

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

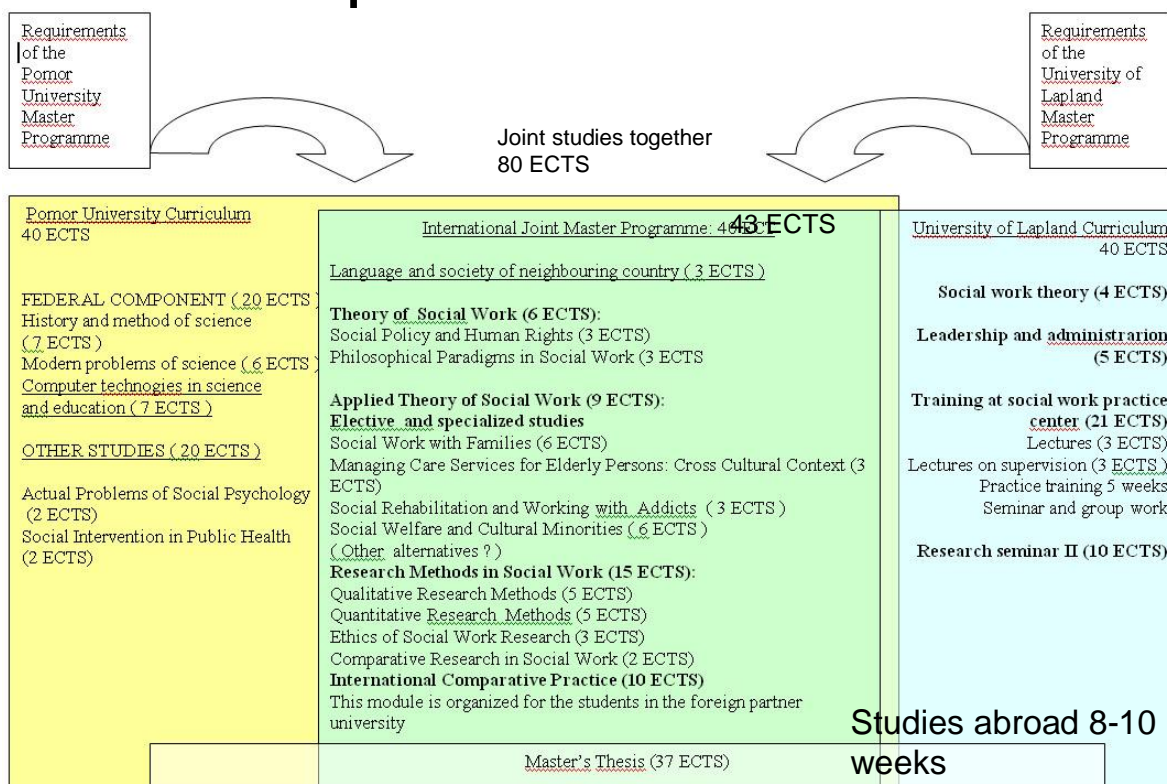
- Names and addresses
- Academic calendar
- Academic authorities and administration
- General descriptions of the institutions
- Admission/registration procedures
- Registration
- Enrolment as an attending or non-attending student
- Services for the students of BCBU
- Main university regulations
- ECTS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

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- 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

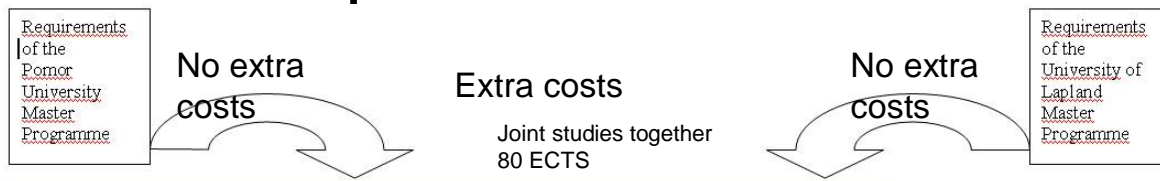
- employment possibilities are important to young people
- safety issues (on this is effecting a lot the functioning of study services)
- images
- access to the information (from where the young people find information: this can be country specific, but many use internet)

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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<p><u>Pomor University Curriculum</u> 40 ECTS</p> <p>FEDERAL COMPONENT (20 ECTS) History and method of science (7 ECTS) Modern problems of science (6 ECTS) <u>Computer technologies in science and education</u> (7 ECTS)</p> <p>OTHER STUDIES (20 ECTS)</p> <p>Actual Problems of Social Psychology (2 ECTS) Social Intervention in Public Health (2 ECTS)</p>	<p><u>International Joint Master Programme: 43 ECTS</u></p> <p><u>Language and society of neighbouring country</u> (3 ECTS)</p> <p>Theory of Social Work (6 ECTS): Social Policy and Human Rights (3 ECTS) Philosophical Paradigms in Social Work (3 ECTS)</p> <p>Applied Theory of Social Work (9 ECTS): <u>Elective and specialized studies</u> Social Work with Families (6 ECTS) Managing Care Services for Elderly Persons: Cross Cultural Context (3 ECTS) Social Rehabilitation and Working with Addicts (3 ECTS) Social Welfare and Cultural Minorities (6 ECTS) (Other alternatives ?)</p> <p>Research Methods in Social Work (15 ECTS): Qualitative Research Methods (5 ECTS) Quantitative <u>Research Methods</u> (5 ECTS) Ethics of Social Work Research (3 ECTS) Comparative Research in Social Work (2 ECTS) International Comparative Practice (10 ECTS) This module is organized for the students in the foreign partner university</p>	<p><u>University of Lapland Curriculum</u> 40 ECTS</p> <p>Social work theory (4 ECTS)</p> <p>Leadership and administration (5 ECTS)</p> <p>Training at social work practice center (21 ECTS) Lectures (3 ECTS) Lectures on supervision (3 ECTS) Practice training 5 weeks Seminar and group work</p> <p>Research seminar II (10 ECTS)</p>
<p><u>Master's Thesis (37 ECTS)</u></p>		