

M.Sc. in Global Health Risk Management & Hygiene Policies

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the **main topic** of this Master programme?

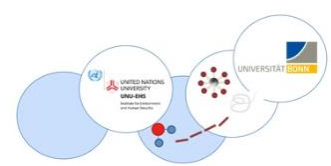
Global health is a vision of a world free of preventable diseases, and consortiums strive to eradicate the challenges of poverty, inequality, disease and epidemics. To promote physical and mental health and to extend life expectancy for everyone, the United Nations has set sustainable development goals (SDGs) which promote the well-being of all societies worldwide. To implement these changes there is a growing need for vibrant and energetic Global health professionals with unassailable technical and medical skills. The Joint MSc in Global Health Risk Management & Hygiene Policies will contribute to the education of these contemporary professionals. The Joint MSc in Global Health Risk Management & Hygiene Policies is cooperation between the University of Bonn and the Institute of Environment and Human Security (EHS) at the United Nations University, also in Bonn.

The four semesters are composed of a total of 13 modules (120 ECTS in total), including two internships and the Master's Thesis.

The courses include lectures on basics of global health, public health and hygiene infrastructure and policies. Control of communicable diseases, mother and child health, environmental disaster Management are studied during the programme just as health risk assessment and capacity building in the public health sector. The students learn about health systems and management structures and the importance of achieving the SDGs for global health. They also improve their writing and presentation skills *and their leadership skills*. Students are exposed to lecturers from both institutions, UNU-EHS and *University of Bonn*, as well as external experts from a variety of regional, *and international organizations and federal organizations*. The language of instruction is English.

More about the course structure, objectives and offers can be found online:

<http://master-globalhealth.de/>



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What are the **requirements** for this Master?

- Applicants must possess a first academic degree of at least 180 credits based on ECTS in health, life sciences, social sciences including public and international law, environmental planning, health governance and others.
- Further they need a minimum of 2 years work experience in study relevant areas. For further information see at “How to apply”.
- Non-native English speaking applicants must have a proficiency in the English language at least at the level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in accordance with an language certificate (TOEFL, IELTS) or an equivalent certificate; and must be highly motivated to learn in a multicultural and interdisciplinary environment.
- A high motivation to improve health protection in your working country is a prerequisite to study in this Master’s Programme.

What are **career opportunities** with such a Master?

This Master’s program will enable graduates to continue their current career paths in health-related management, policy making or policy advise, health and social advocacy, research or teaching positions at international, national or regional levels, implementation of current or expanded health governance in ministries, academic institutions, NGOs or transnational enterprises.

Postgraduate master degrees in global health and hygiene sciences, international health, and related areas are required by national and international institutions and organizations including the WHO, the Global Fund, the World Bank, UNEP, UNICEF. Degrees in global health are also highly sought after in the private healthcare sector, pharmaceutical companies and research centers for health technology. Alternatively, candidates could remain within academia as a researcher, analyst or embark upon a PhD.

Further considerations to make before applying

- As a **non-EU citizen**, how can I check if my Bachelor studies meet the requirements for this Master?

Please request from the registrar or examination office of your University and to provide you with an European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) overview / transcript of your courses.

- Which **level of English** will be required?

A minimum of a B2 of the CEFR levels is required, C1 level is recommendable.

Name of Exam (Abbreviation)	Desired Score
TOEFL Paper	550
TOEFL IBT	79
TOEFL CBT	213
IELTS	6.5
Cambridge Exam	CAE (at least level B2); CPE
telc	B2 – C1

- What happens if I cannot take the language test before the application deadline?

Please check when the next opportunity for any of the approved language test is available and state in your application when you will take the test. A proof for registration for the test needs to be added to the application and results need to be shared as soon as they are available.

- What is the **Numerus Clausus** of this Master course?

There is a local Numerus Clausus (NC) ruling the programme. The number of students is restricted to about 20 per intake. The academic results of the candidate determine his/her position on the shortlist of candidates and influence the decision on a candidate for more than 50%. The other programme specific criteria is the professional experience of the candidate.

- How much are the **tuition fees**?

The course costs of 18,000 Euros in total includes the one year full-time course, the scientific supervision for working out the Master thesis and for the internships, and excursions. Accommodation and personal living expenses are not included in the course fees.

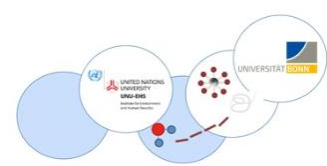
- How much are the **costs** of living in Germany?

http://www.internationale-studierende.de/en/prepare_your_studies/financing/costs_of_living/

- How can I apply for a **scholarship** or a **student loan**?

For this programme we can currently not offer any scholarships or loans, but we do inform about other organizations that do offer scholarships. Each candidate should apply individually and early to the available programmes to increase his/her chances to be considered.

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/>



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- **How many students are admitted to the programme each year?**

About 20 Master's places are available.

- **Do I have to do an internship during the Master?**

Depending on the working experience a maximum of two internships have to be completed, each of them 12 weeks à 30 CP. The internships take place in the second study year.

- **How often per year starts the study programme?**

There is just one programme intake per year for this Joint Master Programme starting with the Winter Semester, usually in early October.

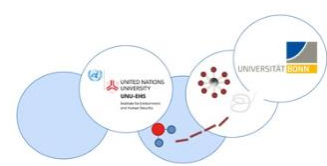
How to apply

A completed application packet consists of the following documents:

1. Completed and signed **application form** (REQUIRED)
2. **Résumé/CV** (REQUIRED)
 - A current résumé including a chronological listing of employment and other significant activities must be submitted with any application.
3. **Official transcripts** (REQUIRED)
 - Applicants must submit an official transcript from each college or university in which they were enrolled for any period of time, showing all courses, grades and degrees received.
 - Only transcripts that have been certified by the university where the degree was awarded will be accepted.
 - In cases where the transcript is written in any language other than English, a certified translation of the transcript into English or German is also required. Translated versions can be certified either by the originating university or an official national or international institution.
4. Evidence of a **two-years working experience** (REQUIRED)

Please submit work certificates/references. Relevant working areas you will find here

- Regulation of health protection at national or regional levels



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- Analysis of relationship between external factors, the incidence of diseases and the therefore existing, political supported infrastructure in hygiene/sanitary infrastructure, drinking water supply, food safety, and environmental risks
- Development of actions for detection, prevention and control of diseases relevance for the specific country
- Preparation of directives/guidelines for regulations of health protection
- Planning of necessary infrastructure
- Management of crises concerning health risks and health damages

Further related professional fields are:

- Planning, leading or evaluation of health-related activities in health care, organization of social security Systems, development cooperations, humanitarian aid, and international relationships
- Regulations for protection of physical risks
- Planning of infrastructure for risk prevention

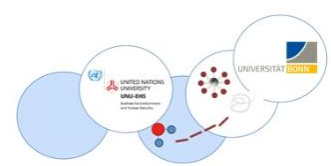
5. A **letter of motivation** (REQUIRED)

- A written statement, one to two pages in length, describing their motivation, area of proposed research, background, past work in the intended field of study, plans for further postgraduate study and any other information they feel is relevant. Applicants who are currently registered in a postgraduate programme at another university should explain why they wish to change programmes.

6. For non-native English speakers, **English language proficiency certificate** at least at the level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), according to an acknowledged language test e.g. TOEFL, IELTS), or an equivalent certificate. (REQUIRED)

7. **Other relevant documents** to support your application (OPTIONAL):

- **Further certificates** on professional expertise
- **Additional Certified Transcripts** in cases where additional academic credits were earned outside of Degrees awarded
- **Letters of recommendation**



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All documents must be scanned and sent together as **one single file** for the application packet. Total file size **cannot exceed 8 Megabytes (MB)**. Send completed application packet to:

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Only digital versions sent via email will be accepted. We do not accept applications sent via post.

Completed application packets must be received by the date of deadline, 23:59 CET (Central European Time) for Bonn, Germany. Any applications received with timestamps of 24:00 CET or later for the following day will be automatically excluded.

a) *Can I fill out the application form electronically, or should I fill it out by hand?*

Both ways are acceptable, but it is imperative that you sign your application form.

b) *Can I apply even though I have not received my Bachelor Certificate?*

Yes. If you have successfully finished your Bachelor studies, but still waiting for your certificate, you can apply with a confirmation letter from your university stating that you will receive your degree in addition to your final transcripts. If you are accepted into the programme you must present your original certificate when you are registering for your place.

c) *Do I have to provide a motivation letter?*

Yes. Please attach a letter of motivation (length: one DIN A4 page) to your application.

d) *Do I have to provide a letter of recommendation?*

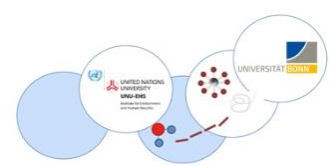
Although not obligatory, it is highly advisable to attach one or several recommendation letters to your application.

e) *Do I need to provide originals of my documents?*

Please do not send any originals to us via post! Only send scanned copies of your originals. If you are accepted into the programme, you will then be required to present your original certificates at the beginning of the programme for the official University registration.

f) *When is the application deadline?*

31st of March yearly (for the winter semester start in October yearly)



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What happens after my application?

- Each applicant receives an automatic message confirming receipt of the application from the Joint Master email account.
- If the application package is complete and an applicant fulfills the application requirements he/she is shortlisted as a potential candidate for the programme. As the programme is ruled by a local Numerus Clausus the candidate's academic results will determine the position within the shortlist.

- **Skype interviews**

Shortlisted candidates might be contacted for an interview in order to understand the student's academic and professional background, motivation, career aspirations and personal fit of the candidate for the Joint Master Programme. The next interview round is expected around end of April until early May yearly.

- When will the University inform about **acceptance** and **rejections**?

The expected timing is around 15th of May yearly.

What should I do once I'm accepted to the programme?

- Can I defer my admission to next year?

No. If you are accepted, but you are not able to start your studies in the upcoming semester you have to re-apply next year.

- How can I apply for visa/ residence permit?

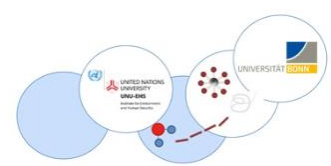
Please check on the following website if you need a visa to enter Germany:

[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html)

- How can I find accommodation?

You will need to apply for accommodation once you are admitted to the programme. There will be three ways to secure your accommodation:

- Register with our group booking (more info in the admission documents)
- Register individually at <http://www.studentenwerk-bonn.de/wohnen/online-bewerbung/>



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- Try to find accommodation independently (Please note that Bonn is very popular for students and it remains difficult every year to find a suitable room).

- **What other specifics do I have to take into consideration as a non-EU citizen**
 - a) **Bank**: You have to open a German bank account. Many banks offer free student accounts.
 - b) **Blocked account**: In order to prove your financial security, some German embassies require students to open a blocked bank account with one of the German banks. It is required to have a minimum amount of 12 months' average living expenses (roughly 8000 Euros) in your blocked account and the maximum that you can withdraw is 670 Euro per month.
 - c) **Visa**: Please check on the following website if you need a visa to enter Germany:

[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html)
 - d) **Proof of English proficiency**: Each country is asking for different levels of English in order to grant your visa application. Please check with your German embassy and make your arrangements accordingly.
 - e) **Health insurance**: You have to register with a German Health insurance company.
 - f) **Working regulations**:

[http://www.internationale-
studierende.de/en/prepare_your_studies/financing/jobbing/](http://www.internationale-studierende.de/en/prepare_your_studies/financing/jobbing/)

- **General information for living and studying/working in Germany**

[http://www.auswaertiges-
amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/ArbeitenLebenDeutschland/Uebersicht.html?nn=480834](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/ArbeitenLebenDeutschland/Uebersicht.html?nn=480834)