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english

# **Social Work** B.A.

Faculty of Health Sciences

# Quick Overview

**Start of Studies**  
October 1

**Degree**  
Bachelor of Arts

**Study Models/Duration**  
Full-time: 6 semesters

**Practise**  
Internship

**Tuition Fees**  
450 euros/month

**Registration fee**  
100 euros

## Areas of employment

- Counseling centers, rehabilitation facilities, hospitals, youth welfare offices, health authorities, schools, educational institutions, daycare centers, child and youth welfare

## Overview

Social work stands for responsibility. It is consistently committed to the individual well-being and social participation. As a human rights profession, it strengthens people's self-determination and self-efficacy, promotes the health integrity of disadvantaged people, ensures the social cohesion of the community, fights against poverty and for social justice. To achieve this, social work needs well-trained professionals who are able to respond professionally to the challenges and crises of our times. Expertise, methodological skills, reflection skills and a respectful, strength-oriented attitude are the indispensable key qualifications for future social workers.

After completing the three-year Social Work degree program at the MSB, you will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree and full recognition as a state-recognized social worker/social pedagogue (B.A.) in accordance with the Social Professions Recognition Act (SozBAG). German language skills at level C1 of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) must be provided.

Study flexibly? With the modern concept of blended learning, a mixture of face-to-face study, virtual teaching and self-study, you can study both on the Berlin campus and at your personal favorite place of learning. Because our quality standard course in social work must have both. Without attendance students cannot be professionally supervised and content cannot be taught in a methodically diverse way. The exchange in groups and exercises in self-awareness must be experienced and reflected on campus. The social must be communicated socially.

Compatibility of job and studies? For a good theory-practice transfer, we encourage you to work in a social institution during your studies. Despite full-time study, the study periods are only three days a week. In addition, you are only on campus once a month during the so-called attendance week. The remaining three weeks are spent studying virtually at your favorite place of learning. You will have the best opportunities to work alongside your studies and choose your learning locations individually.

## Study content

Social work is a so-called related science - its science is made up of different disciplines and is enormously diverse. Accordingly, the course also has extremely varied and exciting curriculum content, which imparts comprehensive knowledge from these disciplines. This includes curricula from pedagogy and psychology, social sciences and sociology, medicine and health sciences or philosophy and law. You become familiar with numerous specialist topics and practice-oriented approaches, such as the basics of developmental psychology or socialization and learning theory, background information on mental illnesses, suicidal tendencies or the consequences of trauma, professional action in the context of early help, child protection and endangerment, methods of violence intervention or prevention approaches and concepts for designing inclusive education and support processes. The history of social work should not be missing from your learned repertoire. You will also get to know the legal foundations and issues of social policy or research approaches in gender studies and intersectionality. You are confronted with ethical, moral and cultural issues and need to develop a professional attitude. In addition, you will gain an overview of the practical fields and methods of social work (individual case work, social group work, community work) and learn the computer-aided application of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Social work consists mainly of communication and interaction. Language and conversation are therefore among the basic skills that social workers must master. MSB teaches you not only the basics of communication and therapy schools, but also specific techniques of systemic and solution-oriented

counselling or psychodynamic pedagogy. This will enable you to conduct difficult conversations and moderate collegial team meetings, lead multi-perspective case conferences, but also to apply methods of self-reflection. This also includes learning mindfulness techniques to maintain your own mental and emotional health. The social work degree program consists of a clear and logical sequence of modules that all students in the course complete. In addition, you can choose from a wide range of interdisciplinary elective modules available to you. This gives you the opportunity to give your studies an individual focus and knowledge in specific subject areas. The study-integrated practical semester (internship) is mandatory for all students in order to receive state recognition. It usually takes place at the end of your studies. During the internship, you will be supervised by a teacher and regularly take part in supervision groups.

## Career

The Social Work (B.A.) degree program gives you the opportunity to go straight into practice or continue your studies. Or both. Because the MSB Master's degree program allow you to combine studies and work, just like the Bachelor's degree program.

If you initially only want to go into practice, as a state-recognized social worker, any field of practice is open to you. Whether working with children, young people and families or with the elderly - You are needed everywhere. People with specific problems such as social-emotional impairments or disabilities, mental illnesses, addiction or delinquent behavior also need your help.

After completing the Bachelor's degree in Social Work, you can choose either the Master's degree in Social Work (M.A.) or the Master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology (M.Sc.).



## Admission

- Entitlement to study in accordance with § 10 BerlHG (general higher education entrance qualification, subject-specific higher education entrance qualification, entrance qualification for universities of applied sciences or comparable qualification) or
- Admission to higher education for vocationally qualified students according to § 11 BerlHG
- For foreign study applicants possibility of further studies according to § 11 BerlHG
- A pre-study internship of at least one month in a recognized social and healthcare institution

# Study Plan

## Moduls | Bachelor's program Social Work

Areas of expertise	Modules	Modules/Courses	Semester	CP*
Fundamentals of professional skills		<b>Social work studies</b>		
	M1	Introduction to Social Work Studies: history, theories and concepts	1	10
	M2	Framework conditions for social work: politics, society and economy	2	10
	M3	Heterogeneity and lifeworld orientation	3	5
	M4	Social work and health: interdisciplinary case and project work	6	5
		<b>Sum</b>		<b>30</b>
Interprofessional skills		<b>Reference sciences</b>		
	M5	An interdisciplinary view of the life course: the perspective of education and social work	1	10
	M6	An interdisciplinary view of the life course the perspective of medicine and psychology	2	10
	M7	Ethics	6	5
	M8	Law in social work and legal tutorials	3	15
	M9	Aesthetic education	6	5
	M10	Professional conduct and personal development	3	10
	M11	Trauma and crisis	4	5
		<b>Sum</b>		<b>60</b>
Discipline-specific skills		<b>Specialization and elective area</b>		
		<b>Choice of 2 from 4 subject areas</b>		
	M12a	Baby guides and other early support	4	5
	M12b	Systemic work and counseling	4	5
	M12c	Psychomotricity and experiential education	4	5
	M12d	Clinical social work and rehabilitation	4	5
		<b>Sum</b>		<b>10</b>
Practical skills		<b>Practise</b>		
	M13	Fields of practice and methods	3 - 4	10
	M14	Consulting skills	4	10
	M15	Internship support and reflection on practice	6	5
	M16	Internship	5	30
		<b>Sum</b>		<b>55</b>
Management and academic skills		<b>Research-based learning in social work</b>		
	M17	Scientific work	1	5
	M18	Empirical research methods in social work I + II	3	10
	M19	Bachelor thesis	6	10
		<b>Sum</b>		<b>25</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

\* CP – Credit Points





### About MSB Medical School Berlin

#### Our university - Interdisciplinary studies

MSB Medical School Berlin - University of Applied Sciences for Health and Medicine is a private, state-recognized university located in Rüdesheimer Straße in Berlin-Wilmersdorf. It was founded in 2012 by Managing Director Ilona Renken-Olthoff. Since then, numerous Bachelor's and Master's degree programs have been successfully accredited or reaccredited. Since 2020, MSB has also been offering the state examination course in human medicine at the Faculty of Medicine, which is special because it combines a university of applied sciences and a university with its three faculties. MSB focuses on a consistently interdisciplinary and interprofessional approach to teaching and research in order to train you as a health professional in the long term.

#### Our campus in Berlin - flourishing & developing

MSB offers a unique learning atmosphere with the campus in Rüdesheimer Strasse, the "Mecklenburgische Strasse" campus and the "Leipziger Platz" campus. The latest technology, modern interior design and an exciting university life with many events form the special all-round package. Blossom in a unique learning atmosphere in the heart of Berlin and develop yourself with a variety of opportunities for personal encounters and individual exchange in our university family.

### What we offer you

#### Your benefits at a glance

- a high-quality, innovative and interdisciplinary range of courses
- A broad network of expertise with companies and international universities
- Variable study models and family-friendliness
- a high quality of service and open, transparent cooperation
- NC-free entry to studies without tight application deadlines
- exclusive ambience and exciting campus life
- learning in small groups and a family atmosphere

#### We will be happy to advise you. Contact us so that we can arrange an appointment:

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