

About us

Welcome to the Department of Community and Social Studies (Institute of Social Relations) University of Pécs, Hungary.



Our goal is to train competent, committed and innovative professionals who are capable of working effectively in multi-professional settings to assist individuals, families and communities experiencing difficulties in their lives. Our study programmes endeavour to provide students with the critical-reflective thinking skills necessary to understand the socio-cultural context of their work. As future social professionals they should be able to contribute towards constructive social change and prevent social exclusion, poverty, inequality and mental health problems.



Our department has established a dynamic network of various institutions of higher education, research, social care and social administration. Our courses respond to needs of the Hungarian society and meet international training standards. We combine theory with teaching lots of relevant practical skills and put a strong emphasis on making our students employable in Hungary and in the European Union.

Our study programmes reflect the diverse cultural heritage of Pécs, a home for ethnic minorities and European Capital of Culture, 2010. We have a number of international partners who collaborate with us in our research projects and in various academic programmes.

Study programmes at undergraduate level:

Social Work (B.A.)

(Complex modules on Addiction Studies, Child Protection and Clinical Social Work are to be introduced) Social Work, university degree (a pre-Bologna training system with no further admissions)

Social Policy (Social Administration) university degree (a pre-Bologna training system with no further admissions)

At postgraduate level:

Social Work (M. A.)

Social Policy (Social Administration)

(also as corresponding courses)



In addition to the study programmes in Community and Social Studies, our department has developed a number of academic projects: The Szociális Szemle (Social Review) has been launched in 2008 to provide a think tank for the social professionals living in the Carpathian Basin. SZINEK (Social Innovation and Evaluation Centre) has been founded in 2008 as a palusible framework for our joint research projects. We plan to broaden the scope of our research activities by providing external evaluation for institutions of social care.