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1 General Information	
Study programme & Degree (if applicable: undergraduate studies/degree/institution)	M.Sc. Global Health Policy
Weblink	https://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/postgraduate/degrees/index.php?r=site/view&edition=2022&id=384
University	University of Edinburgh
City / Country	Edinburgh/Scotland
Semesters / Years	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
Study / semester abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> mandatory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> optional to go abroad for practical experience
Language of instruction	English

2 Preparations / Organizational Aspects	
When did you start to prepare for the study programme?	Not long before, I was very spontaneous. I took some time to prepare for the IELTS test though.
What must be considered in preparation for the study programme?	/
How is the application process? Is there a deadline for the application?	There is a deadline (best check it on the website). You must hand in a motivational letter as well as references and a CV. After the Brexit you might need a Visa.
2a Documents	
Which documents were needed for the application / country entry? How/Where did you get them?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> language certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> motivational letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV/ resumé

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	<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 type="checkbox"/> semester contribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tuition fee <input type="checkbox"/> enrolment fee <input type="checkbox"/> others	They got more expensive after Brexit, so best check on the website. For 2022/2023 / 1-year: Students from Scotland / UK - £ 16.200 Students from EU / Internationals - £ 25.300 I recommend applying for a scholarship.
How do you finance your study programme (abroad)?	Private funds.	
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?	No	
Do you have insights into jobs for students?	I worked as a carer in the nights. I also got a paid internship with the Scottish Collaboration for Research and Policy. In general, I think its not as easy to get well-paid student jobs in the UK because of the economic situation.	
How would you rate the cost of living in your city (in comparison to specific cities in your country?)	Much more expensive.	

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Based on your experience, how much should someone calculate for accommodation/ food/ public transportation/ wifi?	Rent is around 500 pounds a month in a shared flat. I recommend cycling/walking to save on transport costs. Food is quite expensive.
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?	Super nice staff, small groups, an overall nice atmosphere I enjoyed the critical view on GH topics of the staff
Which modules did you take? (brief overview) Which modules did you like/ were special at that university?	Social Determinants of Health and Public, Health Systems: Strengthening and Reform, Understanding Infectious Disease, Researching Health & Policy: Qualitative Approaches, Population Health and Health Policy, Culture and Mental Health in a Global Perspective I truly enjoyed all of the above modules, except for Mental Health (not well organized). I also visited other lectures to get a good overview of all related subjects.
How would you rate the workload/ amount of self-studying/ group work, etc.? How were the lecturers/ teaching style? What was new for you? What did you have to get used to?	High workload requires high organizational skills. Focus is more on self-studying than group work. Teaching style: small groups and a lot of room for discussion. Lecturers focused on critical thinking. I really enjoyed the experience compared to typical seminars in Germany.

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Are there any specialisation areas in your programme? Which did you choose?	None
To which extent were international and global topics discussed/ part of the study programme? Which topics were the most interesting/ you liked most?	Since its Global Health Policy- a lot 😊 I missed the critical discussion of Colonial aspects of global health though. I organized a conference about this with some friends at the end of the years and hope that decolonial aspects will be integrated into teaching in the future.
Where is the campus located? Is the campus spread throughout the city? Is it easy to arrive?	In the old town part of the city.

4 Living	
Briefly describe your daily life. How is your study-work-life-balance?	I studied about 8h a day (classes included) and then worked in the nights. I managed to have free time on the weekends mostly. I think less of a workload would also be feasible but I was very focused on getting good results.
How do you experience the city/country and people/ fellow students? How is the atmosphere?	Great atmosphere and very friendly atmosphere between students. All students are international and I was the only German in my year which was super cool.
What did you learn for yourself personally and culturally? [e.g. an event / situation which was eye-opening / insightful / enlightening]	Too much to put here.
Do you have any tips for leisure activities?	A trip to North Berwick is always nice & museums are super and free mostly.

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<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>I did not participate in college sports but was part of a student-led organization which was a nice way to meet people.</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>I walked/cycled mostly, and this is very possible as the city is not that big.</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? 	<p>Warm socks and a rain-jacket.</p>

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>Highly recommend! This is a great program for anyone interested in politics and global or public health. I especially liked the discussions with my fellow students and the open-mindedness of the staff.</p>
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<p>How did you experience the organisation and support at your university?</p> <p>Is there any special support for international students?</p>	<p>Very good organization (even through the first months of corona). You will get a personal tutor helping you with all academic questions and issues. Staff in general are also helpful if you have specific interests or questions about the curriculum or your career.</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 lived in a shared flat and would recommend this to have a great experience in the city.</p>

6 Recommendation	
<p>Do you have other tips for studying the programme & living in the host city/ country?</p>	<p>/</p>
<p>Do you have contact persons or information for support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - student supports - international office - accommodation service - etc. 	<p>See website</p>
<p>Your name, contact information (highly appreciated, but not mandatory)</p>	<p>Marike Andreas, email me at: marikeandreas@gmail.com. Im happy to help 😊</p>