

Courses in English Course Description

Department	11 Applied Social Sciences
Course title	Contemporary Issues in Child and Youth Welfare (COIL = Collaborative Online International Learning) Together with social work students from the CALState University Los Angeles
Course number	767
Hours per week (SWS)	4
Number of ECTS credits	5
Course objective	Compare the Child Welfare System and collaborate internationally - working together on an actual project in mixed groups (Munich-Los Angeles)
Prerequisites	Knowledge about the Child Welfare System is advantageous
Recommended reading	Readings will be arranged in class; until then you can read: https://handbookgermany.de/en/youth-welfare-office ; http://www.projecthestia.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/POLICY-BRIEFING-GERMANY.pdf
Teaching methods	Lecture, group work-tasks and presentations for independent development of learning content, discussion
Assessment methods	Presentation, Learning Journal
Language of instruction	English
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Course content	You will explore a child welfare program or service (e.g., home-visiting programs, family preservation services, differential response, etc.). After choosing an issue, you must use a combination of ten resources including peer-reviewed articles, government reports, newspaper articles (2 max), and scholarly websites (3 max) that are pertinent to the issue you select. Using these resources, you have to respond to all of the questions below. 1. Why did you choose this particular issue? What is the main type of maltreatment/need it addresses? 2. Describe a program/or services provided in the issue/area you have chosen above, one in Los Angeles, one in Munich. (what are the differences, the similarities?) 3. What related legislation, policy, and laws affect the provision of the services meant to address the issue you chose? (what are the differences, the similarities?) 4. Based on your review of your resources including course materials lectures/discussions, answer the following questions: a. Do you think that the services provided to children and families in your chosen issue/area are effective? Why or why not? b. What do you think should be done in the future to improve these services at the agency level? At the policy level? Cite examples from your resources to back up your argument. 5. Reflect on your overall learning process!
Remarks	