

# *SOCIAL WORK > SOCIAL PROJECTS > SOCIAL RESEARCH > SOCIAL MANAGEMENT*

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**B**oth social services and the degree of social involvement have increased greatly over the past years: people finding themselves in critical or precarious circumstances need the help of social workers. Added to this, the social impacts of new lifestyles, a changing world of work, and economic crises, are all leading to an expected increase in the need for social services.

The course combines theoretical knowledge and practical application from the first to the sixth semester, covering various fields of action such as social work with families and youth welfare, health and illness, social work with the elderly, or international and intercultural social work. Our students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge in specific fields by completing field placements, internships and two bachelor's theses. Interdisciplinary classes are designed to familiarise them with individual fields of social activity on a problem-oriented basis.

*“The internships and practical fields of action on the Social Work programme helped me to prepare for the world of work. I also have a solid theoretical grounding and understanding of the interdisciplinary nature of the subject.”*

Sascha Lang, BA, MA, Graduate

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## **FACTS**

- Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (BA)
- Full-time
- 6 semesters / 180 ECTS
- 55 places per year
- Language of instruction: German
- Head of Degree Programme:  
FH-Prof. DSA Mag. Dr. Gertraud Pantucek
- FH JOANNEUM Graz

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## CAREER PROSPECTS

Our graduates offer professional advice and care to people in psychosocial need. They work as social workers with families and children, with adults and the elderly in self-help groups, advisory centres, at outpatient and in-patient institutions, with offenders on probation and with the homeless. Other professional areas include social work in organisations, staff management in companies, social marketing and lobbying on behalf of the psychosocially disadvantaged. Our graduates can specialise further on the master degree programme in Social Work at FH JOANNEUM.

*“Social work is a diverse and challenging activity. The solid grounding I received in the subject at FH JOANNEUM, paired with my social skills, provide me with the basis for working professionally with people in difficult circumstances and problem situations.”*

Mag. (FH) Ulrike Hütter-Jahnel,  
Graduate

CURRICULUM: 180 ECTS (30 ECTS pro Semester)

| 1st semester                            | 2nd semester                            | 3rd semester                         | 4th semester                            | 5th semester                                  | 6th semester                                  |   |                                  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Social Work / Social Pedagogy<br>3 ECTS | Social Work / Social Pedagogy<br>3 ECTS | Learning and Researching<br>6 ECTS   | Sociology Basics<br>13 ECTS             | Social Policy and Social Philosophy<br>3 ECTS | Sociology Basics<br>2 ECTS                    |   |                                  |
| Biography and Life Worlds<br>3 ECTS     | Biography and Life Worlds<br>3 ECTS     |                                      |   | Bachelor's Thesis 2<br>2 ECTS                 | Social Policy and Social Philosophy<br>3 ECTS |   |                                  |
| Methods of Social Work<br>4 ECTS        | Methods of Social Work<br>3 ECTS        | Sociology Basics<br>5 ECTS           |   | Legal Basics<br>3 ECTS                        | Bachelor's Thesis 2<br>6 ECTS                 |   |                                  |
|   | Legal Basics<br>2 ECTS                  |                                      |   | Fields of Action<br>3 ECTS                    |   |   |                                  |
| Legal Basics<br>4 ECTS                  | Working in/with Organisations<br>3 ECTS | Methods of Social Work<br>3 ECTS     |   | Methods of Social Work<br>4 ECTS              | English / Health Care Systems<br>1 ECTS       | Legal Basics<br>5 ECTS                  |                                  |
| Working in/with Organisations<br>3 ECTS | Fields of Action<br>3 ECTS              | Bachelor's Thesis 1<br>6 ECTS        |   |   | Internship<br>18 ECTS                         | Working in/with Organisations<br>9 ECTS |                                  |
| Fields of Action<br>9 ECTS              | IT<br>1 ECTS                            |                                      | Working in/with Organisations<br>2 ECTS |   |   |   | Project<br>7 ECTS                |
|   | English / Communication 2<br>2 ECTS     | Project<br>2 ECTS                    |   |   |   |   |                                  |
|   | IT<br>2 ECTS                            | Internship<br>10 ECTS                | Fields of Action<br>3 ECTS              |   |   |   | Fields of Action<br>3 ECTS       |
| English / Communication 1<br>2 ECTS     |   |                                      | IT<br>1 ECTS                            |   |   |   | English / Case Studies<br>2 ECTS |
|   |   | English / Academic Writing<br>2 ECTS |   |   |   |   |                                  |