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Master's degree

Health Sciences (MSc)
Hamburg University of Applied Sciences • Hamburg

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<td>Course location</td>
<td>Hamburg</td>
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<td>Teaching language</td>
<td>• English</td>
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<td>• German</td>
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<td>Languages</td>
<td>Lectures are held in English.</td>
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<td>The research semester (third semester) will be undertaken in Germany and therefore requires good German skills.</td>
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<td>The Master's thesis can be written in English or German.</td>
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<td>Programme duration</td>
<td>4 semesters</td>
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<td>Beginning</td>
<td>Winter semester</td>
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<td>Application deadline</td>
<td>Please apply online on the HAW Hamburg website during the application period: 1 June - 15 July (studies start in September of the same year)</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english">http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english</a></td>
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<td>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Combined Master’s degree / PhD programme</td>
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<td>Joint degree / double degree programme</td>
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Description/content

The Master of Health Sciences is a two-year programme (four semesters, 120 credit points (CPs) in total). It provides participants with scientific and practical skills which enable them to conduct research in health sciences. The first two semesters (60 CPs) encompass modules which convey both qualitative and quantitative research methods applicable for the fields of Health Economics and Health Systems, Occupational and Health Promotion and Health Behaviour and Epidemiology. The first year offers a choice of courses, so that students can build up a theoretical foundation for their research semester (third semester).

During their research semester, students will participate in a research project conducted either at the university or at another institution focusing on health research. Students will gain practical skills and teamwork experience, and will learn how to run a project in the field of health sciences research. The training will be supervised by a professor and accompanied by a colloquium.

The programme culminates in the writing of a Master's thesis. The aim is to formulate and analyse a
problem by choosing a suitable study design and appropriate study methods. Concepts and methods learned during the programme will be applied.

## Course Details

### Course organisation

The number of students is limited to a maximum of 25, therefore seminars and small group work with tutorial support is possible in all modules.

First semester: five modules out of the following are required (6 CPs each):

- Concepts and Dimensions of Health Sciences and Public Health and Statistical Data Analysis
- Ethics and Epistemology
- Diversity in Health
- Family, Community and Occupational Health
- Health Economics and Global Health
- Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases Epidemiology

Second semester: five modules out of the following are required (6 CPs each):

- Health Behaviour and Epidemiological Research
- Occupational and Health Promotion Research
- Health Economics and Health Systems Research
- Advanced Study Design and Biostatistics
- Instrument Development, Validation and Advanced Qualitative Study Design
- Research and Project Management

Third semester (30 CPs):
- Research Project in Health Sciences with Colloquium

Fourth semester (30 CPs):
- Master’s thesis

For more information about the modules and course content, please click on the PDF link below.

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### Types of assessment

Written examinations, assignments and presentations in the first and second semesters; research report and presentation in the third semester; Master’s thesis in the fourth semester

### A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

### Integrated internships

The programme includes a research semester. During their research semester, students will participate in a research project conducted either at the university or at another institution focusing on health research. Students will gain practical skills and teamwork experience. They will learn how to run a project in the field of health sciences research. The training will be supervised by a professor and accompanied by a colloquium.

### Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No
Costs / Funding

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<th><strong>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</strong></th>
<th>None</th>
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<td><strong>Semester contribution</strong></td>
<td>There is a semester contribution of approx. 336 EUR (as of September 2019). This fee provides you with a semester ticket for unlimited travel on Hamburg’s public transport system.</td>
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<td><strong>Costs of living</strong></td>
<td>Hamburg is a relatively expensive city. Depending on your lifestyle, you should expect living costs of 700 to 900 EUR for rent, food, and other expenses.</td>
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<td><strong>Funding opportunities within the university</strong></td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university</strong></td>
<td>Students can apply for scholarships for academic excellence. They can also apply for an examination scholarship when they are in their final semester as a financial support while completing their Bachelor’s or Master’s theses. More information can be found here: <a href="http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english">http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english</a>.</td>
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Requirements / Registration

| **Academic admission requirements** | • First degree in health sciences or a similar field and a minimum of 180 ECTS  
• English language certificate if English is not your first language (see language requirements)  
• German language certificate if German is not your first language (see language requirements)  
Students who completed their school education outside Germany must have their certificates approved by uni-assist (http://www.uni-assist.de) BEFORE applying to the HAW Hamburg. The pre-registration documentation from uni-assist must be sent with the application forms, etc., when applying to the HAW Hamburg. Please be advised that this process can take six to eight weeks, so please apply early. |
| **Language requirements** | English:  
• TOEFL (PBT: at least 587/ revised PBT: at least 71/ IBT at least 95),  
• IELTS: at least band 7.0 or equivalent  
• high school certificate from a school in an English-speaking country where teaching is in English  
• proof (in English) of at least two successful years at university in an English-speaking country  
• Bachelor’s certificate (in English) of a Bachelor’s degree taught in English  
German: Proof of German level B1 is mandatory and must be included with the application. Students must continue to learn German during the first semester and must reach level B2 by the beginning of the second semester. Lectures are held in English, but the research semester (third semester) requires a good knowledge of German. |
| **Application deadline** | Please apply online on the HAW Hamburg website during the application period:  
1 June - 15 July (studies start in September of the same year)  
http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english |
| **Submit application to** | Students must apply online during the application period: http://www.haw-hamburg.de/english |
Services

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<th>Possibility of finding part-time employment</th>
<th>You should plan to be able to study in Hamburg without having to work part-time. If you are coming on a visa, you will have to provide proof of your finances (697 EUR/month – 8,700 EUR/year). EU students can work 20 hours/week. International students from non-EU countries are only permitted to work 120 full days (240 half days) in one calendar year, and part-time job opportunities are limited, especially for students who do not speak German. It is unlikely that we will be able to offer you a job on campus.</th>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>It is not easy to find accommodation in Hamburg, so please be aware that finding somewhere to live can take a while. The halls of residence in Hamburg are run by the Studierendenwerk Hamburg and offer affordable accommodation for students under the age of 30. Generally, students have their own rooms in an apartment that they share with other students – the bathroom and kitchen are shared. The monthly rent for a room in a student hall of residence starts at roughly 250 EUR (including heating, water, and electricity). At the earliest, new students can apply three months before the start of their degree programme. Further information on accommodation can be found on the university’s website: <a href="https://www.haw-hamburg.de/english">https://www.haw-hamburg.de/english</a>.</td>
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| Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates | ♦ Welcome event
♦ Buddy programme
♦ Tutors |
Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

Hamburg University of Applied Sciences (HAW Hamburg) is one of the largest of its kind in Germany and within our four faculties we offer a wide range of Bachelor’s and Master’s programmes in engineering, IT, life sciences, design and media as well as business and social sciences. We focus on applied sciences in our teaching, giving our students a practical insight into their fields of study through projects, lab work, internships and theses in industry. Our expertise is drawn from faculty members who have worked in industry before joining the university. In research, we are an important partner for the city of Hamburg’s companies and innovation clusters, developing new ideas from the synergies of this dynamic location.
Our fields of expertise reflect the technologies, industries and services that make Germany a leading economy, and our close collaboration with Hamburg’s innovation clusters allows us to develop this knowledge in our teaching and research.

We are a very international university, with students from over 100 countries making up 14% of our students. Combined with the international nature of the city of Hamburg, you will feel very comfortable studying here.

University location
In the north of Germany and in the heart of Europe, Germany’s second largest city (1.8 million) offers excellent quality of life and international flair. If you like to spend your leisure time outdoors, then you will love Europe’s “greenest” city with its lake, canals and beautiful parks. For those of you who love culture, Hamburg’s museums, theatres and its world famous concert hall, the Elbphilharmonie, will inspire you. Hamburg is also one of the most dynamic commercial centres in Europe, placing its strategic focus on six innovative segments: aviation (Airbus), IT and media, the international port and logistics, life sciences (biotechnology, medical technology and health care), nanotechnology, and renewable energies. The Economist ranked Hamburg as one of the top ten most liveable cities in the world, so we are sure you will feel at home.

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