

Research Internships within the Master degree programme “Diversity – Research – Social Work”

The internship is part of module 4 (Research Practice) within the Master degree programme “Diversity-Research-Social Work” in the department of Social Work and Social Welfare at the University of Kassel. The goal of the internship is to provide students with an opportunity to acquire practical experience in carrying out empirical research in an ongoing project and to learn to work independently. Students can exercise the research internship at the University of Kassel or at another university in Germany or abroad. Alternatively, they choose an appropriate non-university research institution.

What is the scope of the internship?

The internship comprises 600 semester hours per week (SWS) of 45 minutes each (450 time hours). This volume of time is available for the internship and for writing the final research report. The internship can be arranged as full-time or part-time by agreement between the research institution and the student. In addition, students attend an internship-accompanying scientific colloquium of 30 SWS. Participation in the colloquium (mandatory attendance), which is usually offered in block form, must be made possible by the research institution.

What are the tasks of the research center?

The research center should integrate interns into an ongoing research project and involve them in the implementation and design of a concrete research process as well as to support them in the development of independent research steps. After checking the fit of the internship, an internship contract will be issued for the legal protection of all parties involved. Students are expected to develop and work on their own research question during the internship. The work process and the results will be recorded by the students in a research report (min. 40 000 characters including spaces). The report refers to aspects of social diversity and is usually to be written in the language in which the internship was completed. Usually, the research office will supervise and grade this report, but in exceptional cases this may be done by the module supervisor of the programme.

The usual social science standards apply to the assessment of the research paper. Grading is formalized only to the extent that grades ranging from very good (each in intermediate grades: 0.7; 1.0; 1.3) to sufficient (4.0) can be assigned for a passing grade. The most important criterion in grading the report is the student's own scientific performance.

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