

Academic Offer description for EMP-AIM Project:

Institution:	Mykolas Romeris University (MRU)
EU subject code:	14.2 Sociology
Type of Mobility:	Master for Exchange /Master for Degree/
For each Exchange Type of Mobility:	
Master for Exchange	<p><i>List of Courses (with ECTS credits):</i></p> <p><i>Scientific Work (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Theories of Welfare States and Comparative European Social Policy: basic module (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>East European model: Lithuanian system of work and social security Model (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>National Systems of Work and Welfare: Continental Model (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Nordic Model: Nordic Welfare Societies (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Methodology of Social and Comparative Research (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Theories of Welfare States: extension module (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Comparative European Social Policy: extension module (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Quantitative Research Methods (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Qualitative Research Methods (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Work, Employment and Welfare (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Synthesis of Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy Including Case Studies (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Practicum (10 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Master's Thesis (40 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Alterative Courses (Research areas of social policy: comparative analysis)**:</i></p> <p><i>Social Demography (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Family Policy (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>History of social ideas and social reforms (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Gender and Social Policy (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Social Inequality and Exclusion (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p><i>Web-site with information about courses available to exchange students at Master level: cosopo.mruni.eu</i></p>
Admission requirements (for each Exchange Type of Mobility):	<p><i>Language requirements: a good knowledge of English language for academic purposes (results of major international tests such as TOEFL, IELTS, etc. are accepted).</i></p> <p><i>Other academic requirements (f.e. how many years a candidate must have completed): The prerequisite for admission to the Master's Programme is a completed university level Bachelor's degree or equivalent in social sciences (sociology, social work, political science, economics or in the other closely related field).</i></p>
Academic calendar (for each Exchange Type of Mobility):	<i>Length of studies depends upon intensity of the studies selected by the student. Studies in the Program last for 2 years (4 semesters). A study year begins on the first of September and finishes on the thirty first of August</i>

	<i>including holidays. The plan of the Program is distributed in semesters. One year of studies is comprised of 2 semesters: autumn and spring. Calendar duration of the semester is 20 weeks (including examination). Students have Christmas, Easter holidays and holidays after the examination session of the fall semester. In summer students have uninterrupted holidays which are not shorter than one month. An academic calendar is foreseen for the year of studies and is announced on the University website at the beginning of the calendar year.</i>
Contact name (for each Exchange Type of Mobility):	<i>Prof. dr. Vida Kanopienė</i>
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Website (for each Exchange Type of Mobility):	<i>cosopo.mruni.eu</i>
Additional information:	<i>All relevant information for students (Academic mission, curriculum, annotations of compulsory modules (courses), academic calendar, program staff/teachers, eligibility, requirements, admission criteria, recruitment procedures and regulation of tuition fees at each partner university) also is published in the website of the Program (http://www.cosopo.mruni.eu/).</i>
For each degree type of mobility Name of degree/program:	Title of the programme: Joint Master Studies Programme Comparative Social Policy and Welfare Degree awarded: (if different from the title of the programme): qualification degree of Master in Sociology; the corresponding equivalents in the countries of the partner universities are as follows: Finland - Master of Social Sciences, Austria - Master of Social Sciences.
University subject:	Sociology (Area code 14.2)
Language:	English
Explanatory text (short description of the programme):	The programme serves the purpose to improve students' academic credentials and enhance their career prospects as highly qualified sociologists and welfare experts - to provide with systematic theoretical knowledge on social welfare and social research methodology, to enhance students' skills to apply theoretical knowledge in the identification and analysis of specific social problems, comparing and evaluating social policies in the countries representing different welfare state models, to improve their ability to conduct sociological research and to develop, implement and evaluate social programs / social policy measures at national and international level, to develop competences of intercultural communication. Graduates of the Comparative Social Policy and Welfare Program will gain the following competences: ➤ Critical and self-critical skills

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Research ability ➤ Competence of intercultural communication ➤ Competence in understanding theories in social policy and welfare systems ➤ The ability to engage in an open and critical examination and comparison of social policy and welfare systems ➤ Knowledge and understanding of methodological issues of sociological research ➤ Capability to accomplish advanced research in fields of social policy and welfare systems <p>Compulsory courses:</p> <p>Scientific Work</p> <p>Theories of Welfare States and Comparative European Social Policy: basic module</p> <p>East European model: Lithuanian system of work and social security Model</p> <p>National Systems of Work and Welfare: Continental Model</p> <p>Nordic Model: Nordic Welfare Societies</p> <p>Methodology of Social and Comparative Research</p> <p>Theories of Welfare States: extension module</p> <p>Comparative European Social Policy: extension module</p> <p>Quantitative Research Methods</p> <p>Qualitative Research Methods</p> <p>Work, Employment and Welfare</p> <p>Synthesis of Welfare Regimes and Comparative Social Policy Including Case Studies</p> <p>Practicum</p> <p>Master's Thesis</p> <p>Students of the Program complete their studies by preparing and defending Master's thesis. Having fulfilled the requirements of the Program - successfully passed all required subjects and successfully defended the final work (Master's thesis), students are awarded a qualification degree of Master in Sociology.</p> <p>Professional fields for which competences are developed include comparative social research and welfare / social policy analysis; academic work / further post-graduate studies in national universities and abroad. The acquired qualification grants broad employment opportunities: the graduates will be able to perform in Lithuania and other EU member states or international organisations as experts in sociology and/or development of social policies. On completion of Master Studies in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare, the graduates may take doctoral studies and seek academic careers in national or foreign universities and research institutions.</p>
Duration (months):	2 years (22 months)
Earliest start date:	1 September, 2012
Latest end date:	30 June, 2014
Language	Have a good knowledge of English language for academic purposes (

Requirements:	B2 level under Common European Framework; 5.0-5.5 under IELTS band; 87-109 under TOEFL iBT). Candidates who can prove that their entire university education was taken in English can be exempted from this requirement.
Academic Requirements:	Academic requirements to enter the programme: to have a completed university level Bachelor's degree or equivalent in social sciences (sociology, social work, political science, economics or in the other closely related field). Exceptionally a graduate with a university diploma in a related field (i.e. social statistics, economics etc. minimum 4 years, normally 5 years of university studies) with a good academic record and a proven experience in Human Settlements can be considered for admission upon individual evaluation of the applicant's CV. Students should also have a good command of both written and spoken English.
Mechanism of recognition and transfer used by the University:	According to ECTS standards
Fees:	Tuition fee 2580 eur/year, Application fee 100 eur, Temporary residence permit fee 115 eur/year. All fees for Erasmus Mundus scholarship holder shall be paid directly from the project budget.
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