

MASTER IN ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIAL WORK



Erasmus
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Are you ready to study an advanced social work programme:

- at five highly qualified European universities
- together with students from all over the world
- with all expenses covered

THE PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

The Master in Advanced Development in Social Work (ADVANCES) is part of the European Union's Erasmus Mundus programme and is designed to give social workers outstanding levels of academic and practice skills, making it possible for graduates to confidently respond to the vulnerabilities and uncertainties facing societies across the world.

The ADVANCES programme provides skills and international perspectives on leadership, innovation, critical analysis, enterprise and sustainable approaches in the social sector. Delivered in collaboration with partner universities around the world and non-academic partners drawn from social services, graduates will be able to develop new social work interventions in response to high levels of complexity and social problems.

The 22-month course is explicitly targeted at qualified, experienced social workers from around the world who wish to upgrade their skills, especially with a transnational focus. The programme was launched in 2013 and 45 nationalities have been represented among students during its first six cohorts.

The high-quality programme and the close connection to social work practice and non-academic partners can enhance student employability after graduation.

ADVANCES is a joint degree programme during which the students rotate between universities in five European countries:

- United Kingdom
- Denmark
- France
- Portugal
- Poland

In addition, students will have the possibility to visit partner universities in Hong Kong, Brazil, South Africa, Singapore and the USA.

OBTAIN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS ABOUT

- International perspectives on social work
- Global understanding and collaboration
- Sustainability and ecology in social work practice
- Ethics and human rights
- Innovative social work responses
- Social responsibility and entrepreneurship
- Leadership and critical analysis
- Advanced social work theories
- Research methodologies
- Career development

THROUGH

- Rotation between five European Universities
- Dynamic, interactive learning approaches
- Group work and problem based reports
- Highly qualified international lecturers
- A global classroom

STUDY VENUES

- University of Lincoln, United Kingdom
- Aalborg University, Denmark
- University of Paris Nanterre, France
- University of Lisbon, Portugal
- University of Warsaw, Poland

ADMISSION

- Bachelor degree in social work (or closely related subject)
- Professional license as social worker (if required by law in your country)
- One year of full-time work or two years of part time/voluntary work experience in the social sector
- English competence equivalent to 6.5 Academic IELTS (including a minimum of 6.0 in Speaking and Writing and minimum 5.5 in Listening and Reading)

PROGRAMME LANGUAGE

- English

MORE INFORMATION

WEBSITE AND APPLICATION SYSTEM:
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APPLICATION IS OPEN FOR SEPT 2021 INTAKE:
15 OCTOBER 2020 - 15 JANUARY 2021





Picture of cohort 2017/19 with Professor Kjeld Høgsbro, Aalborg University

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS

Top applicants to the course will receive an Erasmus Mundus scholarship. 21-22 scholarships are available each year for students from any country:

COURSE FEES AND DISCOUNT

Scholarship element	Students from EU partner countries	Students from EU programme countries	Expected coverage of costs
Contribution to travel, visa, installation and other costs	€ 2,000 or € 3,000 per year plus € 1,000 installation costs	€ 3,000 per year	100%
Participation costs, including tuition fees and insurance	€ 9,000 per year (full costs)	€ 4,500 per year (full costs)	100%
Monthly allowance for living costs	€ 1,000 per month	€ 1,000 per month	100%

EU Programme countries: Students from EU, Norway, Iceland, Turkey, Lichtenstein, Macedonia, Serbia – € 4,500 per year

EU Partner countries: Students from all other countries – € 9,000 per year

The ADVANCES consortium offers a 35% maximum discount on participation costs to students who obtain funding from their employer, a government body or international organisation to take part in the course.

EXAMPLES OF WHERE OUR GRADUATES WORK

- **Frontline practice:** Manager of Social Service Agency, Children's Social Worker; Mental Health Social Worker; Case Worker
- **Roles in international NGOs:** Consultant; Fundraising Director; Communications Specialist; Head of Country Programmes;
- **PhD studies** in UK, New Zealand, South Africa and Sweden
- **National NGOs:** Director; Project manager; Trainer; Team Co-ordinator
- **Academia:** Assistant Professor; Lecturer; Programme Coordinator
- **Roles in United Nations offices:** Programme Associate; Project Coordinator; Intern
- **Private sector:** Company Director; Business Strategist
- **Embassies:** Child Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer

TESTIMONIALS

If you are a passionate social worker wanting to expand your knowledge on an international level, this programme is the right fit. It takes courage and commitment to embark on a journey like this, and although it is not easy, what you take from it is worth it.

Anna Maria Antonios, Lebanese graduate

Embrace diversity, enjoy the journey and be ready for a change!

BinBin Wang, Chinese graduate

This Global Masters was the most precious experience I had the last years and I am glad I participated. If you are looking for an international aspect on social work practices, you want to broaden your experiences and be in an intercultural environment, this is the right master for you. The people you will meet, the universities in which you will study and the travels will open a new world in front. Enjoy it!

Panagiota Kortomaniti, Greek graduate

ADVANCES is a formative and unprecedented social work programme. Concurrently, International social work is a growing and much needed branch of our profession. Regardless of who you are or where you come from, you undoubtedly have a valid and unique contribution to bring to the table.

Jordanne Edwards, Jamican graduate

If you are interested in exploring various social work issues in a more international and diverse settings, this is the program to apply for. An inspiring team of professionals from around the world, wonderful group of teachers and tutors will support you to take your knowledge and practice to the next level!

Tinatin Tsertsvadze, Georgian graduate

ADVANCES provides an expert driven social work development. A collaborative approach between academics with world-class expertise and student participation, gives an opportunity to understand problems and find solutions. This program provides a balance between analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, hands-on practice research experience and issues around human development.

George Sichone, Zambian graduate

Be ready to reflect, accept, criticize, put into discussion...and start again and again every "dogma" you have as a national social workers.

Laura Torriani, Italian graduate