



# INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER

*«Contemporary changes in family structures :  
new challenges for future social workers»*

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## « A new family landscape, requiring new skills and knowledge for social workers »

The family institution and its patterns have been in constant evolution over the past decades. Alongside the married nuclear family with children, a wide variety of family forms and relationships have emerged.

These changes give rise to new challenges that impact on the training and profession of future social workers : How can we help every kind of family minimize their particular weaknesses and build upon their potential strenghts... ?

In this international semester, contemporary family changes will be adressed from a multidisciplinary perspective : Demography, History, Sociology, Psychology, Cultural Anthropology, Law, ...

This will give students an opportunity to enhance their background knowledge on the topic.

These changes bring about new issues in relation to family life (single and blended parenthood, compatibility of family life and work, socio-economic inequalities, cultural differences, the role for men and women, children's place and education,...) and suggest new priorities in terms of social policy and intervention : childcare facilities, parental support, gender equality, intergenerational solidarity, social inclusion and protection...

We will attempt to focus on these issues and their implications for social work and policies.

Family changes also have an impact on a wide range of individuals to whom social workers traditionally provide care : young children, teenagers, parents, couples, elderly people, migrants, ...

We will pay particular attention to the impact of the current changes on all members of the family and on their interactions.



# COURSE OVERVIEW

## Modules

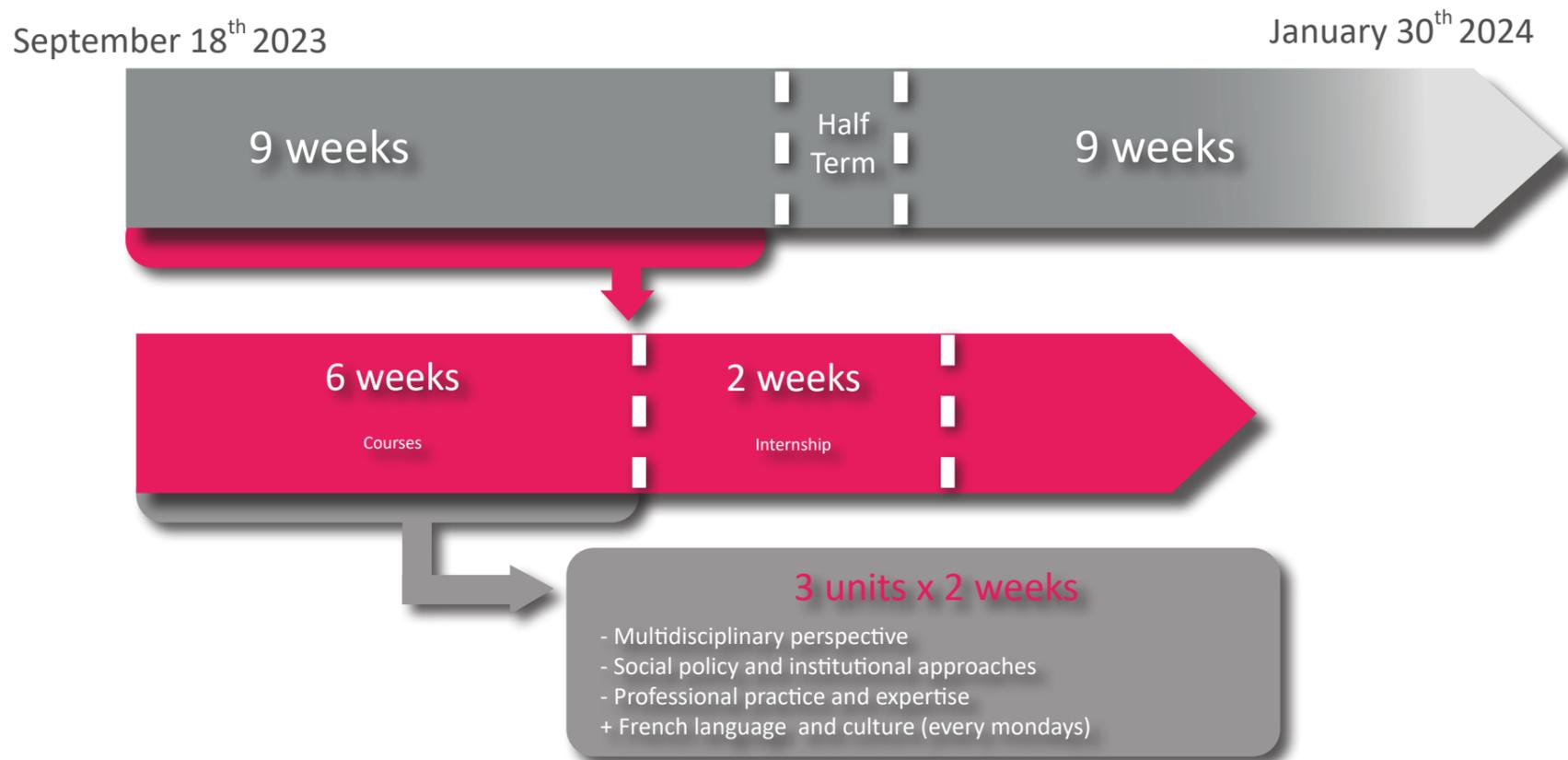
The international semester consists of two ten-week/terms study periods. The programme includes **3 modules** with a total workload of **30 ECTS** for the semester (**15 per term**) :

🌸 Changes in family structures and their impact on social work, consisting of three different units : multidisciplinary perspectives, social policy and institutional approaches, professional practice and expertise (**18 ECTS**).

🌸 Internship, project work : students will be offered internships in social institutions dealing with families and required to produce a report on their experiences (**8 ECTS**).

🌸 Introduction to French culture and language : Students will be encouraged to develop and strengthen their linguistic and sociocultural skills in order to become more familiar with the French social and professional environment (**4 ECTS**).

## Architecture of the international semester



## Learning methods and assessments

Various learning methods will be proposed : Lectures, workshops, field visits, individual and group tutorials, short and intensive internships. Students must be prepared to work independently but also to collaborate with other students for groupwork. Lectures will be taught by practitioners, experts and academics.

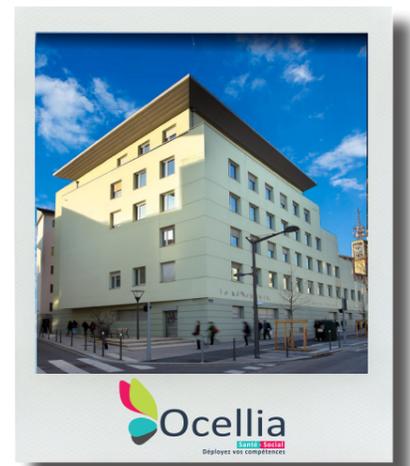
Assessments will include individual papers, group projects and oral presentations. Please note that personal work is important for credit allocation : reading, research and active participation during the course will be required.

After completing the courses, all students receive an official ECTS transcript of records and a Certificate. In case of failing the assignments, students will be entitled to a re-assessment which will be arranged according to their circumstances.

## About us

OCELLIA is based in Lyon, Valence and Grenoble in the South East of France and has been training social workers and nurses for more than **90 years**.

OCELLIA provides practice-oriented education and training to future social workers in different fields of intervention : social work, early childhood education, specialized education, family therapy, community workers, ...



We have developed international partnerships worldwide for more than **25 years** and are involved in various mobility programs for incoming and outgoing staff and students.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Tuition Fees

For exchange students sent by our **Erasmus** partner institutions, this course is tuition free. For overseas and non-exchange students, please contact our Course Administrator.

Cost of living in Lyon is approximately **700€** per month, including food, accommodation, transports and personal insurance, depending on individual living standards. We can provide student residence on request.

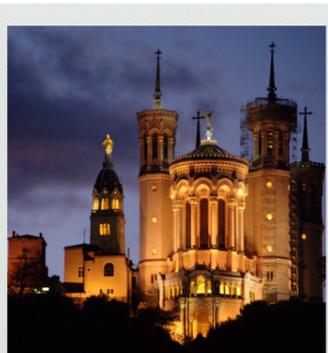
We also offer appropriate psychological and counselling services (in English) for all ESSSE students.

### Requirements

The course is open to all students who have completed at least **2 semesters** in a social work programme or related fields (**undergraduates or postgraduates**) and who speak and write English at **B2 level**.



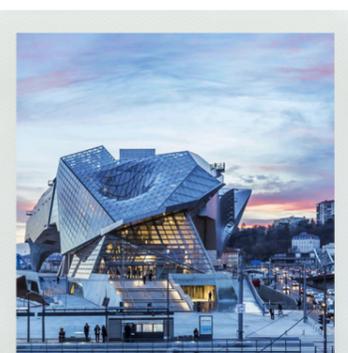
Saint-Jean



Fourviere



Hotel de ville



Confluence Museum

For more informations about Lyon :

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### Registration and deadline

Required docs :  CV  Motivation letter  Registration form  Official transcript of records  
Please send applications to Anne-Lise MATHON : [al.mathon@ocellia.fr](mailto:al.mathon@ocellia.fr)

**Deadline for registration is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

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