



Application is open 3.12.2012 –31.1.2013 for the new study period in
MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN COMPARATIVE SOCIAL WORK (CSW)

The Master's degree programme in Comparative Social Work is a two-year (120 ECTS) degree programme developed within the frameworks of the Barents Cross Border University (BCBU), which creates cross-border learning environments between universities in Northern Finland and North-West Russia.

Comparative Social Work students acquire a better understanding of national and global social work through a comparative approach of study. Graduates can work, for example, as social workers in multicultural environments or as experts in international projects.

The increased mobility of people, especially the labour force, in today's world has set new demands for social work and its professionals. The need for experts with skills to understand cultural diversity, international contexts of social issues, as well as a comparative approach to different societies has increased not only in the Barents region, but the world over. There is a definite need for social work professionals who understand the special characteristics of this particular peripheral European Union region, and also the border area between EU and Russia.

The studies include compulsory and elective studies in different spheres of social work as well as coursework on international legislation connecting social work and social policy. This provides students with tools for a broader implementation of the discipline. For example, student practice training in neighbouring countries gives students the chance to familiarize themselves with social work in different contexts and societies.

The programme is based on cross-border education where teaching is carried out in cooperation with all partner universities in the BCBU network in Finland (Rovaniemi, Oulu) and in Russia (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Petrozavodsk). Graduating students are awarded degree qualifications by the university where they are registered. The degree qualification is as a Master of Social Sciences from the University of Lapland. Graduates also have a possibility to continue toward obtaining a doctoral degree.

DATES AND TIMELINES:

Study period	01.09. 2013 – 30.09.2015
Application period	3.12.2012 –31.1.2013
Student selection results	3.4.2013
Deadline for accepting the study place	30.7.2013
Student intake	max. 10 students
Degree	M.Soc.Sc. (Master of Social Sciences)
Credits	120 ECTS

REQUIRED ENCLOSURES TO THE APPLICATION:

- 1) The Application Form, duly completed and signed
- 2) A copy of your bachelor's degree certificate/diploma from an institution of higher education and its Finnish, English, or Swedish translation
- 3) A transcript of records/grade report which indicates also the grading system of the institution of higher education and its Finnish, English, or Swedish translation
- 4) A certificate of English proficiency. A language test result or documentation of one of the other approved methods of demonstrating language proficiency in the English language
- 5) A copy of your passport's ID page
- 6) A motivation letter
- 7) A curriculum vitae
- 8) A letter of recommendation from a former teacher or instructor. The letters of recommendation should be enclosed separately in closed envelopes.

See more detailed information on the required enclosures from the following website:

www.ulapland.fi/Admissions(->For Master studies)

If you have questions, please contact: [admission\(at\)ulapland.fi](mailto:admission@ulapland.fi)