



*Studying at the
YMCA University
in Kassel*

International University for Christian Education, Social Services
Management and Non-Profit Organisation Management



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A Christian university which offers more than theology

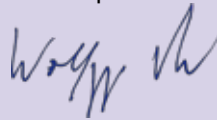
The newly founded YMCA University offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree through both on-campus and off-campus programmes.

The main programme is the 4-year on-campus Christian Education/Social Work integrated B.A.

The YMCA University helps meet increasing demand of lifelong learning through the B.A. in Social Work, B.A. in Christian Education/Social Work and B.A. in Social Services Management and Non-Profit Organisation Management.

The research and exploration of youth culture and spirituality prepares the graduate for future challenges.

The YMCA University prepares young students for their future service in a dynamic Christian community. However, mature students can also have the opportunity to broaden their horizons through an off-campus programme and thus open up a new chapter in their professional lives



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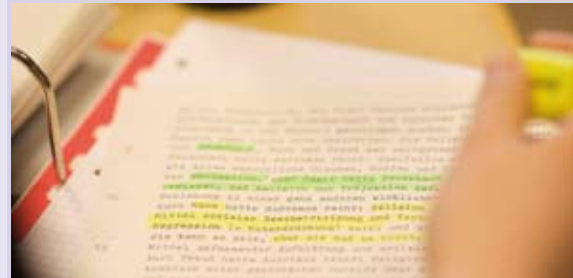


Starting in 2010, all of the higher education institutions of the member states of the European Union will be structured according to the study system of bachelor and master's degrees, common in all Anglo-Saxon countries.

The aim is to have comparable qualifications in Europe and worldwide.

Bachelor of Arts

This degree qualifies the graduate to be professional in his or her chosen field. It ensures a theoretical and methodical basis as a good professional foundation.



Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): Qualification through impartment of expertise

Master of Arts

A master's degree can be acquired after having earned a B.A.. In this programme the student is required to do a capstone project, which demonstrates thorough research skills in a specialised field. The YMCA University will introduce the master's programme in 2012.

Credit Points

The B.A. is awarded to students who have acquired 180 „Credits“. This is normally done within three years. The master's degree requires further 120 credits.

Credits represent the time frame required for study (1 Credit = 30 hours of study)

Normally-scheduled time frame

A Bachelors of Arts normally takes 3 to 4 years to complete. A Master takes an additional 2 years of study.

The new programmes will not only include excellent subject content, but will also help students acquire key qualifications such as expertise in applied methodology, qualified discernment and excellent communication skills, to name a few.



The 4-year on-campus Christian Education/Social Work (B.A.)

This 4-year on-campus programme prepares the student for Christian youth work, as well as offering a good foundation for all types of church ministry and social work. The three supporting pillars of the programme are solid theology, modern pedagogy and effective social work.

Both the YMCA and churches welcome such a dual degree. Some Lutheran churches have already made it a prerequisite for employment.

The non-denominational orientation of the YMCA and its University keeps the degree very practical in any setting and is a door opener to various denominational and Christian organisations.

The 4-year on-campus Christian Education/Social Work (B.A.)

Duration of programme

8 semesters

Costs

Tuition fee 240 € per month
Rent 165 € per month
Board
(Breakfast, lunch) 120 € per month
on-campus programme only

Per semester, one-time expense for semester ticket approx. 75 €

The dates for the application deadline and the admission conference can be found online:
www.ymca-university.de
⇒study

Admission requirements

1. University or Technical college entrance qualifications
2. Voluntary experience in YMCA or other Christian organisation
3. Minimum of 6 months relevant full-time practical experience, (possibly in several different locations). If needed practicum locations can be provided by the YMCA University
4. Participation in an information seminar
5. Agreement with the vision statement of the YMCA University

Employment prospects

Youth work, Christian education, preaching, church ministry, Christian counselling, social work, youth social work and school counselling



Distance learning with the off-campus programme

The unique challenge of an „off-campus programme“ is that the participating students are normally working full time, faced with the challenge to try to balance work and private life with their studies. This is why the programme is designed in such a way material and assignments as possible are related to the work setting so that synergies between the programme and work requirements can be found. The programme is especially designed for people who cannot study full time and have already completed a professional educational programme, but would benefit from expanding their knowledge and skills.

The approximately 25 modules needed for a for a B.A. off-campus programme, consist of three groups of modules: introductory modules, foundation modules and elective modules. The degree can normally be completed in 4 or more years, depending on the individual’s previous education, experience and time capacity. Normally the student should reduce his or her workload, so 20 hours required per week can be achieved. Ideally the employer supports the student in this endeavour.

Admission requirements

1. University entrance qualification or 4 years of relevant professional experience
2. Voluntary experience in YMCA or Christian organisation; desirable for “Social Management Programme“
3. Participation in an information seminar
4. Agreement with the vision statement of the YMCA University

Earn a B.A. in an off-campus programme (distance learning)

off-campus programmes

Off-campus Christian Education and Social Work (B.A.)

This programme expands existing knowledge and skills and further qualifies the students for responsibilities in church, Christian organisations and Non-Profit institutions.

Graduates typically apply their skills in the following fields:

Youth Work, Adult and Children's Ministries, Preaching, Counselling, Deacon Ministry, Social Work, Religious Training and Evangelism

Study time frame

An off-campus Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) normally takes at least 4 years to complete, depending on the individual's prerequisites and the amount of time the individual has available for his or her studies.

Off-campus Social Work (B.A.)

This programme can complement and enhance professionals from various church and Christian organisations, or those who would like to work in the areas of social work.

The programme qualifies participants to work in the areas of youth work, youth social work, training and diaconry.

Fees

Tuition fees will be charged depending on elected modules 80 € per credit.. For example, an average course module (six credit points) costs a total of 480 € tuition fee. A total of 180 credits are required for a bachelor's degree. Board and lodging during the on-campus weeks are charged extra.

Off-campus Social Services Management and Non-Profit Organisation Management (B.A.)

Management skills and abilities are increasingly required in various Christian organisations, from educational institutions to Non-Profit organisations.

Graduates typically apply their skills in the following fields:

Social Services management, Non-Profit-management, church leadership, Christian institution management and leadership

Living and Learning at the



Life on Campus

Teaching, learning and living can happen most effectively in a community of Christian faith. This supports the development of social, spiritual and personal competencies.



Living and Learning at the YMCA University

- Rooms with single and double occupancy
- 6 to 8 people share a kitchen-living area
- shared meals for breakfast and lunch
- evening and weekend meals, as well as for group leisure.
- Gymnasium, sports facilities
- Semester ticket

Spiritual Development through teaching and community



Daily spiritual devotions and weekly Tuesday evening worship services are part of spiritual life at the YMCA University. Small groups and prayer meetings are held and created by the students themselves.



Our foundation is the „Paris Basis of the YMCA World Alliance“ of 1855, reaffirmed in 1998 by „Challenge 21“. We wish to provide young Christians with integrated fellowship, invite young people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as promote and teach Christian values and work for social justice worldwide.





Kassel, Springfield, Bangalore, Mexico City ...

One goal of the YMCA University is to promote the exchange of students, lecturers and professors, not only with international YMCA institutions, but also with other foreign universities, because today's challenges require the input of the international community.

Programmes are offered in English and German. For this reason, the YMCA University in Kassel is not only attractive to foreign students, but also to German students preparing for international service. As of 2010 all of the present programmes will be offered in English.



International Coalition of YMCA Universities

YMCA Training Department at the United Theological College (UTC), Bangalore, Indien

UTC's aim is: continued participation in the Mission of Jesus Christ in the world equipping students for ministry. The UTC is ecumenical in vision and composition, contextual in reflection and action. A center of academic excellence of international reputation and recognition, drawing students and scholars from all over the world.



The Springfield College in Massachusetts, USA

The mission of the School of Arts, Science & Professional Studies is to educate leaders in spirit, mind and body to serve humanity. Built on the College's proud tradition of Humanics and academic excellence, the school strives to produce leading professionals, responsible citizens, and dedicated public servants.



Besides “Bafög” (German governmental student aid), financial support can be requested from various funds.

The YMCA University does not receive any governmental funds. Instead it is financed by tuition fees, donations and sponsors.

Students can apply for the financial support through “Bafög”. In addition to this option, the university can provide contact to foundations and organisations which award scholarships for the YMCA University Kassel.





A YMCA Universities degree gives many employment opportunities in social institutions, Non-Profit organisations, community work as well as churches.

The international orientation of YMCA University allows student exchanges and the possibility to acquire excellent language skills.

The YMCA network offers worldwide employment opportunities.

Chances and Opportunities

Youth Work
Church Ministries
Christian Education
Preaching
Counselling
Christian service work
Social Work
Religious Training
Evangelism
Leadership and Management in
church and social institutions
Social Management

The YMCA University is unique because of its combination of Christian profile, scientific methodology, practical relevance and internationality as well as the unique integration of the disciplines of theology, humanities, social science and management.

To meet the requirements of professional youth work, YMCA University offers a programme which is scientific and practical at the same time.

Apart from the acquired knowledge and skills, the University's holistic approach also strengthens students' personal, social and spiritual competencies.

The students are also guided to research applicable subjects of interest, for example in the fields of youth spirituality and youth culture.



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