

Academic profile for MSc in Public Management and Social Development, PMSD

Purpose and qualification profile

The objective of the MSc in Public Management and Social Development is to provide students with knowledge and skills to operate in the global diversity of welfare policies and institutions by understanding their emergence and development. Graduates acquire an extensive knowledge of welfare states and their institutions, as well as the interplay between public and private sectors in different contexts. The programme has a special emphasis on China and Denmark/Europe. The programme is interdisciplinary and taught in English, providing students with theoretically based and empirical enhanced knowledge of Chinese and European societies, cultures, institutions and practices.

Graduates will be able to combine a holistic out-look with specialist knowledge, and be able to absorb, produce and apply new information when solving social welfare, managerial or business tasks.

Throughout the programme, students also acquire skills in handling and solving cross disciplinary issues in collaboration with individuals that have the same or a different cultural and educational background.

Qualification profile

PMSD graduates have different competences, depending on their different bachelor degrees as well as their chosen specialization at master level.

Graduates from the programme develop qualifications allowing them to work in business, public sector and non-governmental organizations.

The teaching in the programme is team- and case-based. It aims at qualifying the student to immediately assume the responsibilities of assisting, coordinating and leading projects within public policy and management related to social development in intercultural settings, and to help build organizational, managerial and leadership competencies within these fields.

More specifically, through the programme graduates will achieve knowledge about:

- current theories and research about the interplay between systems of government, public service and business systems in different parts of the world
- social scientific perspectives on the role and nature of cultural and institutional differences
- social science methods and approaches for scientific exploration of welfare state topics and social innovation

They will develop skills in:

- methods of investigation and analysis in their chosen areas
- learning and problem-solving teamwork in an intercultural environment
- selection of approaches and development of models for analysis and problem-solving
- writing with academic rigor as well as communicating to professional audiences on the topics covered in the programme

Graduate competences include abilities to:

- analyze and advice upon the development and management of public-private interrelations
- analyze and advice upon social and welfare problems and suggest solutions
- plan and manage projects in the welfare field, broadly understood
- plan and initiate own academic and practical competence development