' practice experiences and interests developed in previous classes, theoretical and practical approaches will be introduced, discussed and applied in exercises, case examples etc. The seminar combines self-study, reading, and critical analysis of texts, small group and full class discussions, as well as experiential approaches to learning always seeking multiple perspectives. We will always start class at 8:30h and - with only a short break in the middle - end at 11:00h.</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	U. Walter	3/4*	6	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area. Further restrictions explained in course and ECTS manual for exchange students.

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S 72201	Social Work Theories and Methods	<p>Methods of Social Work Practice or Reconstructive-qualitative Methods of Research II: Methods of Social Work Practice II</p> <p>This seminar continues from the 6th Semester and focuses on theories and methods of social work practice and the role of critical reflection. Building on students' practice experiences and interests developed in previous classes, theoretical and practical approaches will be discussed and applied in exercises, case examples etc. The seminar combines self-study, reading, and critical analysis of texts, small group and full class discussions, as well as experiential approaches to learning always seeking multiple perspectives. We will start class at 16:00 sharp (not 16:15) and end at 18:30h.</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	U. Walter	3/4*	7	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area. Further restrictions explained in course and ECTS manual for exchange students.
<p>Note: Both S 62201 Methods of Social Work Practice I and S 72201 Methods of Social Work Practice II belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total.</p>							

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