INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAM:
“SOCIAL WORK AS A HUMAN RIGHTS PROFESSION”

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INFORMATION ON STATE RECOGNITION

for MA-SWHR applicants

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Dear applicant, dear students,

This compilation provides a notion of the frequently inquiries concerning the acknowledgement of the Social Work as a Human Rights Profession certificate. The synopsis is, however, not meant to be complete. Please note that the information is taken from the original website sources and changes might have occurred.

**Facts / Requirements:**

To be recognized by the state as a social worker, one needs to complete an undergraduate degree in "Social Work/Social Pedagogy" (Sozialarbeit/Sozialpädagogik) according to the regulations of the "Social Professions Recognition Act", in German "Sozialberufe-Anerkennungsgesetz (SoZBAG)".

The Senate of Berlin (Berliner Senat) does not provide a State Recognition as a social worker when (only) in possession of a Master degree in Social Work and/or a Master in Social Work as Human Rights Profession.

**This applies foremost to organizations or institutions funded by the Senate of Berlin.**

Notwithstanding, an international undergraduate in the stated studies, e.g. Social Work, can apply for the state recognition upon a fee of currently approximately 100€. The application process can take up a few months. We therefore, encourage all our prospective alumni to apply as early as possible.

Once decided to work in Germany as a social worker, one have to consider the requirements followed in order to submit a considerable application:

- three examinations in law modules conducted in German language as a guest audience at a university of applied science,

which postulates a

- sufficient command in German language

Hence, we highly recommend every (prospective) student to attend our offered German language courses; A1 – B1 Level, respectively.

For further inquiries, we highly encourage you to contact the designated staff as well as visit the homepage of the Senate Administration of Berlin (Berliner Senatsverwaltung):

[https://www.berlin.de/sen/jugend/fachkraefte/anerkennung-sozialberufe/](https://www.berlin.de/sen/jugend/fachkraefte/anerkennung-sozialberufe/)

Best regards,

The SWHR-team