

# Department of Social Sciences

Bachelor- & Master Programme | Research Institute



# At a glance

The Department of Social Sciences at St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences offers comprehensive academic training and research in the fields of Social Work and Social Pedagogy. Students gain academic degrees in both fields.

## Bachelor Programme

### Social Work

The profession of social work engages individuals, groups and communities to address issues concerning challenges that people are facing in their everyday lives as well as their social networks. It intervenes with guidance and support measures where social changes are necessary at the points where people interact with their environments. The academic work connected with the programme generates practical insights, tools and techniques by applying the latest methods of empirical social research.

Graduation: Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (BA)

Length of course: 6 semesters

## Master Programme

### Social Work

The profession and academic discipline of social work is growing in importance. Demographic developments and social differentiation is giving rise to new areas of work. Graduates of this master programme work in frontline social work, planning, and in applied research and development for the creation of social services fit for today's society.

Graduation: Master of Arts in Social Sciences (MA)

Length of course: 4 semesters

## Further Education

- Social Pedagogy, MA
- Family Group Conference
- Social Work with Asylum Seekers and Convention Refugees
- Addiction Counselling and Prevention, MSc
- Short courses for social work practitioners



# Department Highlights

Studying extra-occupationally: All study programmes and continuing education courses at the Department of Social Sciences meet the needs of employed people:

- few days of attendance through blocked courses
- integration of e-learning

We advise our students to reduce their weekly hours of work to 30 and/or planning a phase of educational leave.

Work experience of students is incorporated in teaching.



## Research Activities at the Ilse Arlt Institute for Social Inclusion Research

Ilse Arlt represents an understanding of social work that focuses on society's structures to help people who are marginalized and that considers social work as a duty to society, while recognizing that particular methods need to be applied to individual cases.

### Current fields of research

#### **Participation and democracy**

The working group addresses the following core topics: participation, human rights, reference budgets, peer counselling, client advisory boards, refugees and communities, social work and LGBT\*iQ.

#### **Health and social care**

This line of research looks at how health and social policy relate to social work and the science of social work, as well as covering primary healthcare and community care. The working group also considers the social effects of an ageing society, issues relating to the integration of elderly people into social networks, and the development of public health and social security systems.

#### **Social work methodologies and social diagnostics**

The Arlt Institute develops social diagnostics instruments and scientifically monitors their implementation. The working group concentrates on the potential for developing and improving social work in organisations and projects. Their work focuses on social diagnostics, inclusion charts, inclusion counselling, family group conferences and case management.



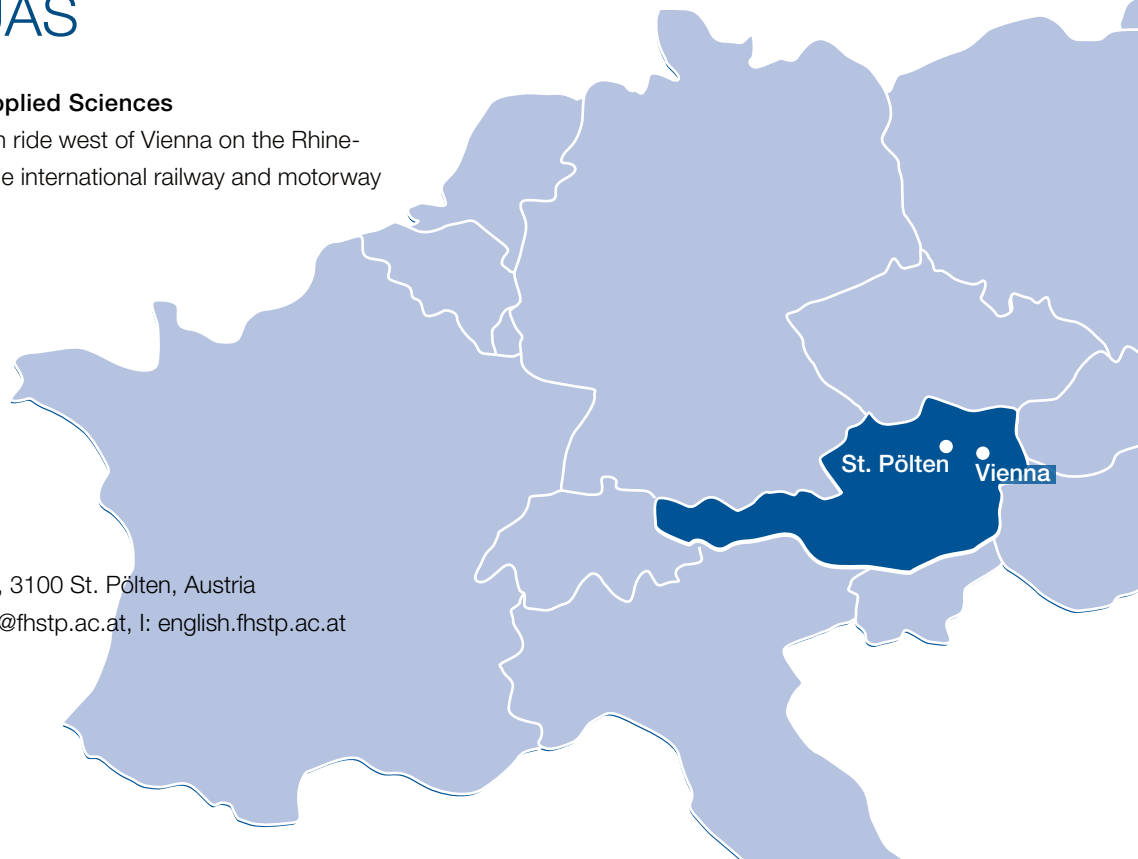
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## St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences

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