

Discipline	Social Work – counselling and management
Degree Awarded	Master of Arts
Standard Length of Studies	3 semesters
Special Form of Studies	Full-time
HEI	Katholische Fachhochschule Mainz (KFH Mainz) – Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences
Faculty/Department	Social Work
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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	<p>- The selection criteria for admission to the master's degree programme must be precisely stated. Criteria specifying qualification and personal suitability must especially be clearly defined. This has already been achieved for the Diplom and bachelor's degree programmes in Social Work.</p> <p>- The master's level of academic study must be made more distinct in the Module Handbook and module descriptions according to the qualification guidelines for German higher education degrees (decided on 21 April 2005).</p>
Profile of the Degree Programme	<p>The master's degree programme in Social Work – Counselling and Management replaces the Diploma degree programme in Social Work offered by the Department of Social Work of Mainz University of Applied Sciences (last admission to the Diplom degree programme in 2006, graduation in the summer semester of 2010).</p> <p>The master's degree programme builds on the bachelor's degree programme in Social Work offered at the same higher education institution. It has a strong practice-oriented profile and focuses on ideas and theories relating to the practice of social work while integrating practice-oriented research.</p> <p>The master's degree programme in Social Work – Counselling and Management is a full-time programme for 30 students. The standard length of studies is three semesters. The programme is expected to begin in the summer semester of 2011 at the latest (starts in April). The programme has 90 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). The study workload is 2700 hours: 750 hours of in-class learning and 1950 hours of self-study. Students earn 18 credits for completing the master's dissertation. Applicants holding a bachelor's degree or another first university degree in Social Work or a related field must have attended a degree programme with more than 180 credits. Should the bachelor's degree programme have only 180 credits, then applicants must fulfil the requirements for an additional 30 credits (for more information, please contact Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences).</p>

	<p>The master's degree programme in Social Work – Counselling and Management consists of 12 modules. 9 of these modules last one semester, while 3 last two semesters (including the master's dissertation).</p> <p>Students become familiar with the fundamentals of counselling in the 8th semester (counting from the first semester of undergraduate studies, meaning the 1st semester of graduate studies), gain an understanding of supervising in the 9th semester (2nd semester of graduate studies), and choose an area of specialisation and differentiation in either counselling or case management in the 10th semester (3rd semester of graduate studies). Counselling and management are treated as fundamental professional skills of social work, and their various discourses and fields of practice are an integral part of the programme. The programme does not focus on skills limited to a single field of practice, but instead teaches counselling and management skills combined with both a general framework of knowledge and task-specific knowledge. Students are thus prepared for the variety of tasks they will face as professionals.</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 accreditation under certain conditions.</p> <p>The master's degree programme in Social Work – Counselling and Management is a course of study combining the research skills, academic education and professional training needed for meeting the demands of social work as a professional field.</p> <p>This master's degree programme offered by Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences has a strong practice-oriented profile.</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. The programme is therefore sensitive to the needs of the labour market. The higher education institution is primarily responsible for an academic qualification and, through the master's degree programme, enables qualified students to pursue a doctorate. In order to achieve and strengthen this goal, Mainz Catholic University of Applied Sciences works toward continuing its research activities.</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> <p>The Accreditation Commission complies to the accreditation</p>

	<p>experts' vote and has therefore declared that the completion of this programme provides graduates with access to 'higher civil/public service career paths' ('höhere Dienst') in Germany (in accordance with the decision of the Standing Conference of German Ministers of the Interior, IMK, from 6 July 2002, and the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany, KMK, from 24 May 2002). As the ministry involved in the accreditation process has not reached a final decision at this point in time, the Commission has decided to grant accreditation prior to this decision and will make any necessary adjustments to the accreditation at a later date. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Family and Women's Issues of Rhine-Palatinate confirmed in a letter from 9 July 2007 that the successful completion of the master's degree offered by this HEI is an accepted qualification for access to 'higher civil/public service career paths' ('höhere Dienst').</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.