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# Master's degree



## Master of Science in International Health (MScIH)

Heidelberg University • Heidelberg

### Overview

Degree	Master of Science in International Health (MScIH)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	All courses are taught in English.
Programme duration	2 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	DAAD scholarships are available for the full-time programme with the following deadline: Online application is open from 15 May to 15 October for the <b>following year's course</b> . University deadline (not for DAAD scholarship applications): 30 April for the same year's course. Different deadlines may apply for other scholarship funding agencies.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	7,050 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	<p><b>Full-time programme</b></p> <p>14,100 EUR (core course, advanced modules, thesis/oral exam) Special arrangements apply to DAAD scholarship holders.</p> <p><b>Part-time programme</b></p> <p>7,863 EUR (core course + thesis/oral exam) + approx. 1,000 EUR* for a two-week advanced module at Heidelberg University (average total cost for advanced modules – approx. 6,000 EUR)</p> <p>*Different fees may apply within the tropEd network.</p>
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p><b>International Health</b></p> <p>The programme focuses on poverty-related health problems in low- and middle-income countries. It includes the promotion of health as well as the prevention and treatment of disease. Studies of health systems, health economics and financing, health policy, and management of health services are central. A cursory view of diverse aspects of health in many low- and middle-income countries shows a need for improved health policy, more efficient organisation and management at all levels</p>

of health systems, and sustainable financing. In order to make health services accessible to the people who need them most, reforms are urgently needed both at the policy-making level and on the delivery side. The MScIH was developed with these factors in mind.

### Teaching Approach

Participatory teaching and learning methods are the underlying didactic concepts of the course. Participants are expected to take an active part throughout the course, e.g. small group work, individual study time and assignments, presentations based on their own work experience, case studies, and group discussions.

### Target Group

The MScIH is intended for public health-related academic professionals, including nurses and physicians, with at least two years of work experience in public health. Its focus is to provide students with a solid foundation in international public health principles. The programme also focuses on giving students the tools and methods necessary to initiate programmes that would improve health services in an efficient, sustainable, and equitable way.

### Career Perspectives

Graduates are expected to take up policy, planning, management, mentoring, and teaching positions in, for example, international organisations, ministries of health, national health programmes, non-governmental organisations, and universities.

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## Course Details

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### Course organisation

### Structure

The course has three distinct parts, each accounting for 20 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). In this system, credit points are given on the basis of student investment time, i.e. how much time a student "invests" in a given topic (including lecture time, group work, and individual learning time). The three parts of the MScIH are:

1. A three-month core module, providing a basic overview on essential topics in International Health
2. Advanced modules, offering more in-depth learning on selected topics
3. A thesis module, allowing for guided individual research work with a flexible choice

The course covers the diverse aspects of International Health and may be taken **either as a part-time course of study within the [tropED network](#) or as a full-time, one-year programme at Heidelberg University.** (For details, please see: [MScIH](#))

DAAD scholarships are available for the full-time programme.

### Quality Assurance

The programme is accredited at the national level. All taught parts (core course, advanced modules) are additionally accredited in the tropED network. An international standard is further ensured by faculty members of other institutes of public health who act as lecturers and external examiners.

A maximum of 25 students are accepted into the programme, which guarantees intensive personal contact with lecturers and academic supervisors throughout the programme.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Training in intercultural skills</li> <li>• Study trips</li> </ul>
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DAAD development-related postgraduate course</li> </ul>
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

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Semester contribution	186.35 EUR per semester
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	DAAD scholarships are available for the full-time programme.

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Public health-related academic degree (Bachelor's or Master's degree [minimum of four years], conforms to the standards of Heidelberg University), plus at least two years of professional experience in a public health-related position.</p> <p>English language proficiency: If an applicant's first language is not English, he/she is requested to provide evidence of his/her English language proficiency with a TOEFL or IELTS test (details below).</p> <p>The academic degrees should have normally been earned within the last six years.</p>
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<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>English language proficiency: If an applicant's first language is not English, he/she is requested to provide evidence of his/her English language proficiency with a TOEFL or IELTS test.</p> <p>(TOEFL required minimum score: 237 CBT, 92-93 iBT, 580 PBT or IELTS required minimum: Band 6.5)</p> <p>The English language requirements may also be satisfied by successful completion of tertiary studies (or an equivalent qualification) if the language of instruction and assessment was English. Applicants with previous study in English need to provide academic transcripts and an official letter from the institution to certify that English was the sole or principal language of instruction.</p>
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<b>Submit application to</b>	<p>Application is only possible online (for the MSc course as well as for a DAAD scholarship). Applications sent by e-mail or post will not be accepted.</p> <p>For details, please see: <a href="#">MSciH Homepage</a></p>

## Services

### Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Accompanying programme
- Visa matters

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