

# International Master's Program in Comparative Social Work

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## Results and challenges

- Application of masters program to the ministry of education February (Done)
- Guide for students
  - The draft of curriculum is ready ( March 2008 )
  - Information on institutions ready March 2008 )
  - Finishing the guidelines for scientific writing and practice training may 2008
- Discussions and corrections of the curriculum, specification of study material and literature during March and April 2009
- The whole draft of the guide for students is ready may 2008 ( Approval of the curriculum )
- Calculations of costs and a draft of the budget for studies 2009 and 2010, may 2008
- Courses
  - Four on line courses are ready august 2008
- Leaflets for marketing September 2008
- Criteria and defining of the process of the student selection October 2008
- Marketing ( common marketing strategy ) November 2008
- Selection of students march 2009
- Editing study material 2009-2010 spring 2009
- An implementation agreement between universities is needed March 2009 ?
- Beginning of teaching September 2009
- Internal evaluation and further development of curriculum

# Content of Study Guide for Students

- Information on institutions
- Special information for students
- Content of studies
- Guidelines of academic writing
- Guidelines of practice training and supervision
  - Study guide is a part of quality assurance and self- evaluation systems

## Content of information on the institutions

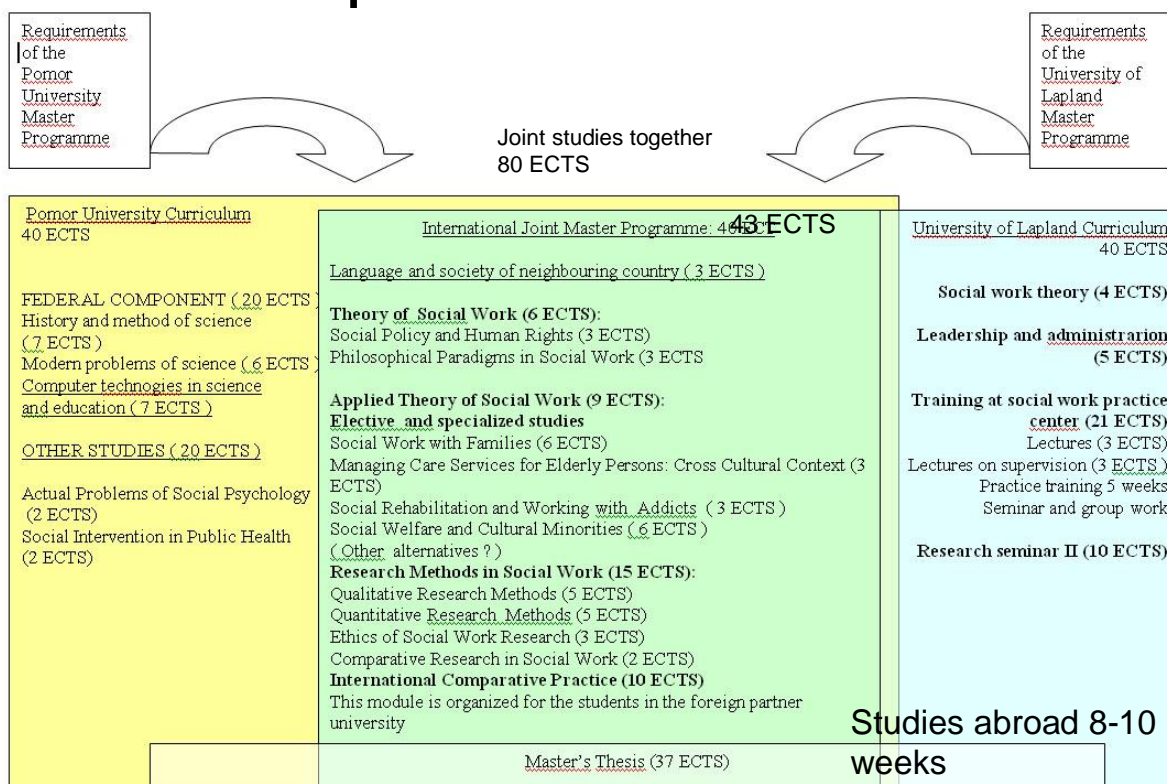
- Names and addresses
- Academic calendar
- Academic authorities and administration
- General descriptions of the institutions
- Admission/registration procedures
- Registration
- Enrolment as an attending or non-attending student
- Services for the students of BCBU
- Main university regulations
- ECTS institutional co-ordinator
- General information for students

# General information for students

## General information for students

- Cost of living
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Medical facilities
- Facilities for special needs students
- Insurance
- Financial support for students
- Student affairs office
- Study facilities
- International programmes
- Practical information for mobile students
- Language courses
- Internships
- Sports facilities
- Extra-mural and leisure activities
- Student associations

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# Schedule of Courses: joint and home university studies 2009 / 10

Period	University of Lapland	Joint studies
1. Period 1.9. - 30.10. (15 ECTS)	Leadership and Administration 5 ECTS Social Work Theories 2 ECTS	Language and Society in Neighbouring Country 3 ECTS Comparative Research in Social Work 2 ECTS Philosophical Paradigms in Social Work 3 ECTS
2. Period 1.11. – 20.12. (19 ECTS)	Social Work Theories 2 ECTS	Applied Theory of Social Work 9 ECTS Ethics of Social Work and its Research 3 ECTS Quantitative Research methods 5 ECTS
3. Period 8.1. – 14.3. (14 ECTS)	Lectures on SW Practice 3 ECTS Lectures on Supervision 3 ECTS SW Practice Training 5 ECTS	Social Policy and Human Rights - Theoretical winter school 3 ECTS
4. Period 15.3. – 30.5. (16 ECTS)	SW Practice Training 5 ECTS Lectures on International SW 1 ECTS	International Comparative Practice 10 ECTS

# Courses 2010 / 11

	University of Lapland	Joint studies
Period 5. Period 1.8.-31.8. (5 ECTS)		Qualitative Research Methods - Methodological Summer School 5 ECTS
1. Period 1.9. – 30.10. (14 ECTS)	Integration Seminar 4 ECTS Research Seminar 10 ECTS	
2. Period 1.11. - 20.12. (7 ECTS)		Planning of Master's thesis 7 ECTS
3. Period 8.1 – 14.3. (14 ECTS)		Master's theses under Supervision 14 ECTS
4. Period 15.3. – 30.5 (16 ECTS)	Comparative	Master's theses 16 ECTS

Year 2009/10: 64 ECTS    Year 2010/11: 56 ECTS = 120 ECTS

# Social work theories

- Course code:
- Type of course: Lectures
- Year of study: first year
- Semester: 1. period
- Number of credits: 2 ECTS
- Objectives of the course:
- Content:
- Recommended reading
- Teaching methods:
  - Lectures 16 hours
  - Journal or essay
- Assessment: Journal or essay
- Grading: 1-5/F

# Ethics of social work and research

- Course code:
- Type of course: Lectures, students group work in internet and analysing internet material
- Year of study: First year
- Semester: 2. Period
- Number of credits: 3 ECTS
- Objectives of studies
- Content
- Recommended reading:
  - Home country
  - Internet
  - International literature
- Teaching methods
  - Lectures
  - Student's work in their own international discussion groups in internet
  - Journal or essay
- Assessment: Essay

# Teaching methods

- Internet based courses: planned and carried out in close association with partner universities
- Lectures
- Seminars
- Intensive courses by visiting lecturers
- Summer school and winter school
- Students visit to a partner university
- Practice training abroad under supervision
- Common master thesis projects and jointly organized supervision

## Some problems and open questions of SW program

- Different situation and accreditation of universities
- Selection of students
- Degree and diploma
  - Recognition of studies
- (Recognition studies abroad ?)

# Different situation and accreditation of universities

- Our proposal
  - All partner universities participate teaching
  - Defined work division of universities: all universities have rights and responsibilities
  - Pomor state University and University of Lapland give master's degree
  - Other universities utilize courses in their international studies and internationalization their studies

## Selection of students

- It is possible find different alternatives
  - Our proposal
    - We define own quota for master degree student and own quota for those students who utilize international studies
    - In the selection of students we apply common criteria

# Degree and diploma

- Pomor university gives master's degree in Russia
- University of Lapland gives master's degree in Finland
- All master's degree student get diploma supplement
- Other students get international diploma, too
- Double-degree is possible, if a student study extra courses in Finland or Russia

## **Marketing:**

### **Added value**

- employment possibilities are important to young people
- safety issues (on this is effecting a lot the functioning of study services)
- images
- access to the information (from where the young people find information: this can be country specific, but many use internet)

### **Special issues**

**How to attract Students to go to Russia and Finland**

**International Students as a Customer of Educational Services.  
Attraction factors**



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