

H 704 Social Work Ethics

2 hrs per week/4 credits

Social Work Ethics – Comparative Perspectives

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In this bilingual (English/German) course, students will discuss aspects of professional ethics of social work. The students will address the normative dimension of social work as one of its central, structural elements. By learning to deal with questions of value and conflicts of values, they will strengthen their future professional competences. Given the often contradictory demands of their daily professional work, the students will address theoretical approaches which are aimed at the normative dimension of social work and will consider their content and rationale and their relevance to professional explanatory models and strategies for action.

The key features are:

- Overview of central ethical concepts and approaches
- Social work as human rights work
- Introduction to professional ethics in social work
- Intercultural ethics
- Ethical dilemmas in social work

As incoming students from our partner universities will be likely to join this course, an international exchange of experience is ensured.

Different methods of bilingual teaching will be applied so that the course is eligible for all students.

Examination:

The examination consists of an extended essay. The examination requirement is to deal with a topic typical for the module and with reference to the topic of other modules.

The extended essay is to be written during the semester or by the end of the examination period.

Total workload in the semester: 100 hrs

Contact time: 2 hours per week = 30 hrs

Independent study: 30 hrs

Examination time (including time for revision): 40 hrs