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Joint European Master's in International Action (NOHA) course — A multidisciplinary inter-university course

Humanitarian professionals operate in extremely challenging working environments. While they try to save lives and uphold human dignity in countries as diverse as Sudan and the Congo, they are confronted with horrific problems, such as war, genocide and refugee flows. Asia's tsunami shows the consequences of and responses to natural disasters and complex emergencies, which may have more similarities than differences. A sound education for humanitarian professionals is crucial in order to strengthen humanitarian assistance, upgrade skills, and understand the broader economic and political context of humanitarian crises. The European University Network On Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA) provides such education. It offers a 3 semester interdisciplinary Masters program at seven European universities: Bochum, Germany; Deusto-Bilbao, Spain; Uppsala, Sweden; UCD, Ireland; UC Louvain, Belgium; Aix-Marseille III, France; and in Groningen, the Netherlands.

The Masters program *Humanitarian Action* of the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, is offered in English. It consists of four parts:

1. A 10-day Intensive Programme functions as an introduction to the course and brings together the students and lecturers of the seven universities to discuss crucial humanitarian themes and meet leading policy makers, practitioners and scholars.
2. The first semester provides an introduction to the five main courses: geopolitics, management, international law, public health and anthropology. A course in psychology is held in Groningen as part of the curriculum as well.
3. In the second semester students can specialise by choosing an option from one of the network universities. The University of Groningen offers: [Comprehensive Security: Circumstances of Decline, Disappearance and Reconstruction](#).
4. Finally, the students write a master's thesis and fulfil an internship at an organisation or institution, depending on the students' own interests and capacities.

The programme is open to postgraduates with a degree (minimum academic Bachelor's or equivalent) in medicine, history, law, psychology, sociology, anthropology, economics, management, geography or related fields. Work and field experience are considered an advantage. The programme is taught in English (obligatory for all), with some classes in French (Belgium, France) or Spanish (Spain).

More details on tuition fees and scholarships, for example, can be found on: www.nohanet.org