

Course description Master of Science in Public Health		
Module responsible: Gabriel Gulis	Last updated: August 2014	Page 1 of 2 pages
Module title: Public Health Research on Global Scale		Module number: 3969702
ECTS-points	7.5	
Responsible institute	Institute of Public Health, Research Unit for Health Promotion	
Prerequisites connected to the module	None	
General objectives	<p>The module aims to give the students the understanding of the theoretical, methodological and practical challenges as well as the basic skills to take into account the cultural and social context in carrying out evidence-based public health research both on global themes and in international collaboration related to multi-centre studies. Examples of global challenges are: health policies and inequity and health; public health preparedness and action in coping with emerging epidemics; and research ethics in the global context e.g. in carrying out drug trials or marketing tobacco in low income countries; and contextual research on illness perceptions, behaviours and communication. Further, the international and global health research systems, funding resources, priority settings processes and institutions and covered.</p>	
Specific competency objectives	<p>After having participated in the module the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and analyze the evidence basis of the contextual issues related to public health research on the global scale • identify, select and use proper and relevant theoretical approaches and research methodologies on global scale • participate as ‘enlightened’ researchers in multi-disciplinary and international research collaboration on global scale • identify, describe and critically evaluate international and global health research, research priority setting as well as funding systems • identify potential public health research gaps and propose solutions • develop a simplified grant proposal on a global health theme to one of presented international funding sources and systems 	
Time of teaching	3 rd semester, 1 st quarter (Autumn semester)	

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Competency profile of the education	This module contributes to the elements 4, 8, 10 and 11 of the competency profile of the education (see MSc in Public Health curriculum section 1.4)	
Type of teaching	In this module the students will acquire new knowledge on evidence-based public health research both on global themes and in international collaboration in lectures and debate sessions. Students will train their ability to apply this knowledge to develop a simplified grant proposal on a global health theme in student presentations.	
Prerequisites connected to the examination	None	
Type of examination	Individually written report. The report consists of a development of a grant proposal on a selected topic based on group work mimicking a real life situation. Internal censorship. Grading by the 7-point grading scale	
Evaluation at the grade 12 /evaluation Pass	Grade 12 is given if the student has shown excellent performance, having comprehensively fulfilled the module's objectives with no or only a few minor weaknesses.	
Approved by	The Academic Study Board of Public Health	Approved on 14 August 2014