

INTERNATIONAL MASTER PROGRAM: "SOCIAL WORK AS A HUMAN RIGHTS PROFESSION"

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/erkennung-sozialberufe/>

Best regards,

The SWHR-team