

### Entry requirements

The entry requirements for admission to the course are:

- a Bachelor's or Master's degree or diploma in the field of social work or
- a Bachelor's or Master's degree or diploma in a social science, behavioural science, arts or educational science discipline and at least two years professional experience in a social work field
- a statement of purpose explaining why applicants want to study for the Master's degree course

The final grade on graduation must be at least "good" (2.0).

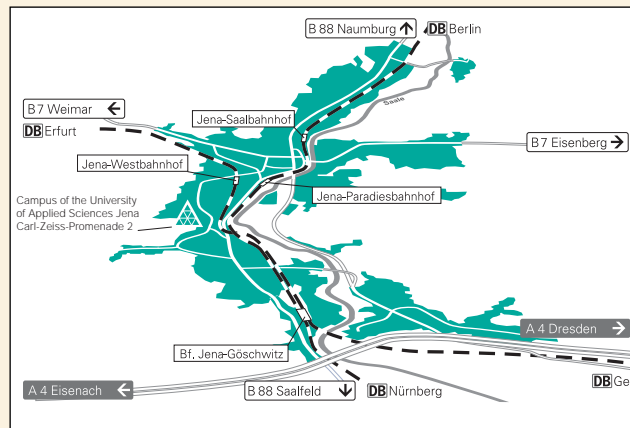
### Career prospects

Social changes and problems and the resulting need for social and socio-political management have led to a growing need for executive personnel in the field of social work who can meet the challenges presented by structuring and restructuring processes in a professional manner.

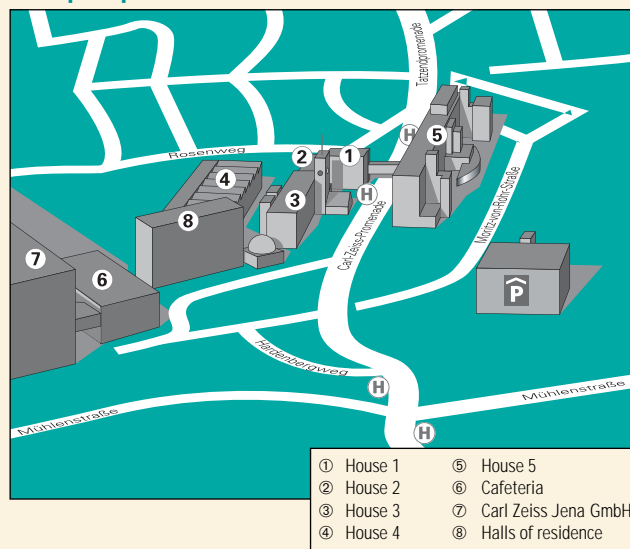
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### Road and rail links



### Campus plan



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**Fachhochschule Jena**  
University of Applied Sciences Jena

## Master of Arts

## Social Work



M. A. Social Work



## Course contents and objectives

This course qualifies its graduates for managerial positions in the field of social work as well as for a further academic career.

This means that, as well as receiving professional, in-depth training in social work theory, graduates will be able above all to apply the knowledge acquired reflectively in the sense of a socio-pedagogical technical competence, based on practical and systemic analysis and socio-pedagogical diagnosis and negotiations with their clients. In addition, they will be able to understand complex relationships and to react to them adequately. Planning, reflecting, conceptualizing, coordinating, organizing, evaluating and supervising are skills closely linked with these competences, affecting both structural organizational development and social skills in dealing with colleagues.

This course is a specialized qualification as opposed to the generalist training approach adopted in the Bachelor degree course.

A greater emphasis has been placed on the areas of specialization of research, development and evaluation, as well as on the course contents covering managerial functions.

This approach qualifies graduates both for employment in the higher grades of the Civil Service and for a further academic career (studying for a PhD etc). This latter option is guaranteed by the R&D (research and development) projects provided in which a practically relevant research and/or development assignment is carried out empirically, conceptually and with regard to its contents.

This consecutive and application-oriented course of study leading to the Master of Arts degree provides students with an additional qualification for entry into a relevant profession.

## Employment opportunities

Research and development work, employment in the higher grades of the Civil Service as well as managerial functions in the social work field.

## Course overview

The course comprises three semesters and is modular in structure.

	module 1	module 2	module 3	module 4	module 5	
1 <sup>st</sup> semester	specialised knowledge social work	methods of research	management	leadership: development of human resources and organization	research- and development project	
2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	specialised knowledge social work	international topics/politics	management	leadership: development of human resources and organization	law	research- and development project
3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	international topics/politics	law	Master thesis			

## Graduation

The internationally recognized academic degree of Master of Arts (MA) will be conferred on students by the University of Applied Sciences Jena on successful completion of the course.

This degree qualifies graduates of the course for employment in the higher grades of the Civil Service and for a further academic career (study for a PhD etc).

