

Protestant University of Applied
Sciences Berlin (EHB)

English-taught Courses*

Summer Semester 2024 (April – July)

Study Program**	Course Title	Lecturer ↓	ECTS
B. A. Social Work	Intersectional Feminisms in Transnational Contexts	Bhimji, F.	3
B. A. Social Work	Germany's Welfare System and Social Policy	Buzoianu, C.	3
B. A. Social Work	Clinical Social Work	Caton, S.	3
M. A. Counselling in Social Work	Normative Framework for Professional Counseling	Dick, J.	3
B. A. Social Work	Green Social Work	Karakayali, J.	3
B. A. Social Work/ Childhood Edu.	Language Acquisition and Multilingualism	Naujok, N.	3
B. A. Social Work	Child Protection in the Context of Migration	Sauer, S.	3
B. A. Social Work	Human Rights	Schniederjahn, N.	3
B. A. Social Work	Introduction to Theories of Social Work	Streck, R.	3
All Programs	Transcultural Studies	TBA	3
All Programs	German Course for Beginners	TBA	3
		<i>Total ECTS</i>	33

* All courses are subject to change; updated on January 15th, 2024.

** Incoming students can select all listed courses, notwithstanding their own study program.

Course Descriptions

Intersectional Feminisms in Transnational Contexts (Bhimji, F.)

Description to follow

Germany's Welfare System and Social Policy (Buzoianu, C.)

The course gives an introduction into the different integral parts of the German Welfare State and its policies. We will discuss social security systems, such as health care or pension insurance. After learning about the social policies of Germany, the course will make comparisons to the social systems of other countries in order to put them into an international perspective.

Clinical Social Work (Caton, S.)

*Clinical social work is a field of specialization in social work practice. Comparable to the discipline of clinical psychology in the science of psychology. In the USA, clinical social work has been a field of specialization since the late 1960s, and was formally recognized by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) in 1987. Widely unknown in Germany until the end of the 1990s. It wasn't until the year 2000 when the first Masters programs first began in Germany after the "Deutschen Gesellschaft für Sozialarbeit" (DGSA) initialized a workgroup involving Socialwork scientist and practitioners. As it was recognized that in Germany the generalist oriented social work practice had reached its limits. Especially, in the area of social work in the health sector a new expertise was needed. Social workers were **being increasingly called upon to work with an array of "hard-to-reach" multi-problem individuals, families, and small groups with severe psychosocial dysfunctioning.** The DGSA workgroup recommended newer social work competences and qualifications within the discipline of Social Work. Based on the American Model of Clinical Social Work. Clinical Social Work in Germany (Klinische Sozialarbeit) has been modified to German societal structures and needs. Its interventions include but are not limited to: to interpersonal interactions, intrapsychic dynamics, and life-support and management issues. Clinical social work services in Germany consist of a psychosocial diagnosis, psychosocial treatment, including social therapy, and counseling.*

*This course is an introduction to the basics of Clinical Social Work, its methods and **psychosocial treatment.** Exemplary, we'll deal with the Berliner Mental Health Services and the psychosocial treatment of those individuals with a severe mental illness.*

Normative Framework for Professional Counseling (Dick, J.)

Description to follow

Green Social Work (Karakayali, J.)

The ecological crisis makes action in all areas of society necessary - including social work. In this course we will look at different approaches that combine social work and ecology. For this we will get to know concepts like environmental racism, green social work and ecological justice. We will investigate how poverty and climate change are connected, what climate change has to do with colonialism and why peaceful climate protests are currently so strongly criminalized. In addition, we will look for connections between e. g. ecological and socio-political demands, which will enable us to include ecology as a cross-cutting issue in social work practice.

Language Acquisition and Multilingualism (Naujok, N.)

Description to follow

Child Protection in the Context of Migration (Sauer, S.)

Description to follow

Human Rights (Schniederjahn, N.)

The seminar provides an opportunity to gain a comprehensive overview of human rights issues, discuss them and explore their relevance to social work practice and beyond. First, international human rights protection will be presented, with an introduction to the most important international treaties and institutions. In addition, we look at the human rights protection system in Europe and Germany and take an in-depth look at children's rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Furthermore, specific topics such as the right to education, the right to housing and the right to asylum will be addressed. Within the framework of an interactive learning environment, there is the opportunity to contribute one's own experiences and perspectives as well as to develop a deeper understanding of the significance of human rights in social work through discussions, group work and case analyses.

Introduction to Theories of Social Work (Streck, R.)

The seminar content provides a basic introduction to social pedagogical thinking and practical challenges of social work. For this purpose, we deal with definitions of social work as well as different goals that are discussed in the theoretical debate. Theories of life-world orientation as well as the reference to human rights in social work will be deepened. The students have the opportunity to analyze their own pedagogical and biographical experiences in light of the theories discussed. The seminar will alternate between text work, input, as well as group work and exercises.

Transcultural Studies (TBA)

Description to follow

German Course for Beginners (TBA)

Language class for German A1 level