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1 General Information	
Study programme & Degree (if applicable: undergraduate studies/degree/institution)	M.Sc. Public Health Fakultät für Gesundheitswissenschaften
Weblink	https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/gesundheitswissenschaften/studienangebote/msc/
University	Universität Bielefeld
City / Country	Bielefeld, Deutschland
Semesters / Years	4 Semester / 2 Jahre
Study / semester abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> optional
Language of instruction	Mostly German, some courses in English

2 Preparations / Organizational Aspects	
When did you start to prepare for the study programme?	About 2 months before applying
What must be considered in preparation for the study programme?	A study ability test is needed for the application which consists of a 10-page paper about a health science/public health project.
How is the application process? Is there a deadline for the application?	The master only starts in the winter semester and the application deadline is mostly around 15 th July. The application is based on the previous studies and the subject-specific admissions exam (10-page paper).

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2a Documents		
Which documents were needed for the application / country entry? How/Where did you get them?	<input type="checkbox"/> report <input type="checkbox"/> language certificate <input type="checkbox"/> motivational letter <input type="checkbox"/> CV/ resumé <input type="checkbox"/> recommendation letter <input type="checkbox"/> insurances <input type="checkbox"/> visa <input type="checkbox"/> vaccines	
2b Financial Aspects		
Are there costs related to the study programme? How much are they?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> semester contribution <input type="checkbox"/> tuition fee <input type="checkbox"/> enrolment fee <input type="checkbox"/> others	Approx. 318 €
How do you finance your study programme (abroad)?	Parental support & side job	
Do you get financial support? (e.g. scholarship, BAföG, etc.) - From which institution do you get the financial support? - How much do you get (optional)? Do you have any tips / experiences for application?	-	
Do you have insights into jobs for students?	Yes, there are various opportunities, especially in the field of study it is mostly possible to get a job at the university.	
How would you rate the cost of living in your city (in comparison to specific cities in your country?)	Medium – not as expensive as other (student) cities.	

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Based on your experience, how much should someone calculate for accommodation/ food/ public transportation/ wifi?	Accommodation (really depends, but approx. 300-350 €) Public transportation (in the whole of NRW) is included in the semester ticket (included in semester contribution) Wifi: 10-20 €
Are there other costs that need to be considered? (e.g., vaccinations, insurances, visa, travel costs)	

3 Studying	
Why did you decide to study at that university? - What appealed to you most? - What does it offer what others don't?	Universität Bielefeld is so far the only university which has its own faculty of health sciences – which is a major benefit for studying Public Health there.
Which modules did you take? (brief overview)	The study programmes at the School of Public Health in Bielefeld are very broad and range from health policy, health management, epidemiology, health promotion, to demography, research, environment and health etc. ...
Which modules did you like/ were special at that university?	Especially of students who are interested in doing research / a career in academia, the master is very suitable. (But even if not – as in my case – it's possible to choose other modules)
How would you rate the workload/ amount of self-studying/ group work, etc.?	The first two semesters are very intense. In the first semester all courses are obligatory, from the second on you can choose some modules. It's becoming less in the third semester and the fourth is only for the master thesis. A lot of students also work besides studying (many did a vocational training before and now work in that field) so it's also possible to extend the time needed for studying.

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<p>How were the lecturers/ teaching style? What was new for you? What did you have to get used to?</p>	<p>In the first semester you have a lot of lectures, later it's more seminars. These highly depend on the lecturers and are therefore more or less interactive. I only had one semester in presence, due to the Covid-19 pandemic my remaining master was online which changed the teaching style a lot.</p>
<p>Are there any specialisation areas in your programme? Which did you choose?</p>	<p>Starting in the second semester you are more free to choose some courses. You still have to do some research modules (quantitative & qualitative; statistics & epidemiology) but you can also further specify according to your wishes. I chose more global health and health policy related modules.</p>
<p>To which extent were international and global topics discussed/ part of the study programme?</p> <p>Which topics were the most interesting/ you liked most?</p>	<p>Global & international topics are becoming increasingly relevant in the study programme.</p> <p>My favourite module was the Global Health Module in the third semester – a very interactive and highly interesting seminar, including a study trip to Bonn.</p>
<p>Where is the campus located? Is the campus spread throughout the city? Is it easy to arrive?</p>	<p>The University of Bielefeld is a campus university, 7 min. by tram from the main station (and also quick by bike). I liked it a lot that almost everything was on the same site, this way there was a vibrant student atmosphere and you met many students (from various disciplines) and had everything you need in short distance (including sport facilities etc.).</p>

4 Living

<p>Briefly describe your daily life. How is your study-work-life-balance?</p>	<p>Compared to the bachelor, the master's programme was quite intense, especially the first two semesters. As most of my master was hit by the pandemic, it's difficult to give a generalisable statement.</p>
<p>How do you experience the city/country and people/ fellow students? How is the atmosphere?</p>	<p>I really liked studying in Bielefeld and met many nice people and made long-lasting friendships.</p>

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<p>What did you learn for yourself personally and culturally?</p> <p>[e.g. an event / situation which was eye-opening / insightful / enlightening]</p>	<p>In contrast to the bachelor, the master – and especially the modules related to global health and health policy – taught me critical thinking.</p>
<p>Do you have any tips for leisure activities?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does someone have to see? - Are there college sports at university? - Are there any student events to connect (e.g. coffee break, etc.)? - Are there any (regional) cultural events? 	<p>The university sports facilities are highly recommended, and a vast majority of courses are for free – I used them a lot!</p> <p>Other than that I totally recommend going out in the city, there are plenty of nice cafés, restaurants, bars etc.</p>
<p>What do you have to consider about public transport? What is important? What is different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most used transportation? - Are there semester/ student tickets? 	<p>With the semester ticket you can use all public regional transport for free in NRW – including the public transport in every city.</p> <p>Bielefeld has a underground tram which is the fastest mean of public transport. I usually went everywhere by bike.</p>
<p>What do you need (not) to pack/ prepare?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is life-saving in the host city/ country? - What do you regret (not) bringing? - Do you have any tips for preparation? 	

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5 Reflection	
<p>What is your personal experience about your study programme? Would you recommend the study programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What did you especially like? - What did you not like? 	<p>Personally, I'm not interesting in pursuing a career in academia or research. The study programme is quite focused on this. However, I was able to also take courses and decide on topics for papers based on my own interests. As most of my masters was online, I did not have the best study experience. But some seminars were very interesting, especially the ones to health policy and global health. I also joined the student group Bielefeld Global Health Initiative (BiGHI), which is a nice way to work more with global health-related topics</p>
<p>How did you experience the organisation and support at your university?</p> <p>Is there any special support for international students?</p>	<p>The organisation & support is quite good.</p> <p>Currently, the master programme is only in German. There are some elective courses in English, but knowledge of German is necessary for the master's.</p>
<p>What are your personal experiences about living in the host city/ country?</p> <p>What broadened your mind? Have you left your comfort zone? Have you changed your mindset? If yes, in which way?</p>	<p>I really liked living in Bielefeld and having a student life besides university. I was also able to work in the field of study during my whole study period.</p> <p>Mostly, you also have time for internships / stays abroad, either in the semester breaks, before/after the master programme or if you plan to extend your studies (as I did).</p>

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6 Recommendation	
Do you have other tips for studying the programme & living in the host city/ country?	
Do you have contact persons or information for support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - student supports - international office - accommodation service - etc. 	<p>https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/gesundheitswissenschaften/studierende/</p> <p>https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/fakultaeten/gesundheitswissenschaften/fachchaft/index.xml</p> <p>https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/einrichtungen/international-office/</p>
Your name, contact information (highly appreciated, but not mandatory)	