Master of Science in International Health

The MSc programme begins with a three month Core Module that introduces students to the field of International Health. Students then enter either the fixed set of advanced modules at Heidelberg or choose among a wide range of courses within the tropEd network.

A Masters Thesis must also be completed for the MSc in International Health degree. For more information please contact MSc_IH@uni-heidelberg.de.

tropEd

TropEd is a network of over 30 institutions for higher education in international Health. It offers a flexible modular structure and the European-wide recognition of a Masters Degree in International Health.

ECTS credits towards the Masters in International Health will be provided for the accredited modules offered at Heidelberg.

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Short Courses in International Health
tropEd Advanced Modules 2015

Disease Control: Strategies and Policies
January 12 – 23, 2015

Public Health Anthropology: Concepts and Tools
January 26 – February 06, 2015

Improving the Quality of Healthcare Services in Resource Poor Settings
February 09 – 20, 2015

Global Challenges in Reproductive Health: Evidence and Tools for Programme Implementation
February 23 – March 06, 2015

Consultancy Skills: Evaluation of Health Facilities, Projects & Programmes
March 09 – 20, 2015
June 15 – 26, 2015

Proposal Writing as a Consultancy Skill
March 23 - 27, 2015

Financing Health Care: Concepts, Challenges and Practices
April 13 – 24, 2015

Decision Making in Public Health Practice
April 27 – May 01, 2015

Public Health and Disasters
May 04 – 15, 2015

Climate Change and Health: Impacts and Adaptation Policies
May 18 – 29, 2015

Health and Human Rights
June 01 – 12, 2015

Quality Management in International Health
June 29 – July 10, 2015

Mixed Methods in International Health Research
July 13 – 24, 2015

Leadership and Change Management in International Health
July 27 – August 07, 2015

Health and Human Rights
June 01 – 12, 2015
Content Overview

This course of study covers the general concepts and principles of human rights, their relationship to, and impact within the health sector.

The course will use case studies from numerous countries, with a focus on low and middle-income countries, and the experiences of those within the course, to examine the vital role of human rights within the health sector.

Participants will have the opportunity to practice incorporating human rights into policies, strategies, monitoring and evaluation.

Learning Objectives

To enable health professionals and managers to understand the concepts and principles of human rights within the health sector and to improve their personal skills in applying and evaluating these rights.

By the end of the course participants should be able to:

1. Articulate the key principles that underpin human rights discussions within the health sector
2. Assess the implications for health within UN conventions, treaties and international declarations related to human rights.
3. Articulate and explain human rights principles in relation to the main topics within the health sector:
   a. Equity and Equality: urban/rural bias, the poor, marginalized groups, gender, minorities, disabled, elderly
   b. Access: harm reduction services, reproductive health services, HIV/AIDS services, access to health for refugees/IDPs in armed conflicts
   c. Accountability: development of more responsive public health policies, monitoring progress, unintended impacts of laws

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4. Elaborate the importance of applying a rights based approach to health
5. Discuss the implications on human rights resulting from national health laws or policies (for example, the human rights implication of China’s 'one-child' policy or the USA’s ‘Obamacare’ policy).
6. Articulate the key mechanisms at national, regional and international mechanisms designed to protect and promote human rights within the health sector.
7. Elaborate strategies to monitor the application of human rights principles in the health sector.

Learning Methods

The course is composed of individual teaching units, individual or group practical exercises.

Assessment Procedures

Course participants are expected to attend teaching sessions and participate regularly in discussions and group work.

Final assessment based on writing sample (policy brief or essay, not exceeding 950 words) to be submitted at the last day of the course.

Duration / Accreditation

2 weeks / 90 hours; Full time attendance required.

3 ECTS (tropEd)

Target Group / Prerequisites

Public health professionals, project planners and managers, paramedical staff, social scientists, tropEd students, etc. The course is held in English.

Fluent English (Reading, Speaking and Writing) is required for the course.

Course Fee

General Admittance € 1,500,-
tropEd students € 750,-
(reduced fee currently)

Unfortunately, the Institute cannot offer any scholarships.

A non-refundable registration fee of € 200 is included in the course fee. The course fee covers coursework, printed materials, coffee breaks and a pass for the Heidelberg public transportation system, but it does not include accommodation, insurance or other personal living costs during the stay.

Registration

Please register as soon as possible as the number of participants is limited. First come, first serve.

Registrations are as such possible as long as seats are still available, but please keep in mind the time you need for travel and visa arrangements.

Contact Registrations

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Collaboration

This course is organised by the Institute of Public Health of the University of Heidelberg in cooperation with WHO and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).