

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

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

MAJORS: RESEARCH - POLICY AND PROGR

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 a work placement. Together, this training package prepares you to become a catalyst for change as a global health professional.

## STRUCTURE

### Main course units

In the first year, the programme is organised around two key themes. The first term goes 'Global', providing students with the knowledge on and insights into global health challenges and their determinants, as well as the global health policy and normative frameworks (course units: 'Global Health Challenges' and 'Global Health Governance and Leadership'). The second term investigates the 'Local', teaching students about the instruments that governments can use to formulate a local answer to global health challenges (course units: 'Health Systems' and 'Health Promotion and Disease Prevention'). Several transversal course units run throughout the first three terms. In these course units 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).

### Electives

The third and fourth term are the so-called 'focal' terms, during which students will specialise in a specific global health challenge – either focusing on 'Global Health Policies and Programmes' or on 'Research Methods in Global Health' by selecting a number of electives offered by the five partner institutions.

### Internship

In the second year students will do a ten-week internship. 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, specialisations and career opportunities.

### Master's dissertation

The Master's dissertation is a paper/dissertation in which the student develops a research project independently. Students carry out a scientific study in an independent and creative way on a topic related to global health. The Master's

dissertation is the culmination of the programme, in which students apply their acquired knowledge, academic and domain-specific skills and competencies to develop a research project independently, and to bring it to a successful conclusion.

### Practical Information

The Master in Global Health is organised jointly by the five Flemish Universities in Belgium: Ghent University, the University of Antwerp, KU Leuven, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, and Hasselt University. Classes will be taught in Ghent, Antwerp and Leuven. All venues are 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 organisations, development agencies, non-governmental organisations 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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## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS 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
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## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

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](http://www.masterglobalhealth.be).

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/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration](http://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration).

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements  
English: CEFR level B2

The language requirements for this study programme can be found on: [www.ugent.be/language requirements](http://www.ugent.be/language requirements)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-global-health-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-science-in-global-health-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](http://afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies)

### Enrolling institution

Ghent University

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

### Application Deadline (for International degree students)

#### 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](http://www.masterglobalhealth.be)

### Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

### Contact

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