

Lucerne University of
Applied Sciences and Arts

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Social Work

A photograph of three young people (two men and one woman) smiling and talking outdoors. The woman is on the left, wearing a black jacket. The man in the center is wearing a blue jacket. The man on the right is wearing a tan jacket. They are standing in front of a cityscape with buildings and a church spire in the background. A vertical red and purple bar is on the right side of the image.

Connecting worldwide

Lucerne School of Social Work

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Teaching specialist knowledge, supporting interdisciplinary thought and action

The Lucerne School of Social Work has an outstanding reputation thanks to its forward-looking course concepts. With over 750 students attending its degree programmes and almost 1'000 following continuing education courses, the Lucerne School of Social Work is one of the largest training establishments of its kind in Switzerland.

Are you interested in networking at an international level? Would you like to spend an exchange semester abroad or learn more about field practice? If so, contact:

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Regional, national and international networks

The Lucerne School of Social Work operates at a local, regional, national and international level. It offers exchange semesters and work placements abroad, maintains partnerships with other university-level institutions, involves itself in international research projects and is a member of several European research networks.

Build a career profile from the diverse courses on offer

Studying in Lucerne helps bachelor's degree students to develop their career profiles by choosing from the specialisations on offer – Social Work, Community Development or Social Pedagogy. Thanks to the diverse courses that the School offers, students can develop an international career profile.

Thinking outside the box – interdisciplinary studies

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts offers Interdisciplinary Learning Programmes in partnership with the University of Lucerne and the University of Teacher Education Lucerne. Students taking these programmes gain skills beyond their own subject area which enable them to work in collaboration with other disciplines later in their professional careers.

«My exchange semester in Lucerne gave me a lot, both personally and professionally. I really value the fact that some of the lecturers in Lucerne are practising social workers. That was new for me, and it really enriched my learning.»

Nadja Wieder, incoming student from Nuremberg

Practical and research-based

Bachelor's degree programme

The Lucerne School of Social Work offers training that is both research-based and practical. It is the only university of applied sciences in German-speaking Switzerland to offer a Bachelor of Science with the three following specialisations:

Social Work

Social workers help people to manage and shape their lives. They provide personal and material assistance in the event of a personal crisis such as the loss of a job, illness, poverty, separation or divorce.

Community Development

Sociocultural facilitators proactively promote social coexistence and cohesion. They work in the areas of regional development and civil society, in culture and across the generations.

Social Pedagogy

Social education workers assist people of all ages with their daily tasks. They support, for instance, bringing up children and young people, individual development, family development and learning processes in groups.

Master's degree programme

The Master of Science in Social Work builds on the knowledge acquired during the bachelor's degree programme and prepares students for professional practice. The four specialisations that we offer allow students to match their interests to their chosen profession. The Master's degree in Social Work is offered jointly by three universities of applied sciences as a Cooperation Master's: Berne, Lucerne and St. Gallen.

Research

Working closely with public authorities, not-for-profit organisations, companies in the service sector and industry, the Lucerne School of Social Work develops interdisciplinary research projects whose findings inform both teaching and practice. Students sometimes get the chance to work on research projects. Areas of research include: Work integration; Disability and Quality of Life; Education and Care; Deviancy, Violence and Victim Protection; Urban and Regional Development; Child and Adults Protection; Methods and Procedures; Prevention and Health; Social Security; Social Management and Social Policy as well as Socioculture.

Continuing education: professional specialisation across eight thematic areas

The Lucerne School of Social Work offers Masters of Advanced Studies (MAS), Diplomas of Advanced Studies (DAS), Certificates of Advanced Studies (CAS), specialist courses and specialist seminars on a variety of topics in the field of social work.



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