

Exchange Programme of the Faculty of Social Work and Health „Supporting Families, Children and Youths in their Environment“

What is it about?

A variety of courses including theory and practice focus on social work, in particular with children and young people considering their individual environment and situation. You can attend courses, mostly together with local students, providing 20 ECTS. In addition, you can participate in a German language course (5 ECTS) and in an [English offer](#) of the Faculty of Business Studies.

Who can participate?

Bachelor students in the second stage of their studies at our partner universities are welcome to apply for the programme. As the courses are taught in English, students need a B2 level of English.

Where and when?

The courses will be offered in the spring term from the beginning of March to the beginning of July at the campus in Emden. You are invited to participate in the Orientation Programme offered by the International Office in February.

Nomination:

By e-mail to: Vera von Hunolstein (Exchange students, International Office, vera.von.hunolstein@hs-empden-leer.de)

Nomination and application deadline is **30 November**.

Online application: Please click [here](#).

Further information for incoming students:

<https://www.hs-empden-leer.de/en/university-of-applied-sciences/organization/departments-a-z/international-office/international-students/exchange-students-erasmus>

→ How to apply, academic calendar, buddy programme, orientation programme, fact sheet etc.



Don't hesitate and join us – we are looking forward to welcoming you!

Program at a glance*:

Pros and Cons of a foster care system with non-professionals or lay persons	Conversational skills and counselling techniques	Genogram&Co - visual methods of case understanding in counselling and support of families	Project development and practice	International Compact Week	Press and Public Relations in Social, Education and Health Sectors (online)	Creative writing in Social and Educational Work (online)	Potential traumatic life events and health across the life course
3 ECTS	2 ECTS	2 ECTS	4 ECTS	3 ECTS	2 ECTS	2 ECTS	2 ECTS
Jimena Mejia Mause	Inga Henn	Inga Henn	Carsten Bunk	Astrid Hübner / Carsten Bunk	Insa Segebade-Mittmann	Insa Segebade-Mittmann	Jutta Lindert
The workshop will start with an input about the legal context of the youth care system in Germany. We will take a closer look on fostering as substantial part of the social services for child protection. We will examine the (dis-)advantages of foster care by non-professionals and reflect the support possibilities on the part of the social work professionals.	This course is an introduction to basic principles of counselling practice. You will learn to develop a repertoire of key counselling skills and qualities, such as active listening, empathy, genuineness and acceptance. First counselling sessions will be trained and reflected in small groups.	Visual methods support the development of an appreciative working relationship in the context of clarifying the assignment and action planning in the area of family counselling and socio-educational family support. They support the conduct of conversations in direct contact with adults and children and clarify and appreciate the roles and functions of clients within their families.	- Short introduction into the system of social services in Germany. - Weekly practice day in a social service. - If applicable: Development and implementation of a project offered in the social service.	You have the opportunity either to participate in the IUW 2025 or in another international week either in Emden or outside Germany.	Press and public relations work is an important element in order to be visible as a social institution and to be perceived with one's own profile. The course provides basic knowledge of effective public relations in the social sector.	<i>„Fiction gives us empathy: it puts us inside the minds of other people, gives us the gifts of seeing the world through their eyes. Fiction is a lie that tells us true things, over and over“</i> , said Neil Gaiman and explains at the same time why creative writing is a good companion if your work in a social institution. You will learn on a practice-based method how writing works and how and why writing can be used in social work.	Potential traumatic life events (PTE) have an impact on (mental) health. The specific aims of this course are: 1) to define potentially traumatic life events; 2) identify vulnerable groups and the impact of PTEs; 3) recognize trajectories of health impacts; 4) get to know intervention models to mitigate the impact of traumatic life events.

* Subject to changes / status March 2024