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Faculty of Social Sciences
and Cultural Studies

Bachelor of Arts

Early Childhood Education and Family Studies

Profile

The bachelor's programme Early Childhood Education and Family Studies focuses on two topics: institutional education and care for children aged 0–14 as well as family education. The combination of these topics provides the didactic and methodological background to enable you to

- support families in their parenting skills and
- conceptualise activities and services for children as well as parents.

Current research results provide the basis for strategies in professional practice. The programme is designed to emphasise both subject-specific knowledge and core competences with a strong practice- and project-orientation.

It links theory and practice, especially in observation and research assignments within seminars and in a supervised internship semester. You learn scientific theories and methods to

- systematically observe and document matters,
- develop relationships with children and their attachment figures in a way which is beneficial for the children's development,
- analyse social environments,
- organise and manage institutions for childhood and family education and
- thus, actively shape educational processes.

You acquire the necessary skills to contribute to the legally expected childhood education and care in cooperation with families.

In semester 4, you have the option to spend a semester at a different university – in Germany or abroad. It is also possible to spend the internship semester abroad.

The study programme meets the legal requirements of the law on the approval of social professions in Germany of 2015 (SobAG). In case of professional and personal aptitude, you are awarded state approval.

Please note: The language of instruction is mainly German.

Career Options

- Day care for children, including special profile day care centres
- Family centres
- Family education centres, including intercultural education work
- Open all-day schools (OGS)
- Open child and youth work and related areas of child and youth welfare services
- Family leisure centres
- Professional counselling and continuing education, e.g. for early childhood educators and childminders
- Early childhood intervention and education
- Institutions for child protection and children's rights
- Management of facilities, projects and public relations for sponsoring bodies
- Academic development and research projects at universities and research institutes

As a graduate from the bachelor's programme, you can also decide to do a master's degree. Such a postgraduate degree qualifies you for professional academic fields (research and teaching) and/or for advanced executive and development tasks.

Admission Requirements

Please check if you meet all requirements for admission to the study programme. Further information:

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SYLLABUS

BASIC STUDY PERIOD

- Mentoring and Propaedeutics
- Institutions for Children, Educational Concepts and Early Childhood Education (incl. internship)
- Communication with Children, Didactics and Self-Reflection
- Introduction to Theory and History of Education Science
- Introduction to the Fundamentals of Developmental Psychology
- Childhood and Family in the Social Environment
- Social and Political Frameworks and Discourses in the Context of Childhood and Family
- Legal Framework
- Fundamentals of Aesthetic Education
- Physical Education
- Practical experience (semesters 1–2): proof of 140 h of practical experience within the introduction modules / internship

ADVANCED AND FINAL STUDY PERIOD

- Research Methods and Research Practice
- Communication and Counselling – Theories and Models
- Introduction to Diagnostics
- Adult and Family Education – Theories and Methods
- Introduction to the Diversity of Childhood and Family
- Fundamentals of Inclusion-Oriented and Participatory Early Childhood Education
- Leadership – Management and Quality Development
- Language and Literacy (incl. literature)
- Selected Advanced Areas of Education (incl. literature)
- Music
- Specialisation
- Supervised internship semester: 640 h / 20 weeks (part-time internship possible)
- Bachelor's Thesis and Colloquium

The programme content is complemented by learning paths, whose themes run through the entire syllabus. These learning paths deal with children's rights and child protection as well as protection concepts in early childhood education contexts.

Please check the module manual (currently available in German only) for detailed information on the contents of the study programme.

Further Information

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About the programme, admission requirements and application:

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