

FAQ's

Global Health Risk Management and Hygiene Policies





1. What is the main topic of this Master program?

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 the 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 MSc in Global Health Risk Management and Hygiene Policies will contribute to the education of these contemporary professionals. The MSc in Global Health Risk Management and Hygiene Policies is cooperation between the University of Bonn and the Center for Development Research (ZEF), the Institute of Environment and Human Security (EHS) and the United Nations University (UNU) and placed at the Medical Center (UKB) Venusberg Campus in Bonn.

The four semesters are composed of a total of 12 modules (120 ECTS in total), including on internship (module 11) and the Master's Thesis (module 12).

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.

Students will 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 cooperation institutes like several departments by the university Bonn as well as the UNU-EHS, the GeoHealthCentre, the ZEF and many more. Finally they will get the global health spirit by practical excursions with a variety of regional, international and federal organizations.

The language of instruction is always English.

More about the course structure, objectives, downloads and offers can be found online: <http://master-globalhealth.de/>

2. 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: "How to apply" as Quicklink on our homepage.

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.

3. What can I do with a degree in Global Health?

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.

Qualification Profile of the Graduate are:

- » To analyze and improve local public health systems in regard to their effectivity and efficiency**
- » To adopt and adjust public health and hygiene methods and basics to suit different geographical, historical, socio-cultural and risk associated prerequisites around the globe**
- » To plan and to transfer public health efforts like health protection, health promotion and public welfare into practice**
- » To establish leadership for planning, implementation and monitoring of public health and hygiene actions and to achieve internationally agreed targets in regional, national and international contexts.**

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

In such cases, kindly request the registrar or examination office of your University to provide you with an European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) overview / transcript of your courses. Furthermore you can use Tools like Anabin: <https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>

5. Which level of English will be required for the course?

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

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

You are requested, in this case, to get an appointment for the next available approved language tests and meanwhile continue with your application. You should state the date of your language test in your application. 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 (preferably before the lectures start).

7. What is the Numerus Clausus of this Master course and how many seats are available?

There is no 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 in relevant fields of global health. The selection procedure will be made by the Committee of Global Health.

8. What is the total cost of this program?

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. It is not obligatory to pay the whole amount at once. Payment options can be discussed after arrival on campus and will be fixed in a contract. Please note that no payment is expected before the beginning of the study period and all study fee regulations will be clearly mentioned on your admission letter and note verbal. Accommodation and personal living expenses are not included in the course fees.

You can have an idea about the costs of living in Germany here:

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

9. How can I apply for a scholarship or a student loan?

For this program we do offer a scholarships by the Dr. Hans Riegel-Stiftung. But please note that applying for a scholarship is the entire responsibility of the candidate and should be done as effective and as early as possible to increase his/her chances to be considered. Should you need additional documents or reference letters for your application, you can contact the student office.

Of course for the scholarship it's a several letter of motivation required!

10. 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, after you have completed the 10 first modules. Please note that, we will be informing you about internship opportunities, but we are not responsible to guarantee an internship for a candidate. Hence, it is advisable to start applications early, even before ending the 10 first modules, as it can be challenging to get accepted if you wait for the last minute.

11. How many intakes are there annually and when is the deadline?

There is every year an intake for this Master Program starting with the Winter Semester, usually in early October. The deadline for the application is always the end of February. Afterwards every candidate gets a letter of rejection or admission. Please note that we have got hundreds of applications.

12. What should my application consist of?

Your application is considered complete when you have the following:

1. Completed and signed application form (REQUIRED)

2. Résumé/CV (REQUIRED)

An updated 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
- » 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 cooperation, 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 (DIN A4 page), 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 be able to 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 by employess or professors of the (former) university.

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

You are requested to send your completed application to:
master.globalhealth@ukbonn.de

Please note that it is imperative to sign your application, both electronic or manual signatures are accepted. Only digital versions sent via email will be accepted. We do not accept applications sent via post.

Completed application must be received by the date of deadline, latest 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.

The homepage streamer keeps always informed about the fix deadline in the end of February yearly.

13. 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 our programme you must be able to present your original certificate when registering.

14. Do I need to provide originals of my documents?

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 if necessary. With your application, you are required to send scanned copies of your originals. Please do not send any original to us via Post (any document received via Post will not be sent back around the globe!).

15. What happens after I have sent my application?

- » Each applicant receives an automatic message confirming receipt of the application from the Master email account.
- » If the application is complete and an applicant fulfills the application requirements he/she is shortlisted as a potential candidate for the program.
- » if the application window is closed the committee will start with the statistical validation for all applicants.
- » around the end of March/beginning of April every applicant will get a letter of rejection or admission
- » after the admission the confirmation of the student is required besides with a copy of the passport for authority the confirmation
- » if there is no confirmation the place will be given to the next student of the Best Selection like a move up procedure

16. When will the University inform about acceptance and rejections?

The expected timing is around March/April yearly.

17. What should I do once I am accepted to the programme?

Please follow the instructions of the Educational Program Coordinator.

After your confirmation (including passport) of the admission, you will be involved in several organizations about Visa, Health Insurance, Housing and many more.

Therefore you will get a completely Welcome Guide, which updates you to all relevant objectives.

18. I deferred my acceptance from last year, do I need to re-apply?

Yes. If you are accepted, but you are not able to start your studies in the upcoming semester, you have to re-apply for the next intake as well as submit all required materials to our office.

19 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)

20. How can I find accommodation?

You will need to apply for accommodation once you are admitted to the program.

There will be three ways to secure your accommodation:

» Register with our Global Health group booking (more info in the welcome guide)

» Register individually at:

<https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation/>

» Try to find accommodation independently e.g. at:

<https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>

Please note that Bonn is very popular for students and it remains difficult every year to find a suitable room

And for our full scholars of the Dr. Hans Riegel- Stiftung we do offer a private student house next to the Central Station at Poppelsdorfer Allee.

21. 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) Students who require a visa may have to extend their visa after three months. Again, depending on your country of origin you can receive a 6-month, 1-year or until the end of your studies extension.

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

e.g. MAWISTA <https://www.mawista.com/>

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/)

<http://www.auswaertiges->

[amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/ArbeitenLebenDeutschland/Uebersicht.html?nn=4808](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Infoservice/FAQ/ArbeitenLebenDeutschland/Uebersicht.html?nn=4808)

22. Do you offer campus tours?

No, the Coordination Office does not offer personal formal campus tours. Prospective students are encouraged to make the most of their time off and visit the campus on their own. But we do offer a Buddy System (of the first and second cohort of MSc Global Health). Please ask for it by the Coordination Office. A map of the university medical center (UKB) Venusberg Campus will be provided to all students. Furthermore, as we advance into the course, there will be meetings with faculty, staff, and current students so as to provide the best sense of graduate student life here in Bonn.

22. Are there any postdoctoral positions available after I graduate?

Unfortunately, this office is not able to provide information regarding the availability of postdoctoral positions. Please visit the website for the faculty/department in which you are interested to learn of any available positions or contact them directly. Additionally, you may wish to search standard professional and academic websites or publications for postings.

And of course feel free to ask your professors at the Global Health Lessons; you will get in contact with leading experts.

23. I was offered admission and accepted (or declined) the offer or change my mind anyway.

In this case, please contact the Coordination office.

All admitted students will get in time our Global Health Welcome Guide, which will be updated with all necessary information every year for the next intake.

We hope this answers to the frequently asked questions was helpfully to you, The Global Health Master's Team