

Programmes for incoming students

At our Department of Applied Social Studies we have 5 Bachelor programmes in Dutch:

- Applied Psychology with the options
 - o Clinical Psychology
 - o Work and Organizational Psychology
 - o School and Educational Psychology
- Applied Security Studies with the options
 - o Minor Applied Criminology
 - o Minor Crisis and Safety Management
- Human Resources Management (new since September 2023)
- Social Work with the options
 - o Social Work and Social Care
 - o Social Work and Legal Aid
 - o Social Cultural Work
- Social Educational Care Work

and 3 Associate Degree programmes in Dutch:

- Social Work
- Social Cultural Work
- Social Educational Assistance.

There is also a range of postgraduates, micro-degrees and continuing education courses.

For international incoming students we offer 4 exchange programmes in English of 30 credits or 5 months each: one in the autumn semester and 3 in the spring semester. We also have some options for shorter mobilities. Below you can find more information on the content and we also refer further to our web pages and the respective programme coordinators.

For general information, you can contact Sabine Poleyn, Global Engagement Co-ordinator of the Department of Applied Social Studies: sabine.poleyn@vives.be or + 32 472 27 69 99

::: Possibilities in the first semester (September to end-January)

// F.L.O.W.S.

Focus on Healthy Life, Organisations and Well-being in Society (30 ECTS)

F.L.O.W.S. is an interdisciplinary minor for students Applied Social Studies, Health Care, Education and Well-being and Vitality Management. In health care organisations, in education, in applied social community services but also in enterprises and companies, the commitment to well-being, positive health and vitality management seems to become more than just a hot

topic! Creating connections, active dialogue capacity building and healthy life style interventions contribute to and are key components for a pro-active, preventive and sustainable society.

Courses:

- Global sustainability and engagement (5 ECTS)
- Introduction and vision on health, health prevention, coaching and entrepreneurship (4 ECTS)
- Behavioural and environmental changes towards a healthy life and wellbeing in society (3 ECTS)
- Active Life Style and health (3 ECTS)
- Stress prevention and –management in organisations Training in detection and coaching (3 ECTS)
- Optional part: F.L.O.W.S. into practice (students can choose 1 option)
 - o Integrated interdisciplinary Project (12 ECTS)
 - o Internship (12 ECTS)
 - o Internship + Simulation (12 ECTS)
 - o International workfield orientation (3 ECTS)

More information:

- <https://www.vives.be/en/applied-social-studies-education-health-care/flows-focus-healthy-life-organisations-and-well>
- programme co-ordinator: Eveline Le Roy Eveline.leroy@vives.be
- Deadline to apply is 31st of May.
Check <https://www.vives.be/en/exchange-students/application-procedure-exchange-students>

// Global Engagement Week (1 week mid-November)

Every year, we organise an interdisciplinary Global Engagement Week for our 400 second-year students in mid-November. During that week, we welcome numerous guest lecturers from partner schools abroad, often accompanied by project groups with students. The week includes numerous choice sessions on global challenges. A fascinating week for students and staff from various disciplines and countries to get to know each other and work together!

::: Possibilities in the second semester (February to June)

// eSociety #exploringthefutures (30 ECTS)

Our society is currently evolving towards artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, transhumanism, industry 4.0, quantum computing, blockchain, and this will alter the way we live, work and think. Some view these evolutions with caution, whilst others welcome them with open arms. In this interdisciplinary programme, we aim to develop a critical awareness of

arguments on either side; considering potential threats to, among others, equality and democracy, as well as examining new opportunities like e-business, e-health and e-governance.

Courses:

- The information Age (10 ECTS)
- The human factor (5 ECTS)
- Legal and ethical framework (3 ECTS)
- Integrated interdisciplinary project (12 ECTS)

More information:

- <https://www.vives.be/en/applied-social-studies/esocietyexploringthefutures-kortrijk>
- programme co-ordinator: Thomas D'hooge thomas.dhooge@vives.be
- Deadline to apply is 1st of November.

Check <https://www.vives.be/en/exchange-students/application-procedure-exchange-students>

// Transnational Social Work (TNSW)

on decolonisation, migration, socio-ecological transition (30 ECTS)

In this minor, we will introduce the social worker to various less non-dominant and non-Western perspectives on different transnational issues as social inequality, conflict, migration and climate change. As a social worker, just as any other citizen, you look at social challenges from your own contextual frame of reference. Many of these challenges however cross national and cultural borders. Therefore, learning about other perspectives is a necessity.

Topics covered in this minor are: decolonisation, dynamics of discrimination (race, class, gender), postcolonial practices in the work with minorities and transformative initiatives. Voices from around the world with a focus on oppressed narratives from here and elsewhere in the world inspire us to engage with the topics in the field.

Courses:

- Social philosophy of the commons (3 ECTS)
- Contemporary challenges in transnational social work - voices from around the world (5 ECTS)
- Becoming actors in a transnational context (5 ECTS)
- Transnational policy, organisations & civil society (5 ECTS)
- Community-based participatory research - project work (12 ECTS)

More information & contact person:

- <https://www.vives.be/en/applied-social-studies/transnational-social-work>
- programme co-ordinator: Wendy Derynck wendy.derynck@vives.be
- Deadline to apply is 1st of November.

Check <https://www.vives.be/en/exchange-students/application-procedure-exchange-students>

// S.P.A.C.E. - Social Pedagogical Art & Creativity Exploration (30 ECTS)

Are you interested in art and creativity in social contexts? You want to explore artistic workshops for people with a disability, socio-artistic practices in neighbourhoods or creative expression as an alternative way of communication? Then join S.P.A.C.E! This programme lets you explore how art and creativity are linked and used in social-(ped)agogical settings. The programme is a mix of theory and practice, class work and individual work: lessons, art-based labs, visits, presentations and group- based project work.

Courses:

- Philosophy on arts and creativity (3 ECTS)
- ARTillery (8 ECTS): Art-Based Labs (5 ECTS) + Research & Reflection (3 ECTS)
- Sector exploration and study visits (4 ECTS)
- Global Sustainability and Engagement (3 ECTS)
- Group project (12 ECTS)

More information:

- <https://www.vives.be/en/applied-social-studies/space-social-pedagogical-art-creativity-exploration-kortrijk>
- programme co-ordinator: Bart Vanhoenacker bart.vanhoenacker@vives.be
- Deadline to apply is 1st of November.

Check <https://www.vives.be/en/exchange-students/application-procedure-exchange-students>

// Shorter Mobilities? (3, 6, 9 or 18 ECTS)

Besides our Global Engagement Week in November where also small groups of incoming students are welcome, there are also some other options for shorter mobilities. In case a 5-month period or a 30-credit package is too large for an exchange student's study path, a **smaller package** can also be chosen. Of all the programmes above, the **first 18 credits** can be included, allowing students to spend a 3-month period in Belgium (February to the end of April). You can discuss these possibilities with Sabine Poleyn, Global Engagement Co-ordinator of the Department of Applied Social Studies: sabine.poleyn@vives.be

Within the **Transnational Social Work** programme, there is also an option to take 1 to 3 modules of two weeks each. Each 2-week module includes a final evaluation and corresponds to 3 ECTS. For 2024, these are the thematic modules and concrete dates:

- Block 1: 5 Feb-25 Feb (with one week of Spring Holiday): Decolonisation
- Block 2: 26 Feb – 10 March: Dynamics of discrimination (race, class, gender)
- Block 3: 11 March – 24 March: Postcolonial practices in the work with minorities
- Block 4: 25 March – 31 March & 15 April – 21 April: Transformative initiatives (2 weeks of Easter Holiday in between)

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