

Studies at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University:

- » Are open to anyone interested in social and community work.
- » Offer a partnership-based approach to students and an open academic environment.
- » Provide the added value of knowledge of theological sources and an understanding of human spiritual needs.
- » Offer a wide range of possibilities for studying abroad through the Erasmus programme.
- » Have available a library with the most extensive collection of theological literature in the Czech Republic.
- » Provide interesting possibilities for practice placements.

The Protestant Theological Faculty was founded in 1919 as an independent institute of higher education. It was not permitted to be incorporated into Charles University until 1990. Since 1995 it has been based in the Marathon Palace in Černá Street in Prague 1.



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Social Work and Diaconics

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Social Work

Are you interested in other people and their problems? Do you want to understand how people find themselves in need?

Social work helps people in difficult situations, threatened by social exclusion or dependent on the care of others as a result of illness or health problems. It is specialised work based on theoretical knowledge and practical skills. It emphasises the application of human rights and the values of autonomy, human dignity, and social justice.



The Structure of the Study Programme

The programme covers three basic areas:

1. **Social sciences** (social work, sociology, and psychology), which equip students with the knowledge and skills required to carry out the regulated profession of social worker and provide them with the basis for going on to study social work or a related field at Master's level, should they so wish.
2. **Pastoral work** (the philosophical and theological basis, anthropology, and ethics), providing students with both the general knowledge of the humanities necessary for further studies and the knowledge and skills for working with people's spiritual needs.
3. **Methodically supervised practice placements**, fulfilling the requirements for carrying out the profession of social worker.

Diaconics

The two-year *Master's* programme *Community Crisis and Pastoral Work – Diaconics* aims primarily to prepare students for pastoral and

psycho-social work with a Christian orientation, and is intended for graduates of Bachelor's study programmes in social work or theology. The emphasis is on a value orientation in working with people (particularly in management and teamwork), a knowledge of the social perspective of Christianity and the major world religions (interreligious dialogue), an ethical orientation in working with people (professional ethics in the helping professions), pastoral and psychosocial work in crisis situations, and also on academic and research work in the humanities and social sciences. The main focus of the study programme is on the social, psychological, and spiritual needs of people in crisis situations, in both individual and teamwork. Graduates can use their studies in the charitable and pastoral work fields, and are prepared for working in a team environment and for managing non-profit organisations.

Pastoral and social work

The *Bachelor's* programme *Pastoral and Social Work* at PTF offers studies in social work in the context of Christian values and traditions, expanded to also include the basic features of the theological disciplines. The programme is therefore open to all students with an interest in social issues in broader contexts and includes discussion on the spiritual, moral, and social-science aspects of social work.

Graduates can use their studies in central and local administration, in the court system, the prison service, in the legal protection of children, in organisations providing social services, in the field of social health care, in school and educational institutions, and in non-governmental and church organisations.

Graduates of the study programme fulfil the requirements for carrying out the profession of social worker in keeping with the currently valid legal provisions in the Czech Republic.

