MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

PROGRAMME JOINTLY OFFERED BY UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN, KU LEUVEN, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL, TRANSNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LIMBURG

MAJORS: POLICY AND PROGRAMME - RESEARCH

120 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

WHAT

The Master of Science in Global Health provides you with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage these complexities by giving you a sound theoretical basis, mixed with applied classes and an internship. Together, this training package prepares you to become a catalyst for change as a global health professional.

STRUCTURE

Central courses
In the first year, the programme is organised around two key themes. Semester I goes 'Global', providing students with the knowledge and insights into global health challenges and their determinants, as well as the global health policy and normative frameworks (Courses: ‘Global Health Challenges’ and ‘Global Health Governance and Leadership’). Semester II investigates the 'Local', teaching students about the instruments that governments can use to formulate a local answer to global health challenges (Courses: ‘Health Care Systems’ and ‘Health Promotion and Disease Prevention’). Several transversal courses run throughout the first three semesters. In these courses students are instructed in ‘Essential Skills in Global Health’ (including complexity theory, systems thinking and evidence synthesis), and ‘Research Methods in Global Health’ (including key methodological insights relevant to global health).

Elective courses
Semester III and IV are the 'Focal' semesters, in which students will specialize in a specific Global Health Challenges – either focusing on ‘Global Health Policies and Programmes’ or on ‘Research Methods in Global Health’ by selecting a number of elective courses offered by the five partner institutions.

Internship
In the second year students will do an internship of 10 weeks. The aim of the internship is to put Global Health thinking into practice, to acquire skills and practical knowledge, and to get a better view of the Global Health domain, including the various actors, specializations and career opportunities that this encompasses.

Master thesis
The master thesis is a paper/dissertation in which the student independently develops a research project. The student carries out a scientific study in an independent and creative way with regard to a topic concerning Global Health. The master thesis can be seen as the endpoint of the programme, in which the acquired knowledge, academic and domain-specific skills and competences are used to independently develop a research project and to bring it to a successful conclusion.

Practical Information
The Master in Global Health is jointly organized by the five Flemish Universities in Belgium: Ghent University, Antwerp University, Catholic University of Leuven, Free University of Brussels and Hasselt University. Classes will be taught in Ghent, Antwerp and Leuven. All places are easily accessible by public transport and students will be given access to student facilities on the three campuses.

LABOUR MARKET

Students graduating from our ‘Global Health Policy and Programmes’ option will be more oriented towards governmental institutions, international organizations, development agencies, non-governmental organizations or lobbying and advocacy. Those graduating from our ‘Research Methods in Global Health’ option will focus more on national and international research institutions working in fields related to global health.
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TOELATINGSVORWAARDEN VOOR HOUTERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

1 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:
   a opleidingen nieuwe structuur:
      • Een diploma van een masteropleiding aansluitend op een bacheloropleiding
      • Een diploma van een masteropleiding die volgt op een andere masteropleiding
   b opleidingen oude structuur:
      • Een diploma van de tweede cyclus van het hogeschoolonderwijs van twee cycli
      • Een diploma van een academische opleiding van de tweede cyclus
      • Een diploma van een voortgezette academische opleiding
      • Een diploma van een voortgezette opleiding

The language requirements for this study programme can be found on: www.ugent.be/languagerequirements

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: www.ugent.be/admission

Additional information:
Students wishing to start in the Master of Science in Global Health should have a master’s degree; a strong motivation and demonstrate basic insight in the field of Global Health.

Prospective students will need to submit a personal motivation letter in English. The personal motivation letter should include: i) a critical reflection on the contribution of the candidate’s field (his/her master degree, work experience) to the field of Global Health (max. 400 words); ii) the candidate’s expectations regarding the course (max. 400 words); and iii) an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT analysis) with which the candidate positions himself / herself in Global Health studies (max. 400 words). The letter and the personal SWOT analysis will be independently evaluated by 2 persons – care will be taken that evaluators are familiar with the country of residence and discipline of the candidate. For non-Belgium students: only those who have submitted a full digital administrative file to Ghent University will be taken into consideration for this evaluation criterion. After the evaluation of the personal motivation letter, the selected students will be invited for a video interview.

More information at www.masterglobalhealth.be.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme

Information sessions
Graduation Fair
afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies

Open Days
Enrolling institution
Ghent University

Application deadline
For prospective international degree students:
General deadlines for the administrative part that assesses the initial master degree and language proficiency. More information at the application procedure.

For all prospective students:
Information (deadlines) background and motivation part: www.masterglobalhealth.be

Tuition fee
More information is to be found on: www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

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