

Master in

# Innovation and Research for Social Work and Social Education

2024/25



## At a glance

Italian degree class: LM-87

ECTS credits: 120

Duration of the course: 2 years

Courses will be taught in: Italian,  
German and English (trilingual)

Places available: 20 EU + 2 non-EU

Campus: Brixen-Bressanone

Tuition fees: ca. € 1350 per year





## Course description

The study programme will not be offered in the 2024/25 academic year. Another edition is planned for 2025/26.

The current state of society requires **social innovation**, as well as **the ability to mobilise resources and use them effectively** for the goals of public and private organisations and enterprises in the social, educational, cultural and health sectors, as well as in the social economy, with a view to the sustainable development of welfare systems.

This master programme **qualifies professionals** who can design, implement and evaluate policy developments in these areas in a participatory and innovative way using qualitative and quantitative methods related to social impact assessment and accountability, participatory approaches and stakeholder engagement.

The programme **is designed to be interdisciplinary**. It is aimed at graduates of relevant bachelor programmes without previous professional experience as well as professionals with professional experience and interest in pursuing further studies.

## Structure of the course

The study programme is particularly suitable for people who want to further develop their own context of action through research and methods of social innovation. Interaction and exchange with experts and practitioners alternate with theoretical in-depth studies. It favours the development of one's own research projects, which are scientifically accompanied by the lecturers.

The content includes sociological, socio-political, statistical, anthropological, legal, psychological and pedagogical basics, as well as research methods, methods of social planning and management of third sector organisations.

Innovative teaching approaches are adopted in the study programme, which are geared towards the students and their needs. The methods of **blended learning** enable a flexible learning environment and the optimal integration of on-site and online activities. Lectures are also recorded for a-synchronous use. Integrated digital education as a practice of social innovation offers a sustainable and participatory way of learning.

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## 1st year

- 12 CP Theory and Research in Social Work
  - 6 CP Social Work and Social Theory
  - 6 CP Knowledge Production and Critical Practice Application in Social Work and (lab.)
- 6 CP Community Work and Participation
- 12 CP Social Policy and Welfare Production
  - 6 CP Social Policy Between Global Change and Local Challenges
  - 6 CP Actors and Organization of Integrated Welfare
- 6 CP Quantitative Methods and Social Research and (lab.)
- 10 CP Labour Dynamics, Social Security and Administrative Action
  - 6 CP Labour and Social Security Law
  - 4 CP Administrative Law
- 6 CP Psychology of Care and Personnel Development in Social Work
- 4 CP Optional Courses
- 4 CP Professional Placement

## 2nd year

- 6 CP Participatory Design and Evaluation of Innovative Social Interventions and Services
- 11 CP Values and Ethics in Cultural and Professional Contexts
  - 6 CP Inter-and Transcultural Approaches in Communicative and Organizational Processes
  - 5 CP Values and Professional Cultures in Social Work
- 11 CP Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Management of Social Services
  - 6 CP Administration and Economic Management of Social Services
  - 5 CP Social Entrepreneurship Education
- 6 CP Criminal Justice and Social Work
- 4 CP Optional Courses
- 4 CP English for Social Work
- 6 CP Project or Research Placement
- 12 CP Final Exam”

The principles that govern the requirement of compulsory attendance are the following:

The course aims to provide you with extra depth to your studies as well as provide you with the professional skills that qualified experts need to work in the field. Therefore, attendance

requirements are established following your work commitments. You can freely attend theoretical lectures, but attendance is compulsory for laboratories. Attendance is valid both in presence or synchronous online.

## Exchange programmes and internships

At the moment we are partnered with universities all over the world and part of a large collaboration network with employers in Italy and abroad. Professionally supervised practical experience and a research internship are provided.

## Career opportunities

Our graduates work in managerial and advisory positions in public and private organisations in the social, educational, cultural and health sectors, as well as in social economy companies. They are qualified for research-based planning, development, and evaluation.





## **Advisory Service**

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## **Opening Hours**

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Alternatively, you may call us  
throughout the week or book an  
online appointment