# Syllabus

## Course description

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<th>Course title</th>
<th>Principles and Structural Conditions of Social Work</th>
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### Specific educational objectives

This module explores the implications of the fundamental changes in social relations brought about by the industrial revolution and the various principles on which social solidarity came to be founded in modern societies. In particular, the role of social work as a social movement and as a profession in securing new types of solidarity will be analysed in the context of different social policy options. The current changes in social policies confront social work with some of the most fundamental questions that were once posed in the founding period of the profession and taking position towards these political issues forms an essential part of professional social work competence.

**Basic:**
- Applied Social Studies
- Social Policy
- Social work methodology
- Characterising
- Political science
- Social history

The course combines the overview of fundamental scientific contents of the subject area with the orientation towards fostering professional knowledge and skills.
### Module 1
**Principles of Social Work**

| Lecturer | Prof. Dr. Ulrike Loch (15 hours)  
|          | Prof. Dr. Drs. h.c. Walter August Lorenz (15 hours) |

#### Scientific sector of the lecturer
SPS/08

#### Teaching language
English

#### Office hours
from Monday to Friday on request

#### List of topics covered
1. Social work as a product of modernity
2. Solidarity in traditional and modern societies
3. Professional methods and the ambiguity of scientific regimes of truth
4. Paradigms of social science and of social pedagogy
5. Professionalism and social movements – self-help and empowerment
6. Social work and human rights
7. Social work as practised social citizenship

#### Teaching format
Lectures and group exercises

#### Total lecturing hours:
30

#### Credits
5

### Module 2
**Sozialpolitik**

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#### Wissenschaftlich-disziplinärer Bereich
SPS/04

#### Unterrichtssprache
Deutsch

#### Sprechstunden
von Montag bis Freitag auf Anfrage

#### Auflistung der behandelten Themen
- Strukturen moderner Sozialpolitik: Einblicke in die Geschichte der Sozialpolitik; zentrale sozialpolitische Akteure; Ideen, Strukturprinzipien und politische Strategien; wichtige Felder und Institutionen im Bereich der Sozialpolitik; Wohlfahrtsregimes und Sozialpolitik in Europa; Sozialstaat und Bürgergesellschaft; aktuelle Entwicklungen und Konfliktfelder der Sozialpolitik.
- Sozialpolitik aus der Perspektive der StaatsbürgerInnen: die sozialpolitische Mitgestaltung von Lebensläufen und Lebenslagen; Biografien im sozialpolitischen Rahmen; soziale Infrastruktur und soziale Dienste als Formen der Unterstützung und Hilfe, kommunale Sozialpolitik.

Die Themen werden an konkreten Beispielen aus der Region illustriert und diskutiert. Sie betreffen die soziale Probleme im Lebenslauf: Kindheit, Jugend, Erwachsenen und Alter und die darauf bezogenen Formen und Leistungen der Sozialpolitik in der Region und den Gemeinden (Einrichtungen, Initiativen, Sozialberichterstattung u. a.).

#### Unterrichtsform
Vorlesung (Vortrag, Gruppenarbeiten, Diskussion)

#### Gesamtanzahl Vorlesungsstunden:
30

#### Kreditpunkte
4
**Learning outcomes**

The critical awareness of how embedded social work is in widesocietal changes and in social policy frameworks. The development of skills of intervention in a whole range of typical social service situations will be promoted through an awareness that social problems have a personal and a structural dimension and that professional intervention method need to address both dimensions if they are to be effective and enhance the integration of people placed on the margins of society. The knowledge of the ethical principles guiding the professionalization of social work will be directly related to corresponding competences of empowerment, capacity building and a range of participative social skills.

Students will build up knowledge of the history of the profession, the fundamental dilemmas of modern societies in order to arrive at a high degree of analytical skills in understanding contemporary transformation processes and adapt their interventions accordingly. The course emphasizes communication skills and an attitude of permanent learning.

**Assessment**

Assessment is structured in three phases and levels:
- assessment of skills of comprehension through the production of summaries of key articles (2-3 pages)
- group exercises on the application of acquired knowledge in specific practice situations (evaluation of a book chapter and a verbal presentation of 15 minutes)
- oral examination of the ability to connect knowledge from all parts of this composite module

**Assessment language**

English and German

**Evaluation criteria and criteria for awarding marks**

Analytical and linguistic skills in extracting key points from articles
Transfer of knowledge and theory into specific practice situations
Consistency in the coordination of theoretical concepts from various sources and capacity to arrive at integrated concepts of intervention
Required readings


Lorenz, W. (2005), Social work and a new social order - challenging neo-liberalism's erosion of solidarity; Social Work and Society, , Vol.3(1)


Seibel, F. W., Otto, H.-U. & Friesenhahn G. (2007): Reframing the social social work and social policy in Europe; Online access


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<td>M. Seithe (2010), Schwarzbuch Soziale Arbeit Online access. The library also has physical copies.</td>
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<td>Peter Flora, Arnold Joseph Heidenheimer, (eds.) (2009), The Development of Welfare States in Europe and America.</td>
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