Course Specifications
Valid in the academic year 2018-2019

Social Work Internship in Belgium (H002183)

Course size
Credits 27.0
Study time 810 h
Contact hrs 550.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (year) Dutch
seminar 30.0 h
integration seminar 20.0 h
work placement 500.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Social Work and Social Welfare Studies

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Internship, social work practice

Position of the course
This course is situated in the ‘preparatory courses’ social work. The internship mainly
aims at creating greater insight into a concrete social work practice and to bridge this
practice with theoretical social work and social-pedagogy perspectives.
This internship is not only about ‘exercising professional competencies and skills’. Yet
foremost, this internship is about creating bridges from the internship and concrete
social work practice towards theory. These mutual linkages between theory and
practice is the central point in this internship. As such, the social work practice is linked
to the overall social work curriculum, both in the starting points of social work and in its
perspective onto professionalization.

Contents
This course consists of a long individual internship in Belgium.

The practical training social work consists of five major points of special interest.
A first one is “concept-orientation”, i.e. the practical training social intervention is based
on a concrete pedagogical problem, and not in the first instance on a practical training
vacancy. The student in consultation with the practical training vacancy chooses this
problem.
The problem is made explicit in such a way that it can fit in with the policy of the
practical training vacancy. This is the second point of special interest. The students
have to make a critical analysis of a social policy process and a social political theme in
relation to a specific social work or social pedagogical practice.
The third point of special interest relates to the motivation for the chosen problem with
respect to its social and scientific relevance. This motivation is personal. The second
and third points of interest can be closely interrelated in this sense.
The fourth point of interest concerns the individual task description, i.e. the trainee is
expected to make a clearly recognisable contribution within the elaboration of the
function of the co-operation with the practical training. Guideline in this is that it must be
possible that the practical training - ideally - also involves a form of extra activity or
manpower for the practical training vacancy.
The fifth point of interest is deepening the intervention knowledge, i.e. it must be
possible to situate the practical training problem and experience within the literature
and research information available, as well as within similar experience. The practical
training also inherently involves practice in intervention skills, i.e. the student must be encouraged to develop his/her competence to work as a professional in the social intervention domain.

Initial competences

Final competences
1. The students are able to reflect in a critical manner on the social work practice.
2. Making an agogic research question: the process towards a clearly defined research question to study a social work practice.
3. To be able to show the social and scientific relevance of the research.
4. Communicating with the social work practice and being able to communicate the research results towards the social work practice.
5. Relating the research with agogic theory building.

Conditions for credit contract
This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods
Integration seminar, work placement, seminar, self-reliant study activities

Learning materials and price
Estimated Cost: 50 EUR
In relation to the internship

References
In relation to the internship

Course content-related study coaching
- Interactive support using MINERVA.
- By appointment.
- Feedback moments

Evaluation methods
continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Job performance assessment, report

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Calculation of the examination mark
The evaluation is based on:
- active participation and reflections during the supervision meetings
- evaluation of the internship by the internship mentor in the social work practice
- report about the internship in which the student shows the ability to reflect on the internship and to bridge the practical experiences with theoretical frameworks in social work
- individual feedback with university internship mentor

Students who eschew one or more parts of the evaluation can no longer pass the course. Final scores will be reduced to the highest non-deliberative quotation (7/20) in case the final score is higher.