Faculty V
Diaconic Studies, Health Care and Social Work
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Four Departments

– Department of Social Work
– Department of Religious Education and Protestant Church’s Welfare Services
– Department of Inclusive Education
– Department of Nursing and Health Care
Nine degree programs

The Faculty V – Diaconic Studies, Health Care and Social Work offers six Bachelor degree and three Master degree programs all of which feature a tight link between theory and practice and an interdisciplinary approach. Faculty V also collaborates closely with churches, welfare associations, social economy organizations, local authorities, hospitals and care facilities. As a result, the training in all programs of study is practice and demand-oriented. Research activities as well as international collaborations enrich the teaching and learning process.

On our campus in Hannover/Kleefeld students find modern, well-equipped seminar, workshop and study rooms, a specialized library, music rooms, gymnastics hall, chapel as well as a cafeteria and coffee shop. Outside there is a recreation area.
Bachelor programs

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*three of the eight semesters are officially recognized, therefore, only five semesters have to be studied at the Hochschule Hannover.
Inclusive Education

The ongoing discussion on inclusion in theory and practice and the strive for rethinking and rebuilding educational to inclusive settings have challenged the field of inclusive education. Theory and practice of inclusive education aim at supporting the full participation of children, young people and adults in all parts of society, in particular in education, training, leisure, housing and work. In line with Article 3 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the study program will enable students to conduct theory-based conception, implementation and evaluation of those professional measures that contribute to the full participation and inclusion of people with disabilities in society. State recognition is granted after completion of the work placement and a final examination.
Inclusive Education (job-integrated)

The job-integrated Bachelor degree program Inclusive Education offers students the opportunity to integrate their study into their professional life. At the beginning, this five-semester study program introduces students to working and thinking in an academic manner. Four semesters are assigned to different themes of inclusive education with a main focus on reducing barriers and increasing participation at all levels of interaction, organization, and in society. The fifth semester prepares students for writing their final thesis in a supervised Bachelor colloquium.

Classes take place Mondays during spring term (mid March to beginning of July) and fall term (mid September to beginning of January). In addition, there is a block week at the beginning and end of each term and three days every semester for mentoring group meetings. Block weeks are eligible for paid educational leave (Bildungsurlaub) according to the Educational Leave Law of Lower Saxony.

Nursing (extra-occu-pational)

The Bachelor degree program in Nursing qualifies graduates to independently carry out complex activities in health care facilities. The program features three major fields of study in the second part of the program:

– Patient and family counseling (applied nursing science)
– Teaching and training conception (educational sciences)
– Organization and management.

This degree program offers courses parallel to vocational training and professional occupation. Students with higher education entrance qualifications from the currently nine partner schools in the fields of health care and nursing, pediatric nursing care and care of the elderly have the possibility to participate in the first part of the study (1st – 5th pre-semester over 2.5 years) parallel to their vocational training. In these years students attend courses at the Hochschule Hannover, take examinations and, thus, acquire necessary ECTS credits for the second part of the study (4th – 7th semester).
Religious Education and Social Work

This eight-semester Bachelor degree program combines contents and perspectives of two fields of study – protestant religious education and social work. With its comparative approach it identifies similarities and differences, interfaces and potential collaborations in the fields of religious and Christian educational, diaconal and social work. The degree program qualifies both, for the traditional fields of institution-related clerical educational work and Diaconia/Social Welfare, and for activities in the fields of social work. In addition to the modules for the BA social work degree, the program offers modules preparing for a religious profession. These include, apart from theological classes, fields of church-related practice, pastoral care studies and religious education. A one-year work experience follows the Bachelor degree program. Afterwards, graduates can acquire the ecclesiastical professional recognition as a deacon (in case of protestant religious affiliation) and a state recognition as a social worker.
Social Work

The Bachelor degree program in Social Work enables students to work in a wide range of social work settings (e.g. child and youth welfare, school social work, psychiatry, or ex-offender assistance). Graduates are able to critically analyse social problems and their causes and to develop and implement methodologically sound interventions. The study program qualifies for all occupational fields and requirements of social work and opens manifold employment opportunities in public service institutions, welfare organizations and associations as well as private sector social organizations.

As an independent action science, social work integrates problem-oriented elements of other sciences and pursues the goal of comprehensive political, social and cultural empowerment. These aspects are reflected in the curriculum of the degree program which comprises a standard period of study of 6 semesters. For justified reasons (e.g., employment, family issues) the study can be completed on a part-time basis. In this case, the standard period of study is extended accordingly.

A one-year work experience follows the study in which graduates are employed full-time at institutions of social work. At the workplace they are supervised by experienced social workers and are also accompanied by teachers of the Hochschule on regular study days. State recognition is granted after completion of the work placement and a final examination.
Social Work (extra-occupational)

The extra-occupational Bachelor degree program in Social Work enables students to work in a wide range of fields of social work, to reflect and to keep up with recent developments. The program takes into account existing experiences of students in the fields of social work. It is specially designed for people already involved in these fields of work, who, however, lack required qualification.

The study qualifies for all fields of work and requirements of social work and opens a variety of employment opportunities in social work institutions, social services and public authorities.
Master programs

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Education Sciences and Management for Nursing and Health Care professionals (extra-occupational)

The Master program offers students after completion of a relevant Bachelor degree program two elective key study areas for future profession. Majoring in Education Sciences qualifies students for an independent teaching activity as well as the administration of schools of public health, and, at the same time, provides access to state vocational schools. Majoring in Management qualifies for superior management functions in the health care system, as well as for cross-company organizations and management in the health care system.

Social Work (MSW)

A six-semester Master program in Social Work is designed for graduates of Social Work or comparable Bachelor or German Diplom degree programs. The Master program is focused on social work science and practice research with a concentration on social theories, social work science, research methodology and evaluation (among other topics and fields). By working on relevant topics and issues in their research projects students contribute to the expansion of professional practice already during their studies. The Master degree enables graduates to attain access to senior positions, teaching, planning, counseling and research tasks as well as to PhD studies.
Therapeutic Work with Children and Adolescents

The Master program in Therapeutic Work with Children and Adolescents focuses primarily on clinical practice in dealing with mentally ill children and adolescents. The degree program is offered in cooperation with the Winnicott Institute of Hannover. Program content complies with the requirements for exercising the profession as children's and youth psychotherapist regulated by the law on psychotherapy. The study program allows students to explore and deal with extensive interdisciplinary subjects and neighboring disciplines, especially with development and attachment research, neuroscience, biology, social sciences and educational sciences. Attainment of a Master of Arts degree allows graduates to pursue further studies at PhD level.
International orientation

The Faculty V is an internationally oriented faculty. International cooperations, student and teaching staff mobility (incoming and outgoing) and “internationalization at home” are key points in the international implementation plan of the Hochschule Hannover and the Faculty V.

Teaching and staff mobility, research opportunities

Academic, administrative and management staff from partner and non-partner universities are welcome to visit the Faculty V for teaching, research and training purposes as well as to exchange ideas and best-practice examples. Teaching exchange is possible in various disciplines, such as social work, religious education, health care and inclusive education. Members of the Faculty V are also open for joint international research projects and publications. To arrange teaching, research and staff mobility, please contact the International Coordinator and/or the International Faculty Office of the Faculty V.

Courses for exchange students

The Faculty V offers exchange students an opportunity to attend courses held either in German or in English. Exchange students with a good command of German can attend courses within different fields of study (social work, religious education and social work, inclusive education).

For English speaking students, the Faculty V designed a number of courses within the Bachelor degree program in Social Work, which are taught predominantly in English. Some of the practical workshops are held both in English and in German. Exchange students can acquire the required ECTS credits for a semester abroad by attending these courses.

Moreover, exchange students have the possibility to attend courses beyond their field of study, such as language courses, courses on intercultural communication and on presentation techniques, as well as a study camp and spring welcome weeks (orientation weeks in fall and spring terms) with an integrated intensive German course.

Course catalogs are subject to modifications. Updated course catalogs for a respective semester with a general description of the courses are available on the website of the Faculty V.
Assistance for international students

The assistance service of the International Faculty Office of the Faculty V provides international students with all relevant details about how and what they can study at the Hochschule Hannover. Here students get information and advice on the structure, content, Learning Agreement and any other study-related and organizational questions.

The International Coordinator advises students regarding what classes to take, how to structure their study, how many ECTS credit points they need to acquire, and helps find work placements.

In addition, there is an Incoming-Team at the Student Center of the Hochschule Hannover that assists international students in all questions around application, visa, housing, health insurance, study fees, CampusCard, etc. For inquiries please mail to: hsh-incoming@hs-hannover.de

Semester fee

The Hochschule Hannover charges a semester fee of approximately 350 euros. The semester fees are contributions to support certain student services such as dormitories, meals at the dining halls and administrative costs for the Student Council. By paying the semester fee, students can buy meals at the dining halls at a reduced price and get a semester ticket, which allows free use of local public transportation in the Hannover region and numerous regional trains (but not ICE and IC) throughout Lower-Saxony.
Hochschule Hannover

With 61 degree programs at five faculties, the Hochschule Hannover (HsH) is one of the largest universities of applied sciences and arts in Lower Saxony, Germany. The HsH education focuses on practical, scientifically sound degree programs with international orientation. Moreover, numerous dual and part-time extra-occupational study programs are offered at the HsH.

The Faculty V – Diaconic Studies, Health Care and Social Work is located on the Campus Kleefeld of the Hochschule Hannover. More than 1,400 students are enrolled at the faculty employing around 40 professors, as well as numerous contracted teachers and full-time lecturers. The Faculty V emerged from the former Protestant University of Applied Sciences founded in 1971.

Please find more information about the HsH on our website: www.hs-hannover.de
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