



Preliminary information

Major subject: Social Policy or Sociology

Extent: 120 credits/ECTS credits

Duration: two academic years

Programme period: autumn semester 2012 - spring semester 2014

Website: <http://www.uta.fi/yky/cosopo>

The COSOPO programme is jointly organised by three European universities: University of Tampere (Finland), Johannes Kepler Universität (Linz, Austria) and Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania). The programme aims in improving students' academic credentials and in enhancing their career prospects as highly qualified analysts and applied researchers in national, European and international organisations. Graduates are expected to work in the areas of welfare management and social policy development and they will be able to apply their skills in creating, developing and evaluating social programmes and projects.

The COSOPO programme will provide the graduates with competence in understanding theories of social policy and welfare as well as an ability to engage in an open and critical examination of these fields. They will also gain knowledge and understanding of comparative and interdisciplinary welfare and social policy research. After the completion of the programme the students will be able use and accomplish research in the fields of social policy and welfare in countries representing different welfare models. The programme also offers an excellent opportunity for intercultural communication and learning by combining contact teaching organised during intensive periods in the three universities with on-line learning.

Admission criteria

- A completed university level Bachelor's degree or equivalent in the major subject or in a closely related field.
- A good knowledge of English for academic purposes. For English language test requirements, please see UTA website www.uta.fi/admissions/degreeprog/applying.php.
- In addition, work experience relevant to the programme or other relevant merits and qualifications may be taken into account.

Application round opens 1 December 2011
Application deadline: 15 February 2012

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Applications are to be submitted through the centralised University Admissions Finland (UAF) service. Instructions for applicants and the English language test requirements are available at: www.uta.fi/admissions/degreeprog/applying.php.



Curriculum

Workload per one academic year is 1600 hours which corresponds to 60 ECTS credits.

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Master's Degree Programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare 2010-2012

Introduction to Master's studies 3 ects

Changes for the academic year 2012-2014 are possible.

SPOIC11 Introduction to Scientific Work and Writing 3 ects

European Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy 18 ects

SPOICT1 Theories of Welfare States - Basic Module 4 ects

SPOICT2 Theories of Welfare States - Extension Module 5 ects

SPOICSP1 Comparative European Social Policy - Basic Module 4 ects

SPOICSP2 Comparative European Social Policy - Extension Module 5 ects

National Systems of Work and Welfare 15 ects

SPOICNS1 Eastern European Model: Lithuanian System of Work and Social Security 5 ects

SPOICNS2 Continental Model: Austrian System of Work and Social Security 5 ects

SPOICNS3 Nordic Model: Nordic Welfare Societies 5 ects

SPOICS Synthesis of Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy Including Case Studies 5 ects

Research Areas of Social Policy: Comparative Analysis 12 ects

SPOICR1 Social Demography 4 ects

SPOICR2 Family Policy 4 ects

SPOICR3 History of Social Policy and Social Reform 4 ects

SPOICR4 Gender and Social Policy 4 ects

SPOICR5 Social Policy and Economy 4 ects

SPOICR6 Work, Employment and Welfare 4 ects

Empirical Research Methodology and Methods 18 ects

SPOICM1 Methodology of Social Research 4 ects

SPOICM2 Quantitative Research Methods 6 ects

SPOICM3 Qualitative Research Methods 6 ects

SPOICM4 Comparative Data Sources 2 ects

SPOICP Practicum 9 ects

Master's Thesis Seminar and Master's Thesis 40 ects

SPOICMTS Masters Thesis Course

SPOICMT Thesis 40 ects