

MASTER IN GLOBAL HEALTH (ADVANCED MASTER)

Jointly offered by the five Flemish Universities in Belgium: Ghent University, Antwerp University, Catholic University of Leuven, Free University of Brussels and Hasselt University

120 ECTS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH – DIPLOMA: MASTER OF SCIENCE

CONTENT

Every day we are faced with important global health challenges of the 21st century, such as chronic diseases, mental illnesses, ageing population, the health consequences of climate change, pollution, and migration. These challenges can only be effectively addressed through an interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral, global approach that tackles the multiple causes and consequences. 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 is 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.

CAREER PERSPECTIVES

Students graduating from our 'Global Health Policy and Programmes' option will be more oriented towards governmental institutions, international organisations, 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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TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

Na geschiktheidsonderzoek:

- masterdiploma

Het geschiktheidsonderzoek heeft als doel na te gaan of je beschikt over een basisinzicht in het vakgebied van Global Health en of jouw verwachtingen overeenstemmen met de doelen van de opleiding. Je schrijft daarvoor een 'personal statement' met kritische reflectie over de bijdrage van het vakgebied van je vooropleiding aan Global Health, inclusief een SWOT-analyse waarmee je je als potentiële student positioneert in de opleiding (max. 2 blz.). Elk dossier wordt door 2 personen geëvalueerd, afhankelijk van land en discipline. Als je geslaagd bent voor het 'personal statement', dan volgt een video-interview met de opleidingscoördinator en een ander lid van de opleidingscommissie (men houdt rekening met de diverse disciplinaire achtergronden).

TAAL

Je voldoet aan de taalvoorwaarden op basis van je Vlaams diploma.

PRAKTISCHE INFORMATIE

Studieprogramma:

<https://studiegids.ugent.be>

> faculteiten > opleidingstypes > ga naar de opleiding van je keuze

Infomomenten

Masterbeurs

www.ugent.be/masterbeurs

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 UGhent 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.

LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English: www.ugent.be/language/requirements

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Study programme:

www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue

> by faculty > programme types > select your programme

Application deadline for international degree students

- for students who need a visa: 1st of March
 - for students who do not need a visa: 1st of June
- www.ugent.be/deadline

Enrolling institution

Ghent University

Tuition fee

More information on: www.ugent.be/tuitionfee

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