



# Comparative Social Policy and Welfare

## Master of Sociology

### Introduction

The programme serves the purpose to enhance students' career prospects as highly qualified sociologists and social policy/welfare experts in national, European or international organizations; that are able to apply their skills in developing, implementing and evaluating social programs and projects. Graduate students can continue research in doctoral studies.

### About the programme

The curriculum for the Master's Programme has been designed jointly by three partner universities - Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania), University of Tampere (Finland) and the Johannes Kepler Universität Linz (Austria).

The programme offers basic academic training in the field of welfare management/ social policy development. Courses include topics like Comparative European Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy, National Systems of Work and Social Security. Students will have an opportunity to increase competence and understanding of methodological issues and sociological research methods.

The programme is implemented and administered by three partner-universities and is targeted to the students who have background in social science.

Teaching and learning methods: Intensive programmes (2 weeks IP's) in all partner universities in turn and distance learning classes (the online learning environment "Moodle").

**Duration: 2 years (4 semesters)**



Subjects	ECTS credits
Theories of welfare states: basic module	5
Comparative European social policy: basic module <i>and</i>	
Approaches to comparative social policy studies	9
Working Europe (European employment systems)	6
National Systems of Work and Social Security: East European model	3
Social inequality and exclusion	4.5
Introduction to Sociology*	4.5
Methods of sociological research*	4.5
Social policy*	4.5
Theories of welfare states: extension module	4.5
Comparative European social policy: extension module	4.5
National Systems of Work and Social Security: Continental model	3
Quantitative research methods / Qualitative research methods / European social science data archive	15
Gender and the Welfare State	6
Comparative European Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy: synthesis	6
National Systems of Work and Social Security: Nordic model	3
Synthesis: comparison of system of work and social security in three countries: Lithuania, Austria, Finland	4
Practicum	6
Master's Thesis Course	9
Master's Thesis	30

*\* Compulsory unless a student has studied this subject at the Bachelor level*

