

# Summer School "Child Protection"

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**School of Social Work  
University of Applied Sciences and  
Arts Western Switzerland Valais**

**A cooperation within the  
"International Social Work" initiative**

with the University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences in Osnabrück (Germany) and the Department of Social Work at the Malmö University (Sweden)  
(18 ETCS) - semesters 5/6 (full-time) / semesters 7/8 (part-time)

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## Description

The Child Protection module deals with the international, historical and legal framework of child protection (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, national laws etc.). It presents the challenges for children needing protection (historically, sociologically, legally, and pedagogically), the current national and international situation for families (family forms, social policies, substance abuse, violence, child abduction) and the specific situation of migrant children. It considers specific local institutional developments and social work practice and allows for international comparisons of case studies in child protection. It includes visits of international research institutions, political bodies and social work facilities in the field of child protection. [More information](#)

The University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland Valais, School of Social Work in Sierre, offers a module with students from other universities, innovative lectures in English, also by visiting professors of the participating [universities of Malmö](#) and [Osnabrück](#), and institutional and/or agency visits.

## Who can participate?

The Child Protection module (module I) is part of the three-module course in International Social Work in cooperation with the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Faculty of Business Management and Social Sciences, and the Malmö University. Participation in this module is open to students enrolled in a Bachelor's in social work at these universities. Students from other universities must contact the organisers.

## How many ECTS credits is the module worth?

6 ECTS will be awarded for the successful participation in the two-week module.

## What about the exams?

Students will submit a written paper of 10 to 15 pages and hold a presentation during the summer school.

## What are the language requirements?

Working language is English (classes, presentations, written papers). Students must have good oral and written English skills (at least level B1/B2, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Language skills other than English such as French, German or Swedish are an asset.

## What about the travel and accommodation costs?

Participating students must pay CHF 200 (approximately EUR 190) in total for accommodation, which will be arranged by the organisers. Students must make their own travel arrangements to Sierre, Switzerland. Please note that no meals other than breakfast are included in these costs.

## How can I apply?

Interested students from the HES-SO and the Malmö University must send a one-page motivation letter and their CV in English to Barbara Waldis and Stefanie Kurt by 14.01.2022. An interview may be organised to assess the students' motivation and language skills. Students will be notified of the professors' decision after 28.01.2022.

Interested students from the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences must contact their head of the [International Social Work programme](#).

## Responsible professors & contact information

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