

DIVERSITY: Building bridges and commons in a complex world

International exchange semester
ESSLIL / Lille Catholic University, France

Diversity is one of the greatest challenges and opportunities of our time. In our increasingly polarized societies, Health and Social professionals are at the forefront: advocating for the promotion of minority groups, striving to create a more inclusive society, opening up spaces for dialogue and understanding, and building peace.

Our "Diversity" semester is designed to equip students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills, in order to work with individuals and groups from different backgrounds.

Do you recognize "otherness" as a great source of wealth in our societies? Are you ready to study and to work in contact with people from various backgrounds and with different belief systems, and to study in a diverse urban community at the heart of Europe? Then, *bienvenue chez nous* !

COURSE CONTENT:

The semester program consists of 30 ECTS, and includes the following components:

Theoretical courses: 226 hours

- Understanding diversity: anthropology and ethnology, women and gender promotion, contemporary migrations. (10 ECTS)
- Intercultural expertise: comparative research in social sciences, experiential and indigenous knowledge, Spring School in Ostrava, field research. (12 ECTS)
- Intercultural practice: Intercultural community practice, health promotion and diversity, management and diversity. (2 ECTS)
- Intercultural Communication (2 ECTS)
- Transitions & Leadership: a philosophical perspective on diversity and ethical dilemmas; children and families in a transcultural context (3 ECTS)
- On-campus activities and follow-up (1 ECTS)

Each course is assessed by the course coordinator.

Field work: 200 hours at an institution or NGO involved in intercultural practice. The student will work as part of a group to conduct a brief research project in the field. Supervision is provided by the agency and the university.

Spring School in Ostrava (Czech Republic)

The Spring School of our ERIS network is a key component of our program. Students will get the opportunity to interact with fellow students and academics from all over Europe about contemporary research questions and methods in social work.

Please note that participation to the Spring School is subjected to an additional fee. Travels and accommodation are not included.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

- To apprehend diversity from an ethical, sociological and anthropological perspective.
- To develop skills in intercultural project management.
- To contribute to social innovation, based on research skills in comparative analysis, and on experiential and indigenous knowledge.

GOOD TO KNOW:

- Duration of the program:
5 ½ months
- Program starts: **mid-January**
- Program ends: **late June**
- Application deadline: **Oct. 15**
- **1 to 2 weeks** of classes monthly + field practice and activities on campus
- Location: **Lille Catholic University, Vauban Campus**

PRE-REQUISITES AND STUDENT PROFILE:

We are happy to consider applications from various fields of studies. However, this semester is especially designed for French and international BA and MA students in the following areas:

- Social work, community work, social policy;
- Pedagogy & education;
- Sociology;
- Applied psychology;
- Nursing, Public health and health promotion.

Language proficiency: English B2

Tuition: free for partner institutions (except for the week in the Czech Republic, and other travels that may be made available to students); there is a tuition for students at non-partner institutions. For information regarding fees for students from non-partner institutions, please contact our administrative assistant.



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Why Lille?

Home to the Université Catholique de Lille since 1875, Lille is a vibrant and dynamic university city at the center of Western Europe. With swift connections to Brussels (35 minutes), Paris (60 minutes), and London (80 minutes), Lille is perfect for students planning to visit and study Europe. And there is always much to see and do in Lille itself – a welcoming multicultural haven.



Why our university?

Founded in 1875, the Université Catholique de Lille is now one of the major higher education institutions in France with 40.000 students. Located at the heart of the Lille Campus, ESSLIL School of Societal Sciences is dedicated to preparing students for careers focused on human relations, solidarity and societal transformation. Our teaching department and research team combine multidisciplinary expertise and innovative teaching methods aimed at enhancing the educational experience of our students.

The University's urban campus provides students with everything they will need for a comfortable and successful stay: university restaurants, library, gym facility (for a monthly fee), student medical center, housing support, chaplaincy...



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