

Nordic Welfare Society

Basics, Values, Client Work, Media.



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In general.

Nordic Welfare Society: Basics, Values, Client Work, Media – course package is **only available** in our southernmost campus **in** the seaside city of **Kotka**.

Courses are held on our brand-new campus located on the seafront and a few minutes walk from the city center.

All the courses are designed to fit into the learning needs of all those students who study topics related to the social field and education.

All the courses can be studied in English and they are scheduled between September and the middle of December.

The speciality of our course package are the media studies. We are the only university of applied sciences in Finland that offers media studies for the future workers of the social field.

We have twenty years of experience working with exchange students. And we have enjoyed every moment ☺

About the course package

Nordic Welfare Society: Basics, Values, Client Work, Media -course package is a mixture of **theory and practice**.

In our courses we'll take a closer look to the **basics and values of social welfare work**. Added to that, **client work** will be examined from various angles.

Most importantly, we examine how **digitalization** and the continuous **effects of media** challenge the everyday life and well-being of various customer groups, and thus, create new professional requirements for all who work in the social sector.

Our courses include **reading and writing tasks** and related to them we emphasize **group discussions** where we share our findings. Examinations are rare.



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STUDY OFFER FOR AUTUMN SEMESTER 2026 (September-December)

<i>SO00FA45-3007 Work and Professional Environments of Social Welfare</i>	<i>5 cr</i>
<i>VV00FR17-3001 Early Childhood Education and Care</i>	<i>3 cr (online)</i>
<i>SO00FA46-3007 Professional Ethics and Interaction</i>	<i>5 cr</i>
<i>SO00FA47-3007 Sustainable Wellbeing in Changing Society</i>	<i>5 cr</i>
<i>HOE0FG45-3001 International Social Work (with master's level students)</i>	<i>5 cr</i>
<i>VV00FT93-3002 Basics of Media Education</i>	<i>5 cr</i>
<i>SO00FA59-3004 Encountering Clients in Social Welfare (practical training)</i>	<i>5-10 cr</i>

Note! Some extra courses may be added to this list later.

Information about studies and application process.

For more information about the studies, application process and the city of Kotka, please, visit: <https://www.xamk.fi/en/exchange-study/social-work-kotka/>

And of course, you can also contact us directly ☺

Questions related to the content of the course package should be sent to departmental academic coordinator **Harri Mäkinen** (harri.makinen@xamk.fi)

Questions related to application process and other general matters, should be sent to **Sari Pieviläinen** (sari.pievilainen@xamk.fi) who works in the international office of our campus.

Application period for autumn semester 2026 will be 1.4 – 15.5.2026.



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See you in Kotka !



All for the future.