
International Master's Program in Comparative Social Work

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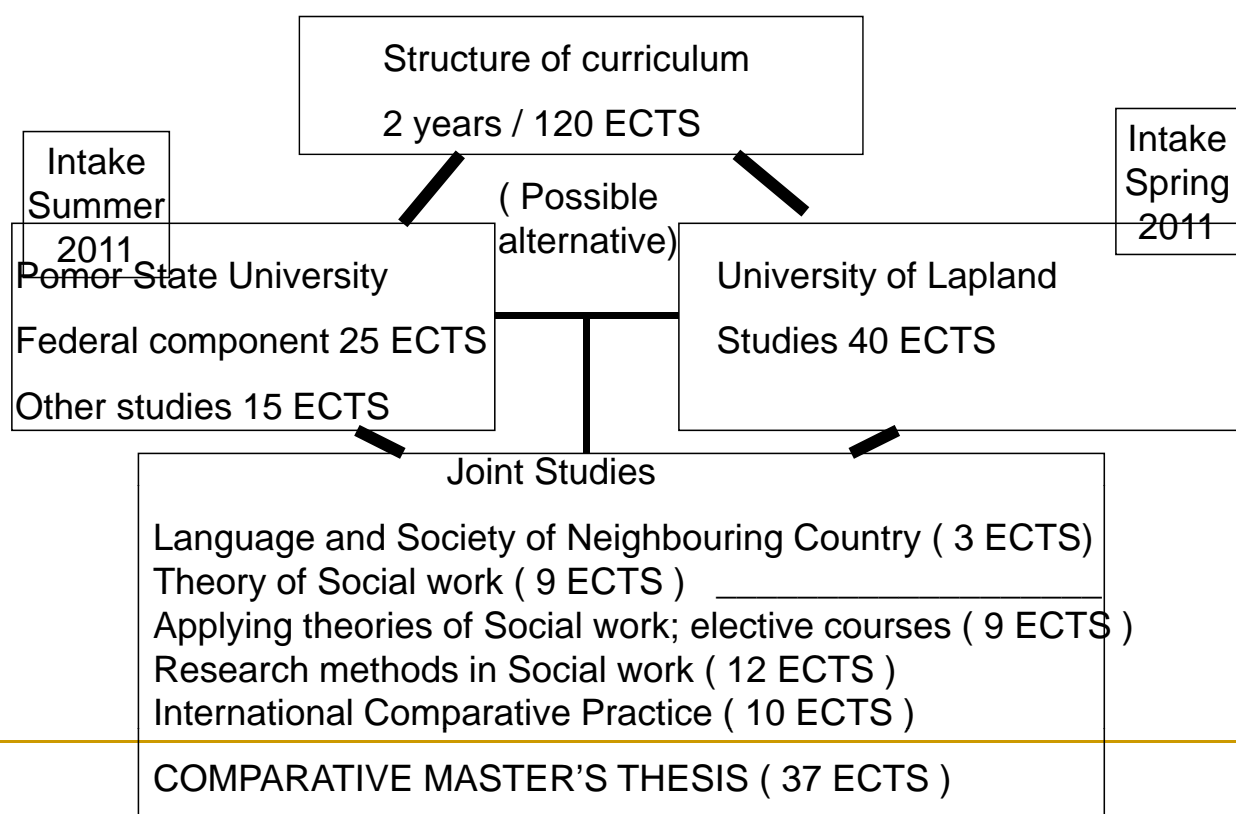
CSW: Partner Institutions and Responsible Units

- Full partner: Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social Work at the University of Lapland
 - Full partner: Faculty of Social Work at the Pomor State University (NArFU= Northern Arctic Federal University)
 - Associate partners: Karelian State Pedagogical University, Petrozavodsk State University, Northern State Medical University, Murmansk Humanities Institute, Murmansk State Humanities University, Murmansk State Technical University and the University of Oulu
 - Stronger role of associate partners?
 - Collaboration between Russian partners? Own workgroup, as "a working mitten"
 - Distributions of the work and responsibilities?
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First Master's Degree in Comparative Social Work : A Pilot Programme (2009-2011)

- The university of Lapland: The intake of the students was 10, 5 approved and 4 started to study, in 2010 3 is still studying (1 from Pakistan and 2 from Russia)
- The Pomor State University: all the Russian students are from Arkangel, no students from Murmansk and Petrozavodsk, the intake was 10, in 2010 4 is still studying (done the practise in Finland), and 2 students are coming to do the practise if they get the finance from the Pomor State University
- Pomor take care of travelling expenses of the students and Lay of accomodation, meals, supervision,

Implementation of CSW 2009-2010



The agreement concerning implementation of CSW: content

- Partners
 - Responsibilities
- Background/Framework of Collaboration (general BCBU-agreement signed in 2007)
- Purpose/Objective/Scope of the Agreement
- Program/The Module within the Programme in Collaboration
- Degrees and Diploma Supplements (only faculties have the authority of awarding degree certificates)
- Decision-making concerning the Content of Program/the Module
- Students (selection)
- Teachers
- Intellectual property rights

- => The Content of the agreement has to be very carefully planned and negotiated (shared understanding of aims)

Challenges in Collaboration (I)

- Shared understanding of Social Work
- Shared understanding of doing research (methods, qualitative/quantitative, rules of scientific writing)
- Finance and resources (Kolarctic ENPI, Tempus, SYMO-project; extra funding for development work; First- exchange)
- Commitment (staff changes, English language requirements for teachers, no extra salary)
- Confidentiality ("from speeches to action")
- HOW THE UNIVERSITIES SUPPORT AND FINANCE THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS??

Nex Steps and Challenges

- Agreement on joint Master's programs leading to joint/double degrees between BCBU agreement sign 2007 and Agreement on CSW signed in 2010
 - Study guide 2011- 2013
 - Virtual campus? (ENPI?)
 - Study material
 - Responsibles and distiribution of work by teachers
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Next Steps and Challenges

- Quality assurance handbook (consolidation of study recuirements, master's thesis, grades)
 - New round of marketing in autumn 2010
 - Next selection of students spring 2011
 - New begining september 2011
Ph.D programme (a new application to get funding: Sweden, Norway)
 - Stronger role of associate partners
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- Thank you!
