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Our **Bachelor of Social Work Programme** prepares students for the first level of professional practice. BSW graduates are aware of the complexity and dynamics of social systems and of human behaviour. They are committed to values and ethics of social work and act according to the principles of social justice. Social workers promote the development of democratic social relations and social integration. Their goal is to help establish and preserve harmony between the person and the social environment, to prevent and treat destructive social tensions, conflicts and problems by responding the needs of the individuals, families and communities.

The **7-semester** programme, following the requirements of the Bologna process, started in September, 2008.

### Major modules during the first 6 semesters:

Theory and practice of social work (major fields and methods)

Social policy

Social studies (sociology, economics)

Social law and administration

Psychology

Public health

Education, special pedagogy

Information technology,

Students are required to spend the **7th semester on placement** with client systems of various types and sizes depending on their personal interests.

### Admittance:

Students are admitted on the basis of their GCE results in Hungarian Language and Literature/Mathematics/Social Studies/History/a foreign language. A further requirement is a basic (C) or intermediate level (A, B) state language exam in any languages except Latin or Esperanto. For those students whose studies are not financed by the state the tuition fee is 125.000HUF/semester.

### Employment:

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The demand for social workers in the labour market is on the increase. Social workers can be employed in various social services in the field of child and youth protection, family help centres, in streetwork and in crisis centres. They are key members of rehabilitation teams in elderly care, in provisions for persons with learning disabilities, in shelters for homeless persons, and in psychiatric institutions.

There are a number of NGO-s where social workers' skills are essential: charity organizations, ecological organizations, ethnic minority local governments etc.

## Social Work (Masters)

Specializations: Advanced General Social Work/ Clinical Social Work/

The professional obtaining a Master in Social Work is active in strengthening democratic relations, working out alternatives to a wide variety of social problems; plan, implement and monitor social services. An MSW may pursue Ph. D studies.

### Admittance:

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a related field is a condition. Compensatory courses may be required depending on the differences between BSW and the applicants' baccalaureate degree. Admission is based on prior academic achievements, personal maturity, conceptual abilities and personal commitment to the profession of social work.

### Core competencies:

Awareness of the dynamics of various social systems: the society, local communities, groups and families

Ability to explore the needs of persons or communities in disadvantageous social positions and provide a critical analysis on the emerging social problems

Comprehensive knowledge on the contemporary practice of social work

Knowledge on research methods, procedures and techniques

Capacity to integrate theory and practice in Social Work

A Master of Social Work is

- able to determine and accomplish organizational and administrative tasks to promote the work of the given organization
- to monitor and evaluate social services
- to analyze social and professional processes that determine conditions of social work
- to perform the practical tasks on the basis of the research results
- to plan, manage and realize intervention processes
- to assume leadership, manage an institution and plan social services
- to plan and implement research
- to formulate an expert opinion
- to work in international projects
- to make presentations
- to work independently in the social sector

### Personal gifts and skills:

Empathy

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Social sensitivity

Communication skills

The ability to work effectively in an interdisciplinary team

To share professional knowledge in scholarly activities

The ability to make decisions

Problem-solving capacity

### **Main modules:**

Theories of Social Work and Social Policy (theoretical models, international and European perspectives; social work methods in various client systems, organizational settings and research)

Social Work and Social Sciences (sociological, economic, legal, psychological, political and communication theories that have a major impact on social work theories)

### **Specializations:**

Advanced General Social Work:

Major fields of Social Work: poverty, exclusion, addictions, labour and employment, counselling); client systems and methodology

Clinical Social Work: prevention, treatment of crisis, rehabilitation, mental health, community provisions, self-help, volunteering. Client systems and methodology in clinical social work

Students are required to spend 300 hours on **placement**. This type of practical training should enable students to integrate theoretical, methodological and practical knowledge and skills and acquire core competencies. A further requirement is an intermediate level (C) state language exam in any of the EU languages.

### **Master of Social Policy**

**Specializations: General Social Policy, Regional Social Policy**

A Master of Social Policy is able to participate in shaping social and societal policies, contribute to the effective work of social provisions. The social politician is committed to articulating and representing social interests. An MSP may undertake scholarly activities and may pursue Ph.D. studies.

### **Admittance:**

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in a related field is a condition. Compensatory courses may be required. Admission is based on prior academic achievements, personal maturity, conceptual abilities and personal commitment to the social professions.

### **Core competencies:**

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Awareness on the rules of operation of the society, economy, politics, state and law

Awareness of the factors that inhibit the just and functional distribution of resources to meet the needs of various social groups

Knowing effective ways to enforce human and citizen rights on the basis of social justice

Comprehensive knowledge on recent theoretical and methodological improvements in social policy

Knowledge on the operation and dynamics of national and international systems of social policy; ways to transform and improve social political institutions and means; the basic principles of social security, family support systems and complementary insurance forms.

Understanding the interrelatedness of the provisions in social security and protection

An MSW is prepared

- for the scholarly interdisciplinary analysis of social processes
- to evaluate the effectiveness of social political measures and its public reception
- to analyze the factors influencing social policy
- to analyze and identify social needs, problems and risks
- to plan, implement and manage intervention processes and special policy decisions
- to organize and develop communities and represent their interests for social administrative tasks
- to organize and manage social provisions
- to contribute to the establishment and management of social organizations
- to plan, implement and manage research projects
- to share professional knowledge

### **Personal gifts and skills:**

Empathy, social sensitivity

The ability to identify values and interests as well as manage own interests in a professional manner

The ability to work independently and creatively

The ability to work in interdisciplinary and international teams

The ability of reasoning, rational analysis, problem solving and decision making

Advanced communication skills in various settings

### **Main modules:**

Theories of Social Policy (historical and contemporary models in social policy, sociological, economic, legal and political theories influencing social political theories.)

Theories of Societal and Social Policy: societal and social political perspectives and measures, models of change, historical, public political argumentation, comparing various systems in social policy, social policy in the EU, methods of research and analysis, planning and policy making, public social services and management.

### **General Social Policy:**

Complex analysis of societal and social political systems (social income transfers, social services, labour policies and other systems); complex analysis of social problems and social measures taken (poverty, social exclusion, age and gender, employment) social political project (individual work in planning and analysis on placement)

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### **Regional Social Policy:**



The social role of regional factors (in the society, economy and employment). Social disadvantages and regional aspects. Policy making, management and public services in regional and local settings. Complex analysis in regional development and regional services. (Regional developmental policies and means. Rural development, human resource development. Regional, micro-regional and settlement social policy. Methods in regional development and social policy.) Social policy project (individual work in planning and analysis on placement.)

**Placement:** project work in 240 hours at a placement to enable students to integrate theoretical, methodological and practical knowledge and skills and acquire core competencies of the profession.

A further requirement is an intermediate level (C) state language exam in one of the EU languages.

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