

# Alice Salomon Hochschule (ASH) Berlin · Bachelor Social Work · International Curriculum: Courses offered in English (winter term 2024/25, last updated on: 12 Sept 2024 )



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S 23201	Areas, Target Groups and Organisations of Social Work	<p><b>Workshop II</b></p> <p><b>Inner development for outer change</b></p> <p>Dear students, this workshop will be held in English and builds on my AZO part 1 course during the summer semester 2024. New registrations only make sense if you have participated in part 1 or another of my selfcare-related courses. We will focus on the experiences during your practicum and will continue to cultivate your (self)care practice. We will explore processes of inner decolonization and pro-democratic developments based on the Inner Development Goals.</p> <p>We will meet from 10-17 h for three live-blocs on Thursday 14.11., Friday 13.12., Thursday 13.2..</p> <p>And there will be additional online meetings every other Wednesday night from 8-9 p.m.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: workshop / length: 1 term</p>	English	N. Altner	3/4*	2	none
<p>Note: S 23201 Workshop II is only available for students who have already taken S 13301 Workshop I. Both S 13301 Workshop I and S 23201 Workshop II belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total.</p>							
S 25101	Society, Health and Social Work	<p><b>Political and socio-political Foundations of Social Work</b></p> <p>The political and sociological literature on populism generally focuses on how and why populism contradicts the main principles of representative democracy and mostly emphasizes the role of populist leaders. Even though these studies give significant insights into understanding the current global crisis of democracy, they mainly ignore the social and political dynamics behind the rise of populism in general and right-wing populism in particular. This course aims to shed light on the new politics of welfare and social question, and its impacts on the rise of right-wing populism both in North and South. It aims to discuss the transformation of the social question, the new welfare politics, and particular welfare policies, promoted by the right-wing populist parties in countries like the USA, Germany, France, Turkey, Hungary, and Brazil.</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	Z. Yilmaz	3/6*	2	none
S 25301	Society, Health and Social Work	<p><b>Foundations of Social Medicine and Social Psychiatry for Social Work</b></p> <p>Content</p> <p>The seminar clarifies basic concepts of social medicine and social psychiatry, highlights different explanatory approaches to health and illness, which lead to a comprehensive understanding of the bio-psycho-social model.</p> <p>The aetiology, diagnoses and forms of therapy of mental disorders, addictive disorders and neuropsychiatric diseases are an elementary part of the basic knowledge of health-related social work in all age groups. We will deal with the importance of a helpful therapeutic basic attitude and get to know numerous possibilities of participation for the target groups. Another seminar focus is on social psychiatric, rehabilitative and addiction therapy treatment and care options - a large field of application for social workers. An excursion is being planned.</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	J. Rehn	3/6*	2	none
<p>Note: The courses S 25101 Political and socio-political Foundations of Social Work and S 25301 Foundation of Social Medicine and Social Psychiatry belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 9 ECTS in total.</p>							

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S 31001	Diversity Studies	<p><b>Racism and Migration</b></p> <p>This seminar provides an opportunity to discuss the foundations of racism in relation to migration and to highlight the role of racism-critical social work in this context (in English).</p> <p>Main content:</p> <p>Fundamentals about racism: historical aspects, othering processes, racism levels and forms.</p> <p>Racism and culturalization in social work: Social work with Refugees and Migrants- orientalist discourses in social work.</p> <p>Queer-feminist transnational movements and activism: content Asylum, Migration, Resistance, political oppression.</p> <p>racism in education systems: Focus on the German education system and relevant education systems to the students</p> <p>There will be an excursion in November.</p> <p>Although the focus will be on Germany, there will be space for sharing your experiences in different contexts.</p> <p>The language of the Seminars is mainly English. At the same time, different languages are also always welcome in the discussions, and we can together make a concerted effort to find translations and ways of communicating.</p> <p>Attendance paper/Teilnahme Leistung: (for students, who do not have/do not want to take an exam in this seminar):</p> <p>Please choose three texts that have been discussed in the seminar and work on them: through reflection, different literature, analysing etc.</p> <p>Exam/Prüfungsleistung:</p> <p>The exams are possible as one of the following choices:</p> <p>Presentation with written reflection: Present a topic to the seminar group. (alone approx. 30 minutes, in pairs approx. 60 minutes). Here you can deepen a topic that was discussed in the seminar a new aspect, or illuminate a different perspective, deal with current discourses, or pursue a question of your own. After the seminar please hand in a paper of 3- 5 pages.</p> <p>Hausarbeit (written paper): Write up your own paper in 10- 15 pages.</p> <p>Design of a seminar unit including written reflection. Afterwards please hand in an elaboration of 3-5 pages</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	F. Merxhan	2/3*	3	none
S 31102	Diversity Studies	<p><b>Gender and Queer Studies</b></p> <p>In this course, you will be introduced to selected concepts, terminology, authors, and debates within Gender and Queer Studies. Gender and Queer Studies are no longer merely a niche within the social sciences but rather a highly productive interdisciplinary field of study. While there are many overlaps between Gender and Queer Studies, they remain distinct areas of research. In this seminar, you will become familiar with both approaches. One of the goals is for you to apply the concepts, analyses, and terminology in your future practice in social work and to engage knowledgeably in current socio-political debates.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	C. Tamayo Rojas	2/3*	3	none
S 31201	Diversity Studies	<p><b>Dis_Ability and Ableism</b></p> <p>Dis_ability, Ableism and Human Rights</p> <p>Disability is a term that is used very often in everyday language – everybody seems to know what it means- but if we look closer it becomes less self-evident: What actually is disability?</p> <p>In the seminar we will take a closer look at the term and its recent history. We will also have an in-depth look at the concept of ableism and the significance of human rights for disabled people themselves, but also for social work/ social workers.</p> <p>On October 16, we will get to know each other, the topic will be introduced, questions answered, and we will talk about the timetable in February and also about requirements resp. examinations and possible active participation.</p> <p>The Zoom link will be sent approx. one week before.</p> <p>Hours per week: 1 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	S. Köbsell	1/2*	3	none
<p>Note: The courses S 31001 Racism and Migration, S 31102 Gender and Queer Studies and S 31201 Dis_Ability and Ableism belong to the same module. If you attend two or all three courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both or all three courses, there will be 4/5 ECTS (2 courses) or 6 ECTS (3 courses) in total.</p>							

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S 34201	Culture - Aesthetics - Media	<p><b>Exemplary Introduction in One Field of Cultural, Aesthetic or Media Social Work I</b></p> <p>The seminar is in presence and regular attendance is expected!  In this dance seminar we look at dance in the tension between free self-expression and the expression of a certain culture. How can dance and movement help to get to know each other, to integrate people and to find a way into a foreign culture?  We deal with different forms of dance and movement. Dance and movement improvisation will be a way to get to know each other, to get a feeling for our bodies and our self-expression. In doing so, we will discover and expand our natural movement repertoire in order to really come into contact with our bodies and their natural forms of expression. In addition we will learn various circle, line and alley dances from all over the world with a focus on the Balkan region and South Italy.  To receive the certificate of participation for the course students have to introduce a dance or a dance or movement improvisation to warm up. Participants are welcome to bring their own favorite dances to the seminar. As an exam, you have the opportunity to study a selected dance in more detail, both theoretically and practically, and to teach the dance to the other participants. There is also the opportunity to write a paper about a specific dance or dance form or dancer. Excursions are part of the seminar and are announced on Moodle.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	B. Hägele	3/4*	3	none
S 44201	Culture - Aesthetics - Media	<p><b>Exemplary Introduction in One Field of Cultural, Aesthetic or Media Social Work II</b></p> <p>The seminar is conducted in a practice-oriented manner with intercultural references.  The artist Carola Rümper (Germany) introduces her own artistic practice and refer to the respective location. Carola Rümper has been working in the Berlin district of Marzahn-Hellersdorf for many years. Her participatory art projects usually examine society and democratic structures. Public space is examined as a space for communication and participation in social processes. Its urban structure and complexity are examined artistically.  In the seminar, students should develop, own focal points and practical implementations.  The seminar will take place at mp43 - projektraum für das periphere (Stollberger Straße 73 / 12627 Berlin), online and in the media room of Alice Salomon University</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	C. Rümper	3/4*	4	none
<p><b>Note: The courses S 34201 and S 44201 belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total. Please also note that this exam will not be graded.</b></p>							
S 45101	Methods of Social Work Practice II - Counselling	<p><b>Methods of Social Work Practice II - Counselling</b></p> <p><i>Course description pending</i></p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	M. Apak	6	4	Students must have completed a module equivalent to "Methods of Social Work Practice I".

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S 45201	International Social Work, Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work	<p><b>International Social Work</b></p> <p>The seminar combines conflict theory and practice in conflict situations. It provides an overview of key classical and some contemporary theories of conflict and approaches to peace. Through the study of works by renowned authors, students explore basic concepts of conflict, modern perspectives on global conflicts, and approaches to conflict resolution.</p> <p>On the practical side, international humanitarian aid and the challenges of working in situations of armed conflict are presented and reflected upon. International humanitarian law is explored to understand the rights of civilians in armed conflict. The vulnerability of specific groups of people is analyzed and the 'do no harm' approach is presented as a conflict-sensitive way of working in such contexts. Finally, dilemmas and criticisms of humanitarian work are discussed. Theories are complemented by first-hand examples from the field practice of international organizations in situations of armed conflict.</p> <p>The seminar is mainly face-to-face (including longer sessions during the "block weeks"). Some sessions may take place online if necessary. When required, students must attend classes with completed readings and be prepared to contribute in discussions to develop new perspectives. Exams are in the form of a presentation (incl. a short written elaboration) or a paper (10-12 pages).</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	N. Catalan Ojeda, L. Spadolini	2/5*	4	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area.
S 45301	International Social Work, Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work	<p><b>Foundations of Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work</b></p> <p><i>Course description pending</i></p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	M. Tadesse	2/5*	4	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area plus a module equivalent to "Fields of Practice, Target Groups and Organizations of Social Work" for unit 2 and unit 3.
S 45401	International Social Work, Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work	<p><b>Advanced Study of Social Economics and Social Management</b></p> <p><i>Course description pending</i></p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	M. Tadesse	2/5*	4	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area plus a module equivalent to "Fields of Practice, Target Groups and Organizations of Social Work" for unit 2 and unit 3.
<p><b>Note: S 45201 International Social Work, S 45301 Foundations of Social Economics and Social Management in Social Work and S 45401 Advanced Study of Social Economics and Social Management belong to the same module. If you attend two or all three courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both or all three courses, there will be 7 ECTS (2 courses) or 9 ECTS (3 courses) in total.</b></p>							
S 62201	Social Work Theories and Methods	<p><b>Methods of Social Work Practice or Reconstructive-qualitative Methods of Research I: Methods of Social Work Practice I</b></p> <p>This seminar focuses on theories and methods of social work practice and the role of critical reflection. Building on students' practice experiences and interests developed in previous classes, theoretical and practical approaches will be introduced, discussed and applied in exercises, case examples etc. The seminar combines self-study, reading, and critical analysis of texts and case descriptions, small group and full class discussions, as well as experiential approaches to learning always seeking multiple perspectives. The majority of sessions are held in-person, with occasional asynchronous online sessions. (We start at 15:00h sharp and end class at 17:30h!)</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	U. Walter	3/4*	6	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area. Further restrictions explained in course and ECTS manual for exchange students.
S 72201	Social Work Theories and Methods	<p><b>Methods of Social Work Practice or Reconstructive-qualitative Methods of Research II: Methods of Social Work Practice II</b></p> <p>This seminar continues from the 6th Semester and focuses on theories and methods of social work practice and the role of critical reflection. Building on students' practice experiences and interests developed in previous classes, theoretical and practical approaches will be discussed and applied in exercises, case examples etc. The seminar combines self-study, reading, case analyses and critical analysis of texts in small group and full class discussions, as well as experiential approaches to learning always seeking multiple perspectives. (We start at 16:00 sharp!).</p> <p>Hours per week: 3 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	U. Walter	3/4*	7	Students must have completed at least 60 ECTS in social work or a related study area. Further restrictions explained in course and ECTS manual for exchange students.
<p><b>Note: Both S 62201 Methods of Social Work Practice I and S 72201 Methods of Social Work Practice II belong to the same module. If you attend both courses, you only do one exam (you can choose in which course) and for both courses, there will be 7 ECTS in total.</b></p>							

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W 003	Elective course	<p><b>Academic Writing</b></p> <p>This course is aimed at students with a high proficiency level of English (B2-C2) who are striving towards more accuracy and coherency in their writing as well as the ability to express themselves competently in the academic context.</p> <p>In order to receive credit for this course you will be completing a series of individual writing assignments that will be handed in on the day of class. If you cannot attend this class regularly (80%), you will not be able to receive credit for this course.</p> <p>Hours per week: 2 / type of course: seminar / length: 1 term</p>	English	F. Kregler	2/3*		none

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