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# Bachelor's degree

## Global Health

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### Overview

Degree	Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	<p>The programme is in English. Students can take language courses of their choice within the regularly scheduled course of studies.</p> <p>The Bachelor's thesis needs to be written in English.</p>
Programme duration	7 semesters
Beginning	Summer semester
Application deadline	<p>Start of the application period via uni-assist: 1 September 2024</p> <p>Deadline for applications: 31 March 2025</p> <p>Current information regarding application deadlines can be found on <a href="#">the programme's website</a>.</p>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

#### Description/content

The Global Health study programme at Fulda University of Applied Sciences is the first of its kind in Germany to offer the opportunity to complete undergraduate studies with a focus on international or global health challenges.

With a focus on reducing health disparities and promoting health equity worldwide, the programme addresses the structural, political, social, economic, and environmental factors that shape patterns of health and illness across the globe. The multi-disciplinary programme tackles the complexity of health through engagement with health systems, societal determinants of health, and planetary health as well as efforts to understand the power dynamics shaping global health inequities. Students learn to engage critically with many dimensions affecting global health, including the policies of government and others, migration and population growth, disparities in wealth, and climate change.

Recent global health challenges, from the Covid-19 pandemic to civil strife or wars and rising rates of non-communicable diseases, remind us of the interconnected nature of health issues that do not respect national borders. Meanwhile, urbanisation, climate change, the process of work becoming more flexible, demographic change, and digitisation continue to inequitably affect the burden of disease between and across countries. Attention to conditions that ensure and hinder health at a societal and individual level combined with regional and global coordination and enforcement of health policy decisions and measures thus become vital.

Global health requires professionals that understand the impact of global structures on health and illness worldwide. Within Germany, there is a growing need for internationally trained practitioners that can help prepare institutions of public health systems for the challenges and opportunities provided by globalisation. Fulda's Global Health programme prepares students for these challenges through multidisciplinary, comprehensive education covering health, social, and political sciences. The programme provides opportunities for international engagement through a semester abroad and an international internship. Small class sizes and opportunities to participate in global health research with professors who are active in the field contribute to the well-rounded learning experience of global health's future professionals.

## Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The programme is in English. Students wishing to improve English and/or German language skills have the opportunity to do so within the regularly scheduled course of studies.</p> <p>Analysing challenges, structures, and strategies in global health is at the centre of your studies. The broad scope of the course includes subjects such as the global burden of disease, health systems in the global context, planetary health, and global health policy architecture. Participatory study projects offer opportunities for students to work in teams to investigate specific issues in global health in an applied manner.</p> <p>As an international student, you can choose to study abroad in the fourth semester or participate in a customised global health semester, wherein you obtain equivalent ECTS credits through relevant modules at a German university.</p> <p>All students complete an internship of 480 hours (= three months) in the seventh semester.</p>
<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	Yes
<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International guest lecturers</li> <li>• Integrated study abroad unit(s)</li> <li>• Language training provided</li> <li>• Training in intercultural skills</li> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> <li>• International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context</li> </ul>
<b>Integrated study abroad unit(s)</b>	<p>As an international student, you can choose to study abroad in the fourth semester or participate in a customised global health semester, wherein you will obtain equivalent ECTS credits through relevant modules at a German university.</p> <p>For students from German-speaking countries, the fourth semester is a mandatory semester abroad during which students are required to complete modules worth 30 ECTS in a country of their choice. These modules must address subjects related to global health, structures of international organisations, or intercultural issues.</p>
<b>Integrated internships</b>	<p>An internship of 480 hours (= three months) is to be completed during the seventh semester.</p> <p>The internship must be with an organisation or institution outside of Germany, working in a health-related field.</p> <p>Programme advisers will assist students with finding an appropriate internship.</p>
<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	Yes

Course-specific, integrated  
English language courses

Yes

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in  
EUR

None

Semester contribution

A semester contribution of around 300 EUR is charged to cover the cost of student services, the student government, an administrative fee as well as the "semester ticket" (a student bus and rail pass for local and regional public transport).

Costs of living

Approx. 850–950 EUR per month incl. food, rent and health insurance (approx. 120 EUR per month), depending on one's living standard

Funding opportunities  
within the university

Yes

Description of the above-  
mentioned funding  
opportunities within the  
university

International students may apply for the [Deutschlandstipendium](#) scholarship.

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission  
requirements

To be eligible for admission, candidates need a university entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung", "HZB") for German universities.

If you do not have a direct university entry qualification to study in Germany, you can acquire one through our university's Pre-College programme. See [here](#) for more information.

Language requirements

To be eligible for admission, candidates must have proven English language proficiency at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Prospective international students of Global Health can prepare themselves linguistically and academically for their studies within our Pre-Study programme. All relevant information about the Global Health programme and the Pre-Study programme can be found on our [website](#).

Application deadline

Start of the application period via uni-assist: 1 September 2024

Deadline for applications: 31 March 2025

Current information regarding application deadlines can be found on [the programme's website](#).

Submit application to

<https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/orientation/application-for-studies>

# Services

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## Possibility of finding part-time employment

From tutoring jobs and student assistantships at Fulda University to typical student jobs in restaurants, shops, and many other industries in the city of Fulda and its surrounding area, there is a wide range of job opportunities available.

## Accommodation

The International Office offers an accommodation service for international students coming directly from abroad. Costs for accommodation amount to approx. 350–400 EUR/month for a single room in a shared flat or 400–500 EUR/month for a single apartment. There are excellent, newly built student residences within walking distance of the university.

For more information on housing, see: <https://www.hs-fulda.de/en/international/international-office/study-in-fulda/first-steps/housing>

## Career advisory service

The university offers a dedicated career service. For more information, see [here](#).

## Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Welcome event
- Help with finding accommodation



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Our experiences at Fulda University of Applied Sciences have been very positive so far! The degree aims to address health challenges on a global scale, and it does this by looking into a broad range of topics relating to health from both national and international perspectives. The university lecturers and staff were supportive from the moment we applied, and the interactive learning environment helps to keep everyone engaged!



## Global Health

Danielle (from Israel) introduces us to the international Bachelor's programme in Global Health.

» more:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-wbMptqbGg>

# Fulda University of Applied Sciences



Fulda University campus

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Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a practice-oriented university with an international profile and a strong focus on applied research. Fulda University is the first university of applied sciences in Germany with the independent right to confer doctoral degrees. Founded in 1974, the university currently encompasses eight departments with over 60 [study programmes](#) and approx. 8,700 students, including over 1,750 international students from more than 90 countries. The university offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education. Numerous [research](#) and development projects are undertaken in cooperation with private business and industry. Fulda University

cooperates with more than 100 universities around the world. The number of international programmes is growing continuously. These programmes are partly or entirely taught in English. At the Bachelor's level, we currently offer four international Bachelor's programmes: "Science & Engineering", "Food Technology", "Global Health", and "International Business & Management". At the Master's level, we offer six programmes: "International Management"; "Intercultural Communication and European Studies"; "International Food Business and Consumer Studies"; "Global Software Development"; "Data Science"; and "Human Rights Studies in Politics, Law, and Society".

Further programmes designed for international students include the following:

1. [Pre-College Fulda](#), a preparatory year for applicants with and without a higher education entrance qualification for Germany
2. [Pre-Study Fulda](#), a preparatory semester for international applicants that includes German language training
3. [Career service](#) for international students and graduates
4. Preparatory intensive German courses
5. German courses (accompanying studies)
6. Support services, e.g. for housing and visa as well as a buddy programme and orientation week
7. International Summer University ([ISU](#)), International Winter University ([IWU](#)), International Course in Business ([ICB](#)), and International Course in Social Work ([ICSW](#))



## University location

A historic city founded in 744, Fulda today has a population of 70,000 with approx. 100,000 people living in the region. Fulda's Baroque quarter is one of the most beautiful in Germany and attracts visitors from all over the world. The picturesque Old Town has many cafés, bars, and pubs, with numerous shops and boutiques. The city's cultural life has something to offer for everyone. The high quality of life makes Fulda a great place to live and an ideal place to study. Fulda enjoys ideal public transport connections. One of Europe's principal international airports, Frankfurt International, is just one hour away by car or direct train. Other major cities in Germany, like Berlin, Munich, Cologne, or Hamburg, are within easy reach and only two to three hours away by train. Even famous European capitals like Paris and Brussels are reachable within five hours by train.

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