



Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Public Health in Disasters



The Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Public Health in Disasters (EMPHID) is a joint university educational programme organized by the Universidad de Oviedo (Spain), the Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) and the Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium) designed to deliver high quality education and training in the field of Public Health in disaster situations.

The Programme is one year course (60 ECTS) sponsored by the European Union and involves thirteen associated universities and institutions around the world. The Master has three components: A Common Disaster Core Component; an Elective Track Component with two possible options: Public health response to disaster or Disaster Epidemiology and Research; and an Internship in one of the associated master centers and the final Master's Thesis.



EMPHID associated centers:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
Harvard University (USA)
Johns Hopkins University (USA)
Makerere University (Uganda)
Médecins Sans Frontières (Luxembourg)
National Institute of Public Health (Cambodia)
SAMU Asturias (Spain)
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India)
Tel-Aviv University (Israel)
Universidad Alas Peruanas (Perú)
Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)
Voluntary Health Association (India)
112 Asturias (Spain)



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The aim of the master programme is to build capacities that will reduce disaster risks and contribute to better and more targeted public health based relief following disasters.

The EMMPHID is aimed at a wide range of professionals who carry out or plan to develop their activity in the field of Public Health in emergency and disaster situation, both from the operational or research scope: emergency and disaster aid workers, staff of agencies and companies working in disaster prevention, response, recovery, rehabilitation and planning, members of international organizations, officials of Government offices related to civil defence and emergency, NGO staff, social researchers, etc.).

The Masters Course intends to:

- I. Increase the knowledge and understanding of the disaster phenomenon, its different contextual aspects, impacts and public health consequences.
- II. Increase the knowledge and understanding of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR) and to increase skills and abilities for implementing the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Strategy.
- III. Ensure skills and abilities to analyze potential effects of disasters and of the strategies and methods to deliver public health response to avert these effects.
- IV. Ensure skills and ability to design, implement and evaluate research on disasters.

The EMMPHID learning outcomes encompass a series of capacities that will allow the student to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the role of Public Health in disaster situations, including both a broad command of the field and a deeper knowledge of specific areas, together with insight into current research and development work and to demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge related to their study track.

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The Master is 60 ECTS one year course, fully taught in English, with three components:

- 20 ECTS Core Courses at Universidad de Oviedo (Oviedo, Spain);
- Two alternative 20 ECTS tracks: *Public health response to disaster* at Karolinska Institutet (Stockholm, Sweden) or *Disaster Epidemiology and Research* at Université catholique de Louvain (Brussels, Belgium).
- Possible Internship in one associated centre and Master's Thesis (20 ECTS).

Common Core courses – Universidad de Oviedo	
Introductory course (2 ECTS)	
Disaster risk assessment, management and reduction (7 ECTS)	
Disaster types (3 ECTS)	
General response to disasters (8 ECTS)	
Track A Karolinska Institutet	Track B Université catholique de Louvain
Public health response to disasters (20 ECTS)	Advanced disaster epidemiology and research methods (20 ECTS)
Internship and Master Thesis	
Internship (5 ECTS)	Master Thesis (15 ECTS)

Semester 1 (Autumn Semester, September to January) will be initiated at the Universidad de Oviedo for the core courses. Students will then carry out the first half of the mandatory mobility according to their selected study track.

In Semester 2 (Spring Semester, January to June) students will continue their respective advanced modules according to the study track, plus a hands-on, practical internship at any of the associated institutions, and the Master Thesis.

To be eligible for the EMMPHID master programme the applicants must be holder of a recognized primary degree in areas related to Health, Management and Administration or Social Sciences (a minimum of three years' study at a university and of a minimum of 180 ECTS, or equivalent).

Additional academic requirements will apply to students wishing to follow the study track at Université catholique de Louvain (UCL). Eligible candidates must have carried out higher education studies equivalent to 240 ECTS, with specific contents (see more on the website).

Applicants must be English proficient. Applicants must provide certifications equivalent to C1 level.



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The tuition fees for the second edition (2014-2015) of the **EMMPHID** Programme will be:

- European graduate students (Category B students): € 4,000 per semester, € 8,000 for the full academic programme.
- Third-country graduate student (Category A students): € 6,000 per semester, € 12,000 for the full academic programme.

The EMMPHID Consortium will propose best ranked students to be awarded with individual Erasmus Mundus scholarships. The number of scholarships will be defined on a yearly basis. Students awarded with an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship will be granted a fee waiver for the amount of the tuition fees not covered by the EU contribution to the participation costs. EMMPHID also accepts students on a self-financing basis.

Students can only apply to one of the scholarship categories:

- Category A scholarships can be awarded to third country masters students selected by EMMPHID consortium who come from a country other than a European Country and who are no residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, training and work) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in these countries.
- Category B scholarships can be awarded to European masters students selected by EMMPHID consortia who do not fulfil the Category A criteria.

	Category A scholarships	Category B scholarships
Contribution to travel, installation, visa related costs and other costs	€ 4,000	€ 3,000 (only in case of a mobility to a third country)
Contribution to the participation costs (including insurance)	€ 4,000 / semester	€ 2,000 / semester
Monthly allowance	€ 1,000 / month	€ 500 / month



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Deadline for academic year

2014-15:

31st July 2014

For application details, contact: cei.susana@uniovi.es

Only complete applications will be assessed according to its merits, taking into account:

- Academic track record.
- Professional and research experience.
- Other merits, assessed through a personal interview.

Check the Masters website for full details about the programme and admission procedures:

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For the year 2014/2015 the application for
self financing students is open until July 31st

*The deadline for submitting the application for **scholarships** for
the year 2015/2016 is 31st December 2014.*