



Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Social Work PLUS Migration and Globalization

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Welcome to the Department of Social Work!

Dear students,

We would like to welcome you to the Department of Social Work and the „Social Work PLUS Migration and Globalization“ degree program!

The guiding idea behind the course, which was conceived in 2012, is still the conviction that migration in Germany is changing dynamically, that migration is becoming a specialist field of social work and that its importance will grow. At the same time, social work, which has long been dominated by a pessimistic view of globalization, should also make greater use of the potential of multilateral international cooperation and transnational cooperation to tackle global social problems such as population growth, poverty and hunger, access to water, health and education, the exploitation of women, children and minorities, violent conflicts, climate change and, last but not least, global flight and migration movements. The „Global Definition of Social Work“ is an important orientation for the „Social Work PLUS Migration and Globalization“ degree programme. „Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledge, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing“ (International Federation of Social Workers, 2014).

With this perspective, we as lecturers want to guide you through your studies and prepare you for your future professional activity, whether at local, national, transnational or international level. The aim of the Bachelor's degree course „Social Work PLUS Migration and Globalization“ is to enable you in 18 modules (two of them abroad) to „learn independently and to think critically and scientifically with interdisciplinary references and in an application-oriented way“ (§7 BBPO examination regulations). The degree program offers you the framework to acquire these skills independently and in lively cooperation and discussion with your fellow students and lecturers.

This study information is intended to help you organize your studies. It gives you an overview of examinations, the number of (elective) compulsory courses and the course structure. Further important information can be found in the examination regulations and the module handbook.

We look forward to working with you and wish you a good and successful study program!

Prof. Dr. Katrin Luise Läzer Prof. Dr. Markus Emanuel
(Head of degree program) (Dean of Studies)

Let's start with some basic information:

A course (LV) usually comprises two semester hours per week (1 SWS = 45 minutes per week); four-hour courses and block courses lasting several days are also common. Credit points (CP) are a measure of the average amount of time you have to invest in order to achieve the learning objective of a module, for example. One CP corresponds to approx. 30 hours of student work (§ 5 BBPO). The number of CPs indicates the amount of time you are expected to invest in addition to your attendance and active participation in the courses, i.e. that you prepare and follow up on courses, conduct your own literature research, discuss topics and theses and work independently on the theory, practice and science of social work.

In advance: Registration for the courses

Please note the following information:

All LV are subject to registration.

Registration takes place exclusively via [my.h-da.de](#). Admission via the respective lecturers alone is not sufficient.

Please note that you can only select a limited number of courses in modules with several seminars to choose from! The limit is based on the required number of study hours (in semester hours per week - SWS) per semester.

You can find out how many SWS are planned in a semester from the study program, which you will find in the middle of this study information.

No examination without admission via [my.h-da.de](#)

You will only be admitted to the final module examination if you have registered and been admitted to the number of courses in the respective modules via my.h-da.de that corresponds to the number of study hours (SWS) required in the respective module description. It is not sufficient if you only attend the courses in which you have

to take an examination (PL) or preliminary examination (PVL). The first year of study Admission to the respective courses to the extent of the required SWS of a module is only a prerequisite, but not synonymous with registration for the final module examination.

You must register separately for the examination.

There is a deregistration obligation.

If you have registered via [my.h-da.de](#) for a course that you do not want to or cannot attend, you must deregister. If you do not cancel your registration, you will block seminar places and reserve them for students who are still on the waiting list.

Students should deregister as early as possible, but must do so at the latest after the first session of the semester or after the first week of the semester (block seminars).

Separate dial-in to the projects in M 22 110

Please note the separate dial-in procedure in M 22 110! There is a separate, early dial-in procedure.

The first year of study

You successfully complete the first year of study in accordance with the examination regulations if you have attended 21 courses, completed a total of 41 semester hours and passed all examinations. This means you have earned 60 credit points.

1. Studienjahr			
Module		Courses (SWS)	Services rendered
22 10	Introduction to studies and science	3 (5 SWS)	Term paper and presentation
22 20	History, methods and theories of social work	4 (8 SWS)	Preliminary examination and written exam
22 30	Art, culture and media in social work	4 (8 SWS)	2 Presentations
22 40	Legal foundations of social work	4 (8 SWS)	2 exams
22 50	Fields of action in social work - Social pedagogical block internship	2 (4 SWS)	Practical report
22 60	Sociological foundations of social work	4 (8 SWS)	Examination paper or term paper

Module 22 10 - Introduction to studying and science:

This module serves as an introduction: to the university, to studying and, above all, to scientific work. After the first semester at the latest, you should know what an academic question is.

The module includes a day's work shadowing in a social institution. You will be accompanied through the module by a mentor and a student tutor. The mentors are your contact persons for all study-related questions. Attendance is compulsory, as is active participation. Students who miss classes more than three times per semester without an excuse will not be able to complete the module in their first year of study. The final module examination takes the form of a term paper (50%) and a presentation (50%).

Module 22 20 - History, methods and theories of social work:

In this module, you must attend two compulsory courses (2 lectures: Introduction to Social Work and Historical Guidelines; Theories and Methods) and two compulsory elective courses in the field of social work methods. The contents of the two compulsory courses are the subject of the written examination at the end of the academic year (the module can be completed at the end of the second semester at the earliest). The prerequisites for participation in the written exam.

You will take a preliminary examination in one of the method courses. The methods courses are offered every semester - so no stress in the first semester!

Please note: In this module, a semester on the topic of „Social Work in an International Context“ is compulsory.

Module 22 30

Art, culture and media in social work:

You choose four courses (LV). In two of these courses you will give a presentation (partial examination - you will be informed of the exact requirements in the respective course). Please note that you must also register for and attend those two courses (via [my.h-da. de](#)) in which you do not take an exam!

Courses in this module are offered in the 1st and 2nd semester. The range of courses is calculated in such a way that you can choose two courses per semester from a meextensive range of products.

Please note: You must attend two seminars that impart knowledge and skills in methods of non-verbal or not exclusively verbal communication.

Module 22 40

Legal foundations of social work:

To successfully complete the module, you must pass both partial examinations/written examinations (child and youth welfare law/family law and basic security law). You can take both exams independently of each other after the first and/or second semester. Failed exams can be repeated one semester later.

Module 22 50 - Fields of action in social work, social pedagogical internship:

The module consists of a preparatory course (2 SWS), a four-week socio-pedagogical block internship (120 hours) between the first and second semester and a follow-up course (2 SWS).

You will write a report on your internship based on a scientific question. You must have the internship approved by the internship department before the internship begins.

Further information: <https://sozarb.h-da.de/studium/rundums-study/study-accompanying-practical-phases>.

Module 22 60

Social foundations of social work:

The four courses (8 SWS) consist of a compulsory lecture with exercises and two compulsory elective courses. The compulsory elective courses include courses on a) Theories relevant to the social sciences and b) Socially relevant topics.

You must take one compulsory elective course from a) and one from b). In this module, you will take the examination in the form of a term paper or examination paper. The type of examination is determined at the beginning of each semester.

Please note: A seminar on “Social aspects of migration and globalization” is compulsory for you.

The second year of study

You have successfully completed the second year of study in accordance with the examination regulations if you have attended 19 courses (38 SWS) and passed all examinations. This means that you have acquired a further 60 credit points.

2nd academic year			
Module		Courses attended	Services rendered
22 70	Theories, Concepts and Methods of international Social Work	4 (8 SWS)	Presentation or paper
22 80	(Social) policy and economics for social work	3 (6 SWS)	Exam
22 90	Psychological and socio-medical foundations of social work	4 (8 SWS)	Exam
22 100	Pedagogy, education and ethics in social work	3 (6 SWS)	Written exam or examination paper
22 110	Fields of action and approaches to social work: projects	6 (12 SWS)	Practical report and presentation

Module 22 700 - Theories, Concepts and Methods of international Social Work: The focus is on seminars on theories, concepts and methods of international social work, in particular on fields of action relating to migration, flight and other global challenges. You will attend four courses (8SWS). This module also runs over the entire academic year, so that you can take two courses in your 3rd semester and two courses in your 4th semester, for example. The courses are offered in English. Examination form: presentation or paper.

Module 22 80 - (Social) policy and economics for social work: This module consists of three courses (6 SWS), including two compulsory lectures on social policy and economics for social work. You choose the compulsory elective course from the seminars offered. The subject of the written exam is the two compulsory lectures and the compulsory elective course you have chosen.

Module 13190 - Psychological and socio-medical foundations of social work: The module includes two compulsory and two compulsory elective courses. In addition to the two compulsory lectures on psychological and sociomedical basics for social work, you must attend two compulsory elective courses. You will complete the module with a written exam covering the entire course-content.

Please note: A seminar in the field of „Psychology and Public Health in International Fields of Action“ is compulsory for you.

Module 22 100 - Pedagogy, education and ethics in social work: In this module, you will complete a total of 6 SWS, i.e. three courses in the areas of pedagogy, education and ethics, which are offered each semester. The form of examination is determined at the beginning of each semester.

Module 22 110 - Fields of action and approaches in social work: projects: For this module, an information event with a separate selection phase takes place in the previous summer semester. In addition to an internship during the academic year, you will take part in two theory courses and a reflection seminar each semester. The module grade is made up of two partial examinations: a practical report and an expert discussion. Please note: As part of your project, you must pay particular attention to issues and topics relating to migration and globalization and take these into account in your reflections.

The third year of study

The third year of study as an integrated, compulsory year abroad makes up the so-called „PLUS“ of your degree course. You will spend one semester at one of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences' partner universities or at another university abroad. The second semester is dedicated to the internship and should be completed in the same country if possible in order to achieve the learning objectives. You will receive a total of 60 credit points for your year abroad (30 CP each for studies and internship).

3rd academic year			
Module		Courses attended	Services rendered
22 500	Study abroad	Depends on the offer of the partner university (30 CP)	Depends on the regulations of the partner university
22 80	Internship abroad	Depends on the offer of the organisation/NGO (30 CP)	The forms of teaching and learning depend on the offer of the respective partner university or practice site. Work certificate and practical report

Module 22 500 - Study abroad: During the semester abroad, you will take courses in a social work program or another social science subject. Here you will get to know international perspectives on various subject areas. The course content and achievements depend on the courses offered by the partner university and are defined in advance in an individual learning agreement. This ensures that your achievements will be recognized upon your return. If you have your eye on a college or university abroad, you can also organize your study place yourself. The International Office will help you with this.

Module 22 600 - Internship abroad: The internship abroad takes place in the second part of the year abroad after the semester of study. This allows you to deepen the theoretical knowledge you have acquired during your studies about the target country and its social challenges in practice. You will also learn about working practice and the self-image of social work in a different cultural context outside of Germany. Internships can be offered, for example, by international organizations, local social institutions and in German development cooperation projects. The internship must be approved by the head of the degree program. Please send an e-mail with the profile of the organization in which you would like to complete your internship together with your planned task profile to the head of degree program in good time. The internship lasts at least four months full-time. A work certificate from the internship position and a practical report must be submitted as proof and examination results.

The fourth year of study

You have successfully completed the fourth year of study in accordance with the examination regulations if you have attended 10 courses totaling 20 semester hours and passed all examinations; together with the Bachelor’s thesis and the colloquium, you have then earned the final 60 credit points.

4th academic year			
Module		Courses attended	Services rendered
22 120	Municipal social policy and social administration with internship	2 (4 SWS)	Presentation
22 130	Introduction to social research	3 (6 SWS)	Research homework
22 140	Disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on (current) social work topics	2 (4 SWS)	2 partial examinations: Examination papers or presentations
22 150	Professional action: Reflection and self-reflection in social work	3 (6 SWS)	2 partial examinations: Examination coursework
22 160	Bachelor module	6 (12 SWS)	Bachelor thesis and colloquium

Module 22 120 - Municipal social policy and social administration with internship:
You will first attend a preparatory course (2 SWS). You will then complete a four-week block internship of your choice, which must be approved by the internship department before you begin. You will take your examination in the follow-up course (2 SWS): a presentation on a scientific topic of your choice relating to your social administrative internship. Depending on your major field of study, we recommend an internship in a field of activity in which migration and/or globalization are important, such as the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), a local integration center, a refugee shelter, anti-discrimination agencies and similar institutions. It is also possible to take and complete this module in your second year of study.

Module 22 130 - Introduction to Social Research: This module includes a compulsory course (lecture) and a 4-hour compulsory elective course in the form of project groups in which you will try out special research methods in practice on a selected topic. The practical work leads to a research paper (examination), with which you complete the module.

Module 22 140 - Disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives on (current) topics in social work:
The module includes a large number of compulsory elective courses, two of which you must attend. In each of the selected courses, you will complete an examination paper or a presentation. The type of examination will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

Module 22 150 - Professional action: Reflexion and self-reflexion in social work:
This module comprises a range of conceptually and methodologically different teaching events. Mostly in small groups, they serve the personal reflection of social pedagogical/working professionalism. In two of the three courses you choose, you will submit examination assignments, the specific design of which will be determined by the respective lecturers.

Please note: Your degree program places a special focus on reflecting on your experiences abroad. A „Reflection on your experience abroad“ seminar is compulsory for you.

Module 131160 - Bachelor module:
When you register for your Bachelor’s thesis, you will propose a first supervisor (first examiner). You will discuss your topic and research question with the first examiner, who will also supervise your thesis, in advance.

Finally... Examination services

The required examinations in the respective modules are specified: Written examination, term paper, examination study paper, presentation and specialist The final part of most modules is a discussion. You must register for the examinations via my.h-da.de In some modules, however, there are other forms of examinations to be taken. You can find out the exact requirements in the respective courses or in your module handbook https://h-da.de/fileadmin/h_da/Hochschule/Presse_Publikationen/Hochschulanzeiger/2023/FBS_MHB_SozArb_MigGlob_B_2022-10-25.pdf

As essential information of the Examination Board, we would like to advise you of the following: If you are unable to take part in an examination due to illness, please submit the completed incapacity form to the Examination Secretariat immediately, but no later than three days after the examination, together with a short letter. Although a verbal or written cancellation to the examiners is quite friendly and particularly desirable in the case of short-notice cancellations of specialist discussions, it alone is not sufficient in terms of examination law. <https://sozarb.h-da.de/studium/rund-ums-studium/pruefungsangelegenheiten/pruefungsan-und-abmeldung>

Practical phases

The Social Work degree program relies heavily on a close exchange between theory (lectures) and practice (internships). This link is particularly close in modules 50,110 and 120. Over the course of a year, practical experience in social institutions is processed in small project groups in module 110 and reflected on against the background of theoretical concepts. The internships in modules 50 and 120 are also intensively prepared and followed up. For your PLUS degree program, the internship abroad of at least 4 months full-time in module 600 is added as a further intensive practical phase.

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1st semester	2nd semester	3rd semester	4th semester
Module 22 10 Introduction to studies and science <i>Term paper and presentation</i> 3 SWS 2 SWS 5 CP	Module 22 70 Theories, Concepts and Methods of international Social Work <i>Presentation/speech</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 4 SWS 5 CP		
Module 20 20 History, methods and theories of social work <i>Preliminary examination and written exam</i> 4 SWS 10 CP 4 SWS 5 CP	Module 22 80 (Social) policy and economics for social work <i>Exam</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 2 SWS 5CP		
Module 22 30 Art, culture and media in social work <i>2 partial examinations: Presentations</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 4 SWS 5 CP	Module 22 90 Psychological and socio-medical basics of social work <i>Written exam</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 4 SWS 5 CP		
Module 22 40 Legal foundations of social work <i>2 partial examinations: Written exams</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 4 SWS 5 CP	Module 22 100 Pedagogy, education and ethics in social work <i>Written exam or examination paper</i> 3 SWS 5 CP 3 SWS 5 CP		
Module 22 50 Fields of social work - Social pedagogical internship <i>Practical report</i> 2 SWS 5 CP 2 SWS 5 CP	Module 22 110 Fields of action and approaches to social work: projects <i>Practical report and technical discussion</i> 6 SWS 10 CP 6 SWS 10 CP		
Module 22 60 ociological foundations of social work <i>Examination paper or term paper</i> 4 SWS 5 CP 4 SWS 5 CP			

Bachelor's degree

5th semester	6th semester	7th semester	8th semester
Module 22 500 Study abroad <i>program at the partner university</i>	Module 22 600 Internship <i>semester abroad</i>	Module 22 120 Municipal social policy and social administration Internship <i>Presentation</i>	
		2 SWS 5 CP	2 SWS 5 CP
		Module 22 130 Introduction to Social Research <i>Research Housework</i>	Module 22 160 Bachelor module (including colloquium)
		6 SWS 15 CP	2 SWS 15 CP
		Module 22 140 Disciplinary and inter- disciplinary perspecti- ves on (current) Social Work Issues. <i>2 partial examinations: Examination study papers or presentation"</i>	Module 22 150 Professional Action: Reflection and self- reflection in Social Work. <i>2 partial examinations: Examination study papers"</i>
30 CP	30 CP	4 SWS 10 CP	3 SWS 10 CP

Information about the year abroad

You will spend your third year abroad. It offers you the opportunity to expand your study focus in social work at one of our renowned partner universities and gain practical experience in your host country. The year abroad is an integrated compulsory element of the degree program. It accounts for 60 credit points of your studies out of a total of 240 credit points, 30 CP each for studies and internship.

You finance your stay abroad yourself. The International Office at Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences and the Department of Social Work will support you in applying for scholarships or BAFÖG funding abroad. Study places are available at our partner universities. However, places are limited, so not all students can study at the same partner university. Places are allocated on the basis of a transparent selection procedure. Studying at the partner university of your choice can therefore not be guaranteed. Another option is to apply as a freemover to a university abroad of your choice.

Where? Choice of stay abroad

You will spend a semester at one of our renowned partner universities in the Global South or one of our Erasmus+ partners in selected countries. Alternatively, you can also choose another university abroad as a freemover. You will organize your stay at your host university in close cooperation with and with the support of the Department of Social Work and the International Office of Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences. Your internship should be completed in the same country as your studies abroad, if possible. The experience reports of our students from the Department of Social Work (FB S) can be found here <https://international.h-da.de/wege-ins-ausland/fuer-unsere-studierenden/erfahrungsberichte>

Our partner universities in the Global South

- Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro - PUC, Brasilien (language of instruction Portuguese)
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology – KNUST, Ghana (language of instruction English)
- German Jordanian University - GJU Amman, Jordanien, (language of instruction English)
- Universidad ICESI, Cali, Kolumbien (language of instruction Spanish)
- Universidad Nacional de Asunción, Paraguay (language of instruction Spanish)
- Uzhgorod National University, Ukraine (language of instruction Ukrainian)
- Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Malaysia (language of instruction English)
- C. Maltepe Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Türkei (language of instruction English)

Ausgewählte Erasmus+-Partnerhochschulen

- Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy (language of instruction English and Italian)
- Università degli studi di Roma ,La Sapienza, Italien (language of instruction English and Italian)
- Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Institute of Sociology, Krakow, Poland (teaching language English and Polish)
- Instituto Politécnico do Porto, School of Education, Portugal (language of instruction English and Portuguese)

Further information on the individual partner universities and study programs can be found in the Moveon4 database <https://hda.moveon4.de/publisher/1/deu>

Organization and financing

You start preparing about a year before you start your stay abroad. In the course of the relevant winter semester, your third semester, you apply for a place at one of our partner universities or an Erasmus+ partner with the International Relations Officer of the Department of Social Work. Alternatively, you can go abroad as a free-mover; as a rule, tuition fees are charged at the chosen university. You can find more information about studying abroad as a freemover on <https://international.h-da.de/wege-ins-ausland/fuer-unsere-studierenden/studien-aufenthalte/freemover>

Students are responsible for **financing** their stay abroad. This includes costs for travel, visas and living expenses in the country, as well as tuition fees if you are not studying at a partner university. Depending on the destination country, the costs incurred may be higher or lower than the average cost of living in Germany. You can also find further information here: <https://international.h-da.de/wege-ins-ausland/fuer-unsere-studierenden/finanzierung>

Important information can be found on the website of the university's International Office: Ways abroad for our students: <https://international.h-da.de/wege-ins-ausland/fuer-unsere-studierenden> and on the homepage of the department: <https://soz.arb.h-da.de/studium/auslandsaufenthalte>

The International Relations Officer* of the Department of Social Work is your contact for specialist advice on the recognition of your achievements abroad for your studies (Learning Agreement): <https://soz.arb.h-da.de/studium/auslandsaufenthalte/auslandsbeauftragte>

Once a semester, an information event about the year abroad takes place as part of the study project week, at which the International Office as well as the international representative* and the head of degree program provide information and answer questions.

Asking is good - but who?

If you have any questions about a module, you can contact the module coordinators directly. The names of the module coordinators can be found in the course catalog in [my.h-da](#) - My University Portal

If you have any questions about the internship, please contact the internship department. <https://soz.arb.h-da.de/studium/rund-ums-studium/studienbegleitende-praxisphasen>

If you have any questions regarding examination law, please contact the examination board or the chairperson of the examination board.

<https://soz.arb.h-da.de/fachbereich/dekanat-und-gremien/pruefungsausschuesse>

Questions about the program as a whole will be answered by the program director.

<https://soz.arb.h-da.de/studium/studiengaenge/bachelor-soziale-arbeit>

The Dean of Studies accepts questions, criticism and suggestions regarding the range of courses and the organization of studies. <https://soz.arb.h-da.de/fachbereich/dekanat-und-gremien/dekanat>

Last but not least, you can also contact the Student Advisory Service.

soz.arb.plus-studieren@h-da.de

Incidentally, the student advisor is part of the Student Service Center and therefore does not report to the department or the student council.

Student co-determination and academic self-administration

As a student, you have opportunities and rights to represent your interests at the university and in the department. Your contact at the faculty is the student council. <https://soz.arb.h-da.de/fachschaftsrat>



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documents/Fachbereiche/Soziale_Arbeit/Studium/
Bachelor_Soziale_Arbeit/Studieninfo_Soziale_Arbeit.pdf](https://sozarb.h-da.de/fileadmin/documents/Fachbereiche/Soziale_Arbeit/Studium/Bachelor_Soziale_Arbeit/Studieninfo_Soziale_Arbeit.pdf)