Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Course

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

Master of Science in Sociology

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Teaching languages

English

Keywords

applied sociology

Position of the course

- The internship aims to develop competences in applied sociology. Applied sociology is defined as performing sociological activities within a non-academic context, including for example:
  • Research based policy implementation (including, for example, interventions and social programs by governmental and non-governmental actors).
  • Research based policy advice
  • Performing research as a step in policy implementation and evaluation
  • Dissemination of research based knowledge to non-academic organizations and citizens
- To becoming an applied sociologist, the internship aims at improving:
  • insight in behavioral / social change (based on sociological knowledge)
  • insight in real-life situations (e.g. understanding school drop out, living in poverty, etc.)
  • insight in organizational logics and practices (e.g. implementation of programs aimed at intervention)
  • non-academic communications skills (e.g. writing a report for the local organization)
  • competencies in performing research or other academic activities such as organizing conferences or workshops in a non-academic context

Contents

Students choose between two internship types
- type 1: International internship via the AIESEC volunteering program (main option)
- type 2: International internship in applied research institutions in the field of Higher Education, Health or Migration (optional; and conditional upon agreement with internship supervisor of the Sociology Department).

Initial competences

Students have to be a bachelor in sociology (or equivalent bachelor degrees), or have successfully followed the preparatory program Master in Sociology (or the 'schakelprogramma' in Sociology).

Final competences

1 To develop a scientific arguement vis-a-vis actual societal phenomena and problems.

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2 To set up and execute a complex (research) project.
3 Perform and report scientific activities in a deontologically correct manner.

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
Project, work placement

Extra information on the teaching methods
Students participate in internships under the supervision of a local organizer (NGO, governmental or research institute).
Students have the opportunity to co-direct the internship project.
Students write a report to document and reflect upon their internship activities.

Learning materials and price

References

Course content-related study coaching
The students get supervision and feedback by an academic supervisor and a local organizer.

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

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

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

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Report

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

Extra information on the examination methods
The evaluation consists of two parts:
- the activities (i.e. week reports during the internship, also documented in a final report)
- reflection (sociological reflection on the internship activities)

Calculation of the examination mark
50% on activities
50% on reflection

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