Optional modules
- **International University Week (3 ECTS)**
  The University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer is a member of SocNet98, a network of faculties of Social Work/Social Pedagogics in Europe. Together with local students, you have the opportunity to participate in the annual International University Week of SocNet98 either in Germany or in another European country.

- **Youth work and social work in the UK (2 ECTS)**
  In this three-day compact seminar, practitioners from the UK provide an introduction to education and social work practice in the UK as a comparative study.

- **German language course (5 ECTS)**
  The University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer offers German language courses for incoming students on different levels (A, B, C).

Orientation weeks:
Every term, the International Office offers „Orientation Weeks“ for the international exchange students before lectures officially start. There are many activities planned for all newly arrived exchange students, e.g. welcome breakfast, introduction to the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer and surrounding areas, city-rally, visit to the Art Gallery Emden and excursions (for example to an East Frisian Island and the city of Hamburg).

Don’t hesitate and join us – we look forward to welcoming you!

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Exchange programme for international students
Supporting families, children and youths in their environment
What is it about?
A variety of courses including theory and practice focuses on social work, in particular with children and young people considering their individual environment such as the family or the special situation in rural areas. You can take courses, mostly together with local students, providing a total of 30 ECTS points divided into compulsory and optional modules.

Who can participate?
Bachelor students in the second stage of their studies at our partner universities are welcome to apply for the programme. Application deadline is 30 November. Since the courses are taught in English, students need a B1/B2 level of English.

Where and when?
Courses take place at the campus in Emden. They will run in the spring term from early March until the beginning of July. You are invited to participate in the orientation programme offered by the International Office in February.

What are the conditions of accommodation?
Upon arriving at the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer, you will find a modern university with a personal atmosphere. Our campus as well as the medium-sized town of Emden offer short commutes and very good conditions for low-cost studies. Thanks to its natural surroundings and cultural attractions, the East Frisian Region, with the World Heritage Natural Site Wadden Sea, offers various sport and leisure time activities.

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Module description

Compulsory modules

- Project development and practice (8 ECTS)
  Together with other participants of the exchange programme, you will get the chance to design and implement a project in the field of social work or health under the tutelage of an expert in the respective field.

- Mental health in families: A challenge for research and practice (5 ECTS)
  This seminar seeks to introduce the concept of mental well-being. Mental health in families is a burning issue worldwide. The course aims at:
  1) providing an overview on mental health in families;
  2) introducing methods for measuring mental health;
  3) discussing the scope and extent of mental health in different groups.

European social policy and law: family services and care system for children and young people (3 ECTS)
After providing a short overview on social policies in different European countries, we will discuss several cases and examine the impact of negligence, child abuse, poverty and addiction on family life with a focus on legal comparison.

Communication through body-language and contact-improvisation (2 ECTS)
In this workshop, we will experiment with different approaches to somatic movement and perception exercises. Apart from theoretical background, the main focus is the individual and personal exploration and inner process. By consciously expanding our range of movement, we aim for higher body-awareness and self-confidence.

Prevention of sexual violence against minors (5 ECTS)
The seminar offers an overview of the problem of sexual violence against boys and girls and how we can prevent it. We will learn what the available options for us as social workers when faced with this serious problem, and which effective prevention programmes and projects exist for assisting children and adolescents.

Talk – Room (2 ECTS)
Together with the participants of the exchange programme, we wish to facilitate an exchange about keywords of social work – especially in the context of families, children and youths – in order to discover differences and similarities in the different national concepts.