



EVANGELISCHE HOCHSCHULE
RHEINLAND-WESTFALEN-LIPPE
Protestant University of Applied Sciences



Hochschule
für Gesundheit



„Discovering
the world in Bochum.
Social work and
health professions
in the context of
culture and diversity”

**An international study programme,
spring term 2017**

The programme ●

Two universities in Bochum are offering a joint programme of study in English for the Spring Semester of 2017. Specifically designed for students from our partner universities, the programme allows students to earn 30 Credit Points (ECTS) in a blend of regular semester-long seminars and compact courses.

Topics include issues and practices in social work today, giving special attention to the context of our city and the surrounding region known as the Ruhr metropolis ('Ruhrgebiet').

The special focus examines our society's changing nature given the challenge of recent migration and the social and health-related issues this raises.

Courses are interdisciplinary in approach, and allow intercultural insights from the perspectives of our universities as well as international experts from our partner universities in South Africa, Tanzania and the United States. The programme includes classroom seminars, courses in the expressive arts (e.g., music and theatre), as well as site visits to regional agencies and facilities working on these topics.

»»» Bochum

Once a city prominent as a centre for European coal mining and steel production, Bochum is now widely known as a centre for education and research, healthcare management and new technologies, and describes itself as a "UniverCity," with seven universities standing in close contact with the city, the chamber of commerce and industry, and other partners. It is also a centre for theatre and the arts, featuring contemporary art exhibits and other cultural activities in typical venues as well as in reconstituted industrial buildings.

With its lively cultural scene and easy transportation links to other cities in the region, Bochum is the perfect starting point to get to know the cultures that make up North-Rhine-Westphalia.



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The EvH RWL

The Evangelische Hochschule Rheinland-Westfalen-Lippe, Protestant University of Applied Sciences (or EvH RWL) educates students for careers in social work, education, diaconal and nursing care professions. Currently, six BA degree programmes and two MA degree programmes are offered, of which Social Work is the largest. Founded in 1971, the university is supported by the Protestant Churches in this region and is fully accredited by the State; with ca. 2,400 students, the EvH RWL is the largest of its kind in Germany.

Protestant in origin and ethos, it is an intercultural, inclusive and family-friendly university with what students value as a warm and communicative atmosphere.



The hsg

Founded in 2009, the Hochschule für Gesundheit Bochum, University of Applied Sciences (hsg) is the only state university in Germany to offer bachelor degree programmes in the healthcare professions nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy — as well as interdisciplinary programmes such as 'Health and Diversity Studies' and 'Community Health Care' which focus on reducing and preventing health disparities among different groups of people as well as planning healthy environments accessible for everyone.

The university offers its ca. 1,000 students a modern approach to teaching, close links between theory and practice, early networking with external practitioners, and intensive support during the course of studies. As a partner of the Healthcare Campus North-Rhine-Westphalia, the hsg explores broad perspectives for its students in the healthcare sector.

Spring Semester (April – July) 2017

The programme is designed for students of Social Work, Inclusion, Public Health, Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and interdisciplinary degree programmes in health and/or diversity and related areas.

Applicants must have completed one year of undergraduate study, have English language skills of CEFR level B1 or better, and a home university that partners with EvH RWL or hsg. German language skills are not required, but a CEFR level of at least A1 is strongly recommended.

In exceptional cases it might be possible to join the programme in June only.

Courses to be offered include:

1

Prevention in Diverse contexts

This seminar focuses on concepts of prevention and programmes for prevention of various diseases in relation to life-stages, with policy implications and interventions. Lectures provide a springboard for further study, and seminar sessions provide an opportunity to hone academic and professional skills.

Weekly course of 4 hours at the hsg,
6 CPs

2

Theories and Concepts of Diversity

An introduction to theories and concepts of diversity in the context of healthcare, approaching this issue in relation to migration, poverty, disabilities, and sexual orientation. Attention will focus on relevant literature, intercultural training sessions, and joint excursions to the life-worlds of the various diversity groups (religious institutions such as mosques, Hindu temples, etc.), disadvantaged neighbourhoods, disability workshops, memory parks for people with dementia, etc.

Weekly course of 4 hours at the hsg,
5 CPs

3

Communication in Health Professions

The seminar aims at the theoretical and practical examination of the relationship between health professionals and clients. Sessions explore the relevant literature, as well as examining by means of simulated situations what a client-oriented approach means.

Weekly course of 4 hours at the hsg, 6 CPs



4

Contextual Site Visits for Social Work Practice in Bochum

This seminar involves site-visits, in the Ruhr Metropolitan Region, to various facilities and agencies involved with a variety of programs and approaches in Social Work, including counselling centers and agencies that work with children and youth, persons with addictions, the elderly, refugees, and so forth. A theoretical component will accompany these visits.

Meets bi-weekly, for four hour block in institutional settings in and near Bochum and at the EvH RWL, 2 CPs

5

The Future of Migration in Europe

An exploration of how immigration is transforming Europe, from the beginnings of this widespread phenomenon in the middle of the 20th century, with attention to the diversity of cultures, languages, religions and racial backgrounds immigrants bring and the challenge this development brings to a region facing economic challenges.

Weekly course of 2 hours at the EvH RWL, 3 CPs





6

Arts Workshop in Masked Play

Experimenting with theatre technics using expressive masks, this course explores and shapes our abilities for gestural language. On this creative journey, we experiment with non-verbal forms of communication, emotions and ideas, which lead to storytelling and a dramatic performance as a piece of physical theatre.

Weekly course of 4 hours at the EvH RWL, 4 CPs

7

Poverty and Social Exclusion in Germany, focused on the Ruhr Region

Although a prosperous country, one finds widespread social polarisation between rich and poor in Germany. The “Ruhrgebiet” has undergone structural and economic change away from heavy industry (e.g. mining, steel) to service-orientated employment, with tough consequences for parts of the population, both old and young.

Compact course (two weekends) at the EvH RWL (2 CPs)

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8

Working towards „being a Community“ (i.e. Conviviality) in a Multicultural Society

This seminar aims to immerse students in the use of non-verbal communication techniques (e.g. music) to enable understanding among different cultural groups, an approach designed to assist people in a multicultural context to develop intercultural awareness and tolerance. Students will explore what it means to create a context where people from diverse backgrounds can experience “being a community”.

Compact course (two weekends) at the EvH RWL, 3 CPs





9

Human Rights and Psychiatric Care in Cross-Cultural Context: Germany and Tanzania

This seminar explores the rights psychiatric patients have under the protection of the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities of 2006 (CRPD), exploring what it would mean for countries to develop systems and services to comply with this standard. Together with a group of students from Tanzania we will discuss what adequate public mental health services would mean in diverse cultures, how to initiate and foster changes required by this legislation, and how such strategies might avoid compulsory institutionalization and treatment.

Compact course (visits to various mental health services plus one weekend) at the EvH RWL, 3 CPs

10

Child Protection in International Comparison

While this concern is important all over the world, the question of risks to children and what is necessary for their well-being is understood differently in different countries, depending on social contexts, histories and traditions. This also leads to varying provisions to protect children, approaches to prevention and intervention measures, and the rights of parents and children. The focus of this seminar is on such issues in the USA (California) and Germany.

Compact course (single hours plus one weekend) at the EvH RWL, 3 CPs



You will find detailed description of courses on our websites by the end of October 2016:

www.evH-bochum.de/international-students.html

www.hs-gesundheit.de/to/programme-spring-2017

What else should I know?

Application

Please contact your home university to be nominated for the programme. After that, you should follow the application procedure of the receiving university with which your home university is twinned:

www.evh-bochum.de/international-students.html

www.hs-gesundheit.de/to/programme-spring-2017

Application deadline:
30 November 2016 **Extended until 15 December 2016!**

Finances

Neither university charges study fees, but there is a student contribution of 300 Euros which covers social costs and a public transport ticket for the whole state of North-Rhine-Westphalia.

You may apply for Erasmus+ funding via your home university if applicable.

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