



# HSD

**Hochschule Düsseldorf**  
University of Applied Sciences

# SK

**Faculty of Social Sciences  
and Cultural Studies**

**Bachelor of Arts**

# Early Childhood Education and Family Studies

## Profile

The bachelor's programme Early Childhood Education and Family Studies focuses on two topics: institutional education and care for children aged 0–14 as well as family education.

The combination of these topics provides the educational and methodological background to enable you to

- support families in their parenting skills and
- conceptualise services for children as well as parents.

Current research results provide the basis for strategies in professional practice.

The programme is designed to emphasise both subject-specific knowledge and core competences with a strong practice- and project-orientation. It links theory and practice, especially in observation and research assignments within seminars and in a supervised internship semester. You learn scientific theories and methods to

- systematically observe and document matters,
- develop relationships with children and their attachment figures in a way which is beneficial for the children's development,
- analyse social environments,
- organise and manage institutions for childhood and family education and
- thus, actively shape educational processes.

You acquire the necessary skills to contribute to the legally expected childhood education and care in cooperation with families.

In semester 4, you have the option to spend a semester at a different university – in Germany or abroad. It is also possible to spend the internship semester abroad.

The study programme meets the legal requirements of the law on the approval of social professions in Germany of 2015 (SobAG). In case of professional and personal aptitude, you are awarded state approval.

**Please note:** The language of instruction is mainly German.

## Career Options

The bachelor's programme Early Childhood Education and Family Studies qualifies you for practical education for children aged 0–14 and families. Possible professional fields are:

- day care centres for children, possibly with a special focus
- family centres and family education centres
- open all-day schools (OGS)
- organisations for open work with children
- leisure centres for families
- vocational training, further training and continuing education, e.g. for early childhood educators and child minders
- counselling services

You can work in all institutions of public or private welfare agencies or churches.

As a graduate from the bachelor's programme, you can also decide to do a master's degree. Such postgraduate degree qualifies you for professional academic fields (research and teaching) and/or for advanced executive and development tasks.

## Admission Requirements

Please check if you meet all requirements for admission to the study programme. Further information:

[soz-kult.hs-duesseldorf.de/pkf-en](http://soz-kult.hs-duesseldorf.de/pkf-en)

# SYLLABUS

## SEMESTERS 1-3

- Mentoring and Propaedeutics
- Institutions for Children, Educational Concepts and Early Childhood Education
- Communication with Children and Self-Reflection
- Introduction to Theory and History of Education Science
- Child Development and Health Advancement
- Fundamentals of Cooperation with Parents and Family Education
- Children and Family in the Social Environment
- Social and Political Frameworks and Discourses in the Context of Childhood and Family
- Legal Framework
- Fundamentals of Aesthetic Education
- Literature
- Introduction to Selected Areas of Education
- Adult and Family Education – Theories and Methods
- Practical experience (semesters 1–2): proof of 140 h of practical experience within the introduction modules / internship

## SEMESTERS 4-7

- Research Methods and Research Practice
- Communication and Counselling – Theories and Models
- Introduction to Diagnostics, Development and Advancement
- Introduction Course: Diversity of Childhood and Families
- Advanced Course: Diversity of Childhood and Families
- Leadership – Management and Evaluation
- Music and Dance
- Physical Education and Dance
- Specialisation
- Supervised internship semester: during the final study period, 640 h or 20 weeks (part-time internship possible)
- Bachelor's thesis and colloquium

Please check the module manual (currently in German only) for detailed information on the contents of the study programme.

## Further Information

**Events for prospective students (in German only)**

[hs-duesseldorf.de/zsb\\_veranstaltungen](https://hs-duesseldorf.de/zsb_veranstaltungen)

**How to apply**

[hs-duesseldorf.de/prospectivestudents/degreeseekings/application](https://hs-duesseldorf.de/prospectivestudents/degreeseekings/application)

**Information for international applicants**

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**About the programme and admission requirements**

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