



Name of the study programme	European Public Health
Graduate degree	Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)
Study duration	6 Semester
Study form	Vollzeit
University	Maastricht University
Start of the study programme	September 2006
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Accredited by	AHPGS e.V. – Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in Health and Social Sciences
Decision of the Accreditation Commission of AHPGS	20 May 2010
Decision is valid until	20 May 2015
Recommendations	None
Profile of the study programme	<p>The mission of the 180 ECTS-credits fulltime Bachelor programme “European Public Health” is to train students to become allround specialists in European Public Health, specialists capable of appreciating, analysing and comprehending the impact of European and transnational integration on public health, health systems, health services, and the changing role of citizens, clients and patients. The overall aim of the bachelor programme is to provide students with cutting-edge knowledge, academic insights and entrepreneurial skills, in the field of public health and health care systems within a broad international and European perspective. Graduates will be able to make a positive and constructive contribution to dealing with the issues raised by a European Agenda for Public Health and/or by intentions at national level to adopt or anticipate that Agenda. They will be able to take up employment within the wider public health field in an internationally oriented labour market.</p> <p>A key feature of the blended learning method of the study program is that the student plays an active role in his/her own learning process, which is focussed specifically on meaningful learning concepts. So every semester is structured by the four correlated phases “Sensitising”, “Exploration”, “Integration” und “Application”. In the first phase students discuss the difficulty on basis of their knowledge with their former teachers. The phase "Exploration" is characterized by the search for information on possible solutions to the raised problems. In the phase "Integration" the students will review and integrate the possible solutions, before in the last phase, the reflection on the process stands in the foreground.</p> <p>The study programme is divided into 26 modules, which fall</p>

	<p>into the following topics: “European Public Health Problems Today” (1st semester), “The Shape of Public Health in Europe Today” (2nd semester), “European Public Health Objectives” (3rd semester), “Making Public Health Work in Europe” (5th semester) and “Shaping Europe’s Future of Public Health” (6th semester). During semester 4, students will follow electives. The potential electives could be found in the ‘International Classroom’ of the bachelor programme of the faculty or minors within bachelor programmes offered by other faculties within UM, preference being given to those courses geared towards international and/or European topics and themes. This minor period could also be used for an educational period abroad. In the 6th semester a research internship is designated.</p> <p>Students have to pay the mandatory, Netherlands tuition (about 1.600,- Euros annually).</p> <p>The study program is open to persons with the conclusion of the Dutch pre-university education (VWO, Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk onderwijs). It is equivalent to the diploma from German secondary school qualifying for university admission or matriculation (Abitur).</p>
Summary assessment by the Agency	<p>It is to be said, that the study programme, in its academic orientation, satisfies superbly the prerequisites necessary for an accreditation in the Federal Republic of Germany.</p> <p>Accordingly the experts have decided to recommend the accreditation of the Bachelor’s study programme "European Public Health" to the Accreditation Commission of the AHPGS.</p> <p>The expert group assesses the aspects regarding the objectives of the study programme, explained by the persons responsible for the study programme, to be realistic for the study programme on the one hand and as innovative and pioneering for the further development of the European thought on health promotion on the other hand. Furthermore, particularly the ways for achieving the mentioned objectives are considered to be extraordinarily innovative. In view of the overall convincing design of the study programme – with regard to the content-related aspects as well as the innovative teaching method of problem-based learning, the expert group recommends that the Maastricht model be more popularised at a European level as a complementary offer.</p>
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