

Our expectations/your perspectives

Target group

The course is intended for persons seeking a challenging career in the social sector and able to demonstrate a high level of ability and commitment. Exceptional willingness to communicate is important, as is enjoyment in dealing with people.



The first year's intake at graduation, 2006

Admission requirements

Requirements are generally the "Fachhochschulreife" (higher school-leaving certificate) and a contract of employment with an statutory accident insurance institution.

Requirements during the course

- A high level of motivation and continual willingness to learn
- Ability to cope under pressure
- Ability to work unsupervised and willingness to acquire knowledge and skills independently
- Analytical, abstract, conceptual and networked based thinking

Perspectives

The course prepares students for a varied and responsible occupation within the social security system. An interdisciplinary approach and a holistic philosophy lay the foundations for a successful career.

University/department/site

The university

The Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences is a young university. At three sites (Sankt Augustin, Rheinbach and Hennef), it offers its students a practical and interdisciplinary education. It goes without saying that students enjoy access to computer facilities and an e-mail account, and benefit from intensive and personal support during the course and in the alumni club after its completion.

At present, the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences has approximately 5,000 students.

The department

Founded in 2003, the Department of Social Security Management is located at the Hennef site and is the sixth department of the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences. Teaching is currently conducted in the department by twelve professors from the fields of law, economics, information technology, case management, psychology and medicine. They are supported by numerous further teaching staff from the research community and the field.

The site

With the exception of the practical placement phases, the course is held at Hennef. Tuition takes place at the DGUV Academy, which is located there. Besides lecture theatres, computer facilities and a library, the Academy features a residential campus environment, including rooms with modern facilities (including Internet connection), a cafeteria, and comprehensive sports facilities.

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Information on the Course

Social Insurance

with the main subject of

Accident Insurance

Degree

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Campus Hennef



The course is offered jointly by:



and



The German Social Accident Insurance

Like health, nursing care, retirement pensions and unemployment insurance, the statutory accident insurance constitutes an independent branch of the German social insurance system.

Since 1 June 2007, the German statutory accident insurance institutions for the public and private sectors have been represented by a common umbrella association, the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV). The member institutions of the DGUV insure over 70 million people in Germany against occupational and commuting accidents, accidents in educational establishments, and occupational diseases. The accident insurance institutions carry out their work, for which they have a legal mandate, on their own responsibility under an autonomous administration.



The most important function of the accident insurance institutions is the prevention of occupational accidents, occupational diseases, and work-related health hazards. Should an insured event – an occupational accident or disease – nevertheless occur, the accident insurance institutions are responsible for acute curative treatment, medical rehabilitation, and the assurance of measures for participation in working and community life, including the payment of appropriate income compensation benefit. Should the insured individual's health be impaired permanently, however, a pension commensurate with the level of the impairment is paid to the insured individual (or to his or her dependants). The accident insurance institutions are therefore the only part of the German social insurance system to adopt the principle of providing all services from a single source. The result is complex, but offers scope for integrated provision. The degree course prepares students for this holistic form of case management.

The course of studies

The course, which is accredited by FIBAA, is run by the Department of Social Security Management of the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences, in cooperation with the DGUV. Lasting for three years, it leads to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and represents a pragmatic intermeshing of scientific knowledge and practical application.



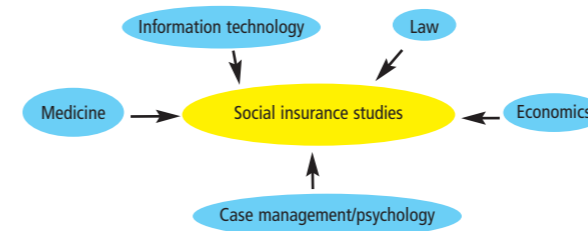
The course, which begins each winter semester, is intended to prepare for a high-level function in an accident insurance institution including the performance of complex tasks.

These may for example concern the competent support either of insured individuals (case management in the area of services) or of member companies (case management in the area of corporate consulting/ premiums).

A crucial requirement in this context is for specialist and methodical competence in a range of disciplines to be combined with social and personal skills, in order for the ongoing process of social and economic change to be anticipated and addressed in advance, and for necessary administrative reforms to be conducted actively in the interests of modernization.

Curriculum

A comprehensive empirical survey of the needs was conducted with the assistance of industry and the scientific community. Based upon the results, a spiral curriculum was developed with the necessary interdisciplinarity, combining elements of social law with aspects of economics, medicine, information technology, administrative science and case management, and supplemented by elective main subjects which include psychology, health economics, personnel management, data processing and English. The spiral curriculum is a didactic concept in which subject-matter is not taught in a linear fashion, structured strictly according to the logic of the subject. Instead, it is built up in a spiral fashion with consideration for aspects of developmental and educational psychology. The result is that individual subjects can be dealt with repeatedly at progressively higher levels or from different perspectives, and linked to other subject-matter.



Another underlying feature of the curriculum is its synthesis of scientific knowledge and practical implementation. This is achieved by a series of theoretical and practical placement phases, such as one-month work placements in the areas of prevention, rehabilitation and case management. The formal tuition period is followed by a concluding practical placement phase lasting five months in total. Besides the practical placement phases, the course involves a number of seminar and case-study projects and field trips of direct relevance to statutory accident insurance. Where possible, students also engage with accident insurance institutions at international level, particularly with institutions elsewhere in Europe. Altogether, a challenging and interesting curriculum has been composed which promotes the social insurance science.

Study content

Overview of social security systems – national, international

The statutory accident insurance system
Prevention, curative treatment, rehabilitation, care, financial compensation, insured events, assessment, financing and organization

Economics
Business science and organizational studies, administrative science and new public management, corporate culture, economic science and health economics, statistics

Case management/psychology
Case management/care management, psychology, communication and optimization strategies

Medicine
Anatomy/types of injury, physiology/ occupational diseases

Law
German social law, including its administration, appeal and court procedures, constitutional, civil, labour and criminal law, recourse law

Information technology
Computer networks, databases, information systems, data security, expert systems

Elective major subjects
For example: law (foreign and international social law), medicine, psychology, health economics, disability management, personnel management, data processing, English

Field projects
Initial field project for familiarization with the practical fields; further field projects each of one month's duration on the following subjects:

- Prevention
- Rehabilitation and therapeutic facilities
- Case management
- Use and application of law,

Concluding field project (5 months)

Final bachelor thesis (9 weeks), defence of the thesis