

Early Childhood Education – Practice, Leadership, Research Program BA (Status 2025)

Facts about Early Childhood Education – Practice, Leadership, Research program BA

- Location: Stendal, Germany
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Duration: 6 semesters
- Application deadline: Regular Students 15. September, via uni-assist: August 15, for international students: 31 May
- Admission requirements: Proof of a German-recognized higher education entrance qualification
- Accreditation: Carried out by the quality system of Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences
- Semester fee: EUR 318,80
- Total ECTS: 180 ECTS (ca. 30 ECTS per Semester)
- Semester start: October 1 (winter) / April 1 (summer); ends: March 31 (winter) / September 30 (summer)
- Lecture period: mid-October to early February / mid-April to mid-July (total of 14 weeks)
- Teaching language: Mainly German, some courses may be taught in English
- German language skills: Goethe Certificate C2, DSD II (language diploma of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs) or DSH II (German language test for university admission), TestDaF (at least 16 points & at least level 3 in the sub-tests), TELC German C1 University or ÖSD C2 (Austrian German Certificate) or passing the assessment test at a university preparatory course

Focus areas

- Critical reflection on the **theory–practice relationship** in early childhood education
- Development of **research and methodological skills** for interdisciplinary inquiry
- Foundations in **educational sciences, social sciences, and developmental psychology**
- In-depth knowledge of **educational processes, didactics, and early childhood practice**
- Practical competencies in **group dynamics, conflict resolution, participation, quality development, and early interventions**
- Understanding of **social, political, legal, and institutional frameworks** in childhood education and care
- Emphasis on **conceptual work, leadership, and practice-oriented research**
- Counseling and communication with families

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION:

- Check visa requirements [here!](#)
- International Office [website](#)
- [Info for regular students](#)
- [Info for exchange students](#)
- Country-specific recognition info: [DAAD Database on Admission Requirements](#) or [anabin](#) portal (available only in German)
- Apply via [uni-assist!](#)
- Info about the [study program](#)
- [Information in German](#)

CAREER PERSPECTIVES:

- Childhood education centers
- Schools, child day-care services, educational institutions, family centers, and residential care facilities
- Leadership positions, particularly in early childhood education centers, their supporting organizations, and in public administration
- Additional professional fields: vocational training, continuing education, and professional development with a strong focus on early childhood education

Curriculum for the Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education – Practice, Leadership, Research

1. Semester	Introduction to Disciplinary Fundamentals: – (Early) Pedagogy – Developmental Psychology – Sociology 6 hrs/week 9 ECTS	Academic Writing I: – Introduction – Presentation, Time and Self-Management 4 hrs/week 3 ECTS	System of Child Day Care in Germany: – Political and Legal Foundations – Financing – Project Management 6 hrs/week 9 ECTS	Fields of Work and Professional Identity with a 3-Week Internship, including Preparation and Follow-up – Career Exploration – Bibliographical Work – Internship, Preparation and Support 5 hrs/week 9 ECTS	
2. Semester	Advanced Disciplinary Fundamentals: – Pedagogical Theories and Approaches – Developmental Psychology 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Academic Writing II – Empirical Research – Key Competences – Professional Reflection 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Social Management for Child Day-Care-Centers – Personnel Management – Organisational Management 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Foundations of Education and Didactics in Early Childhood – Theories of Education in Early Childhood Education – Educational Programs in National and International Comparison 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Children's Rights and Child Protection 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS
3. Semester	Educational Processes: – Didactic Approaches – Ethics 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Research Methods I 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Educational Processes: Health 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Educational Processes: Creativity 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Language Education Processes: – Language support – Counselling I 6 hrs/week 6 ECTS
4. Semester	Educational Processes: Mathematics and Natural Sciences 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Research Methods II 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Project Studies Part I 4 hrs/week 3 ECTS	Future Workshop 2 hrs/week 3 ECTS	Observation and Documentation with a 6-Week Internship, including Preparation and Follow-up 4 hrs/week 12 ECTS
5. Semester	Diversity and Inclusion 6 hrs/week 9 ECTS	Quality Development: – Quality Management – Personnel and Team 6 hrs/week 9 ECTS	Project Studies Part II 4 hrs/week 3 ECTS	Theory–Praxis Transfer 4 hrs/week 6 ECTS	Cooperation and Networking: – Parental Partnership – Counselling II 6 hrs/week 6 ECTS
6. Semester	12-Week Internship , including Preparation and Follow-up 1 hrs/week 18 ECTS			Bachelor Thesis 2 hrs/week 12 ECTS	