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Master's degree



Population-Based Medicine

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Overview

Degree	Master of Science in Population-Based Medicine
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All courses are taught in English. Examinations are in English, and the Master's thesis has to be written in English.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	4 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The Population-Based Medicine Master's programme lasts for two years (four semesters) and starts in the winter semester. Courses start mid-October.
Application deadline	All applicants: 15 April for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Field of Study</p> <p>Population health sciences is the study of the conditions that shape distributions of health within and across populations, and of the mechanisms through which these conditions manifest in the health of individuals. Population health takes a broad, interdisciplinary approach and includes health outcomes as well as patterns of health determinants.</p> <p>Population-based medicine can be defined as population health science with a focus on medical conditions and patient populations. It refers to all aspects of community medical care, from primary prevention to tertiary care. Population-based medicine often works with big datasets and</p>

epidemiological and statistical methods to identify patterns in the diseases and health of large populations. Population-based medicine can be considered as the basic science of public health, much as biomedical research is the basic science of clinical medicine.

You can find more information on the field of study and our research on the department website: www.pbm-tuebingen.de and on the programme website: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/studium/studienangebot/verzeichnis-der-studiengaenge/detail/course/population-based-medicine-master/>.

Population-Based Medicine in Tübingen

The Master's programme in Population-Based Medicine in Tübingen offers a challenging programme at a competitive international level for which high individual effort and performance are required. We strive to prepare students to respond to both challenges and opportunities to improve health within and across populations. Our goal is to train future population health experts with outstanding methodological knowledge and interdisciplinary expertise to address the full range of factors influencing health and disease. This includes the designing, implementation and evaluation of intervention programmes for health problems (e.g. lifestyle modification strategies and stress management) and the development of prevention strategies at the population level (e.g. for diabetes, cardiovascular conditions, and cancer). It also includes the development of policy recommendations, health education and outreach at community and population level (e.g. digital health technologies).

Four main features of our programme are crucial for the achievements of the aforementioned goals:

1. **Interdisciplinary & interprofessional:** We follow a comprehensive approach including behavioural, biological, social and mental factors of health and illness. You will study, learn and work in interprofessional groups.
2. **Research-oriented:** We strongly focus on empirical and synthesis methods in population health research.
3. **Mentorship:** You will receive support and advice from your individual mentor throughout the programme.
4. **Practicum (practical experience):** In the third semester, you will obtain practical experience and apply your professional competencies in population-based medicine.

Current information

At the beginning of 2025, there will be an open Zoom meeting for prospective students. Visit our website for further information.

Course Details

Course organisation

The Population-Based Medicine Master's programme lasts for two years (four semesters) and encompasses a total of 120 ECTS.

Full-time courses will be held during the first and second semesters. In the third semester, you will be able to further specialise by completing a 14-week, full-time "practicum" (practical experience with the opportunity to apply professional competencies in population-based medicine) in a field of your choice. The work placement experience may influence the choice of topic for your Master's thesis in the fourth and last semester.

First semester: Full-time courses (Modules PBM-1 to 4)

Second semester: Full-time courses (Modules PBM-5 to 8)

Third semester: Full-time "practicum" (in Germany or abroad, Module PBM-9)

Fourth semester: Master's thesis (Module PBM-10)

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context • Opportunities for students to work abroad
Diverse intercultural background of students	Our students come from a diverse background both in terms of their country of origin and their discipline.
Integrated internships	In the third semester, students have to complete a 14-week, full-time "practicum" at a private or public organisation (e.g. local planning and government offices, hospitals, NGOs) in Germany or abroad. Students will apply their theoretical knowledge from the classroom in a real-world setting of their choice. A mentor will help them develop a "practicum" project (e.g. quantitative or qualitative data analysis or another project) that they will work on during and report on after their "practicum".
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	Varied
Additional information on tuition fees	Approx. 1,500 EUR per semester for students from non-EU countries
Semester contribution	Enrolment fees at the University of Tübingen are currently about 160 EUR per semester. This includes use of local public transport free of charge from Monday to Friday in the evenings, on weekends and on public holidays. In addition, students may purchase a semester ticket for unlimited use of public transport in the city of Tübingen and the surrounding area (currently about 140 EUR).
Costs of living	Estimated basic student expenses are about 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services organisation ("Studierendenwerk"), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Twenty places are available in the programme, and they will be awarded based on each applicant's qualifications and experience as well as his or her performance in a selection interview. The interview will focus on professional knowledge, aptitude, and motivation as well as communication and analytical skills. English language skills and competencies in the areas of methods and statistics will also be part of the interview.</p> <p>Application requirements are:</p>
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1. A Bachelor's degree of at least six semesters in health sciences or an equivalent degree in a comparable subject with a grade of 2.5 or better (German grading system)

2. English language skills (see below)

Examples for comparable subjects might be: Public Health, Epidemiology, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Midwifery, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Health Economics, Health Policy, Biostatistics, Psychology, Sports, Sociology, Cognitive Sciences.

A final decision about the equivalency of the subject can only be made based on your complete application. Make sure to include a Transcript of Records or any other documentation concerning the content of your Bachelor's degree.

Language requirements	English at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
Application deadline	All applicants: 15 April for the following winter semester
Submit application to	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen Online application: https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/4204 For questions regarding the application process, please contact the International Students Admissions Office via e-mail: study.master@uni-tuebingen.de https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/8935

Services

Accommodation	<p>Accommodation is available through the student services organisation ("Studierendenwerk") or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.</p> <p>We recommend you apply for student accommodation through the "Studierendenwerk" at the same time that you apply for admission to the Master's programme (https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/ and https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you receive it. (Your application won't be processed until the "Studierendenwerk" has received proof of your admission.) For further information, check out the "Studierendenwerk" website on housing in Tübingen (https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/).</p> <p>For private accommodation, it is best to check the local newspaper (http://www.tagblatt.de/Marktplatz/Immobilien) or websites like "WG gesucht": http://wg-gesucht.de.</p> <p>Students can also find information and help here with the "onboarding" for degree-seeking students: https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/224925.</p>
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Support for international students and doctoral candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome event• Buddy programme• Specialist counselling• Cultural and linguistic preparation• Tutors
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General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The university's Office for Advising and Admission of International Students offers advice on all academic matters (<http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/90787>).

The "StudiT" student initiative ("Studierenden-Initiative Internationales Tübingen"): a buddy programme and a wide range of social activities: www.studit-tuebingen.de/en/

"Onboarding" system of the university of Tübingen: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071>

Free, virtual intercultural preparation package (Tü-VIPP): <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/180552>

German courses: www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/1056

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📘 <https://www.facebook.com/uniklinikum.tuebingen/>

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📷 <https://www.instagram.com/accounts/login/?next=/uniklinikum.tuebingen/>

📺 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS_4R0wdfVZNMfY0g8kjlWg

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