About the programme

The online degree programme in Social Work (basa-online) is specially designed for individuals who are already engaged in a social work profession but do not yet have a university degree in the field. Through the programme, those employed in social work jobs can systematically deepen their theoretical and methodological capabilities in order to prepare themselves for positions of leadership in the professional world.

This internet-based distance learning programme allows working professionals to learn and study where and when they choose, enabling them to work toward their degree alongside their employment. This is possible thanks to the use of digital media and the internet in delivering teaching and facilitating learning. Internet-based independent learning comprises about 75% of the program; supplementary courses at Munich University of Applied Science comprise the remaining 25%.

The programme is part of the university network “basa-online” – in cooperation with other universities of applied sciences (see www.basa-online.de). This network allows the programme to draw on extensive collective experience that ensures the delivery of high-quality, field-tested academic content. The cooperation also creates synergies that benefit quality assurance, programme development, and accreditation.

Programme

The degree programme can also be completed on a part-time basis. It consists of 8 classroom-based modules, 23 online modules that are partly in the form of project work, as well as a bachelor’s thesis (counts as 1 module). Completing these modules leads to the awarding of a total of 210 credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Starting in the fourth semester, one of the following specialisation areas can be selected:

- Social work with children and young people
- Social work with adults / rehabilitation
- Social work with elderly people
- Social work and education (children and young people)
- Social work and education (adults)

Sample subjects taught

- History, theory, and organisation of social work
- Introduction to legal aspects of social work
- Introduction to methods of social work
- Multidisciplinary introduction to humanities and social sciences
- Organisation and management of social work
- Project planning and evaluation
- Social policy and social work in Europe
- Social work and the economy
- Social work and health

Degree awarded: Bachelor of Arts, B.A.

Programme structure

Participants in the degree programme are enrolled at Munich University of Applied Sciences. They can also take courses at the other participating higher education institutions. If those courses involve classroom-based instruction, however, this may lead to logistical conflicts (transportation, scheduling, travel costs). Classroom-based instruction (25% of the programme) takes place at Department 11 of Munich University of Applied Sciences over the course of 10 weekends throughout the year.

Tuition fees

Please see our website for the current tuition and administrative fees: www.hm.edu/fk11

Career outlook

Opportunities for employment

The practice of social work encompasses a growing spectrum of professional responsibilities. Central to this field are, for example, youth services and providing support for needs resulting from (special) circumstances.

Options for further professional development

The bachelor’s programme lays the foundation for further education through a master’s programme.
Entry requirements

- A higher education entrance qualification recognised in Bavaria. Further information can be found online at: www.hm.edu/bewerberinfo
- At least three years of relevant professional experience in social services involving at least half-time employment
- Half-time employment during the period of study is generally advised
- Appropriate computer and internet skills
- Access to a computer and internet connection

Munich University of Applied Sciences can provide further information about admission requirements.

Important dates and deadlines

It is possible to begin the programme only in the winter semester.
The application period for studies beginning in the winter semester runs from 2 May to 15 July of the same year. Application forms and information can be downloaded online at: www.hm.edu/bewerberinfo.