

Master Programme: 'Children's services: concept development and organisational design'

Children's services are at the centre of this master programme, as a specialised practice field with a scholarly orientation and innovative method developments.

The master programme is a full-time programme of studies. Attendance requirements are limited to two full days of attendance per week, supplemented by one or two full-time five day seminar weeks per semester.

Key facts

- The master programme has a standard duration of four semesters.
- The programme comprises 120 ECTS credit points and a workload of 3600 hours.
- The programme runs yearly, beginning in the winter semester.
- Cohort size is typically envisaged at 25 students.
- Admission to the programme is by a special application and selection process.

Target group

The master programme is designed for graduates of bachelor programmes in social work or social pedagogy, or similar degrees. It is aimed at students wishing to consider the central issues in children's services from a scholarly perspective.

Programme objectives

The master programme focusses on the development of conceptual and management qualifications. Students learn to consider central aspects of children's services appropriately with scholarly methods.

You will acquire knowledge and competencies on:

- Developing and generating feasible project concepts,
- Designing appropriate organisation forms and processes to implement such concepts, and
- Considering and establishing the necessary cooperations with other agencies outside of children's services to create a supportive social space and lifeworld design.

The programme imparts qualifications for the professional requirements of specialist consulting, training, management and other concept-oriented staff positions in facilities, departments and associations in children's services. Students thus acquire professional competencies for the formal career progression paths in civil service. Through cooperation agreements with various universities, outstanding students have the possibility of also doing a PhD, following the successful completion of the master programme.