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An international Bachelor specialisation in Social Work*

SW-VirCamp offers an optional curriculum to BA students in Social Work including:

- Intake at the national university,
- From the 2nd or 3rd year of study:
- Up to 30 ECTS credits international comparative e-learning courses
- Up to 30 ECTS credits: study abroad and/or practice abroad
- A BA thesis about Social Work in an international comparative perspective in English or with an English summary

* Institutional adaptations to this model will occur

Why an International Specialisation?

- The situation in Europe affects professional social work and must be addressed by new educational programmes.
- Common challenges all over Europe demand intercultural cooperation and the development of methods to strengthen social cohesion and reduce ethnocentrism and social exclusion

Web Addresses

SW-VirCamp: www.vircamp.net
VIRCLASS: www.virclass.net

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“**Campus** without **borders**”

Advantages and benefits for
Higher Education Institutions,
Social Work Bachelor Students
and Social Work Professionals

The overall aim of SW-VirCamp is to meet the need of a knowledge based, intercultural, socially cohesive European society, by means of a broad and excellent programme of international comparative courses in Social Work.



SW-VirCamp offers Higher Education Institutions

- An excellent tool for internationalising the curriculum
- Integration of an international specialisation into the Social Work BA programme
- Platform for international exchange and comparison
- Courses held in English
- Course in e-pedagogy
- ECTS credited courses according to the Bologna principles
- Low costs of a virtual learning environment
- Raising the institutional profile

SW-VirCamp offers Social Work Bachelor Students

- Cooperation with students and teachers from other countries
- Training of international professional competences
- A portfolio of several e-learning courses focusing on core issues of international social work (the VIRCLASS courses)
- Knowledge about:
 - Social work in Europe
 - Poverty and welfare systems
 - Discrimination, Oppression and Ethnic diversity
 - Social work practice
 - Community Work theories and methods in an international perspective
- Intercultural sensitivity and awareness
- Flexibility in time and place through e-learning
- Increasing employment opportunities and labour mobility.

SW-VirCamp offers Social Work Professionals

- Enhanced knowledge of theories and Social Work practice in Europe, for example about:
 - Community Work as an important field of future Social Work
 - Courses on core issues of international social work and intercultural dialogue
- Knowledge about international welfare systems
- Inspiration and new ideas about projects and interventions
- Contact with colleagues in other countries
- Flexible study in a working situation
- Learning and working according to an individual time table
- New perspectives for a job with an international dimension