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| Discipline | Social Work |
| Degree Awarded | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) |
| Standard Length of Studies | 7 semesters |
| Special Form of Studies | Full-time |
| HEI | Katholische Fachhochschule Mainz (KFH Mainz) – Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences |
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| Accredited by | Accreditation Agency for Study Programmes in Special Education, Care, Health Sciences and Social Work (AHPGS) |
| Date of Accreditation | 15 February 2007 |
| Period of Accreditation | 30 September 2012 |
| Conditions | None |
| Profile of the Degree Programme | <p>The bachelor's degree programme in Social Work is offered by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences. It is a generalist-oriented course of study providing students with the fundamentals of social work and qualifying them to work as professionals in this field.</p> <p>The standard length of studies for the full-time programme is seven semesters. 110 students will be admitted to the programme for the first time in the winter semester of 2007/08 (starts in October). Students earn 210 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System), which also includes the practice modules. The workload for students is 6300 hours: 1785 hours of in-class learning and 4515 hours of self-study. Students earn 12 credits for the bachelor's thesis. One credit equals 30 hours of study workload. Students successfully completing the programme are awarded a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and also receive state certification as social workers and social pedagogues/social educators (Sozialarbeiter/in, Sozialpädagoge/in).</p> <p>The practice module (1020 hours in 30 weeks) is a training element that is integrated into the course of study and is regulated by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences, which provides study content, courses (mandatory preparatory modules in 2nd and 3rd semester), and teaching staff.</p> <p>Admission requirements for the bachelor's degree programme in Social Work is a General Higher Education Entrance Qualification (allgemeine Hochschulreife) or a variation thereof (Fachhochschulreife). Students must also show proof of at least 12 weeks of work practice in an internship completed before studies. The internship must be related to social work and should give students insight into the profession.</p> |
| Summarised Evaluation | <p>After reviewing the submitted accreditation application and conducting an inspection at the University of Applied Sciences (peer review), the AHPGS Commission voted in favour of unconditional accreditation.</p> <p>The bachelor's degree programme in Social Work is a course of study combining the research skills, academic</p> |

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| | <p>education and professional training needed for meeting the demands of social work as a professional field.</p> <p>This programme offered by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences has a strong practice-oriented profile. The ongoing practical work implemented in practice units, during which students are closely guided by specialised advisors, ensures that students will perform well during the practice phase and facilitates the transition from studies to professional work. The higher education institution tailors its academic guidance to the special needs of students who have practical placements outside the region or who are studying abroad.</p> <p>Teachers integrate ongoing research projects into teaching and coursework. The discipline's development keeps pace with the latest developments in the field of social work through the integration of practical research.</p> <p>The University of Applied Sciences has a relatively small budget for books and for continuing and further education for its staff. It recommends that students use the University of Mainz's library and special collections in the region (in Frankfurt am Main, for example).</p> |
| Web Page | www.kfh-mainz.de -> Studienangebot -> Soziale Arbeit |
| Further Information | <u>Additional information</u> regarding this degree programme may be found in the Higher Education Compass of HRK. |