

*The Interdisciplinary SDG-Semester Program "Sustainable Global Health"
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"HEALTHY PATHS"

Call for Applications

**Interdisciplinary and International online blended-learning course and summer school on
"Sustainable Global Health"**

Date and Location: Summer School November 9th–18th 2026, Madagascar, Africa
Online blended-learning course: Year of 2026/2027

The HEALTHY PATHS program is part of the DAAD-funded SDG partnership project "The interdisciplinary SDG-Semester Program "Sustainable Global Health"". It aims to connect students and lecturers from different disciplines associated with the field of sustainable global health (development economics, medicine, nursing, public health, global health and disaster risk reduction) on an international level, to train future leaders in the health sector and to learn from and with each other in order to develop local problem-solving strategies on this topic. It is a jointly developed program of **the Universitas Syiah Kuala in Banda Aceh**, Indonesia (USK), the medical faculty of the Université d' Antananarivo in Madagascar (UDA) Africa and the Chair of Development Economics at the University of Göttingen (UGOE) Germany.

Learning Outcome, Core Skills	The aim of the program is to 1. provide students with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary understanding of sustainable global health and the relationship between environment and health 2. identify local problems in the field of health care in Germany, Indonesia and Madagascar and develop targeted problem-solving strategies 3. build an international and interdisciplinary network of health care leaders and future leaders to learn from and with each other
Concept	The course starts with an intensive 10-day summer school in Madagascar, Africa in August 2026. Students from Indonesia (USK), Madagascar (UDA) and Germany (UGOE) will be joined in this program. The basic concepts of sustainable global health will be taught and initial local problem-solving strategies will be developed together. Furthermore, after the summer school, the professors and lecturers will continue to work together via the blended learning platform with interim live meetings to convey further learning content and support the preparation of the term paper. Local non-university institutions, Provincial Health Office and Non-Government Organization are also involved here, providing direct insights into field work on the ground. After completing the course, students and lecturers have the opportunity to stay in contact with each other via the program's alumni network.
What we offer	1. 10 days intensive class on the Sustainable Development Goals topics 2. Guest lecturers from all participating partner universities and faculties- Intercultural and interdisciplinary exchange and discussions 3. An international certificate issued by all associated partner faculties 4. Students will participate in 6 modules of SDGs in global health
Requirements	1. Enrolled as a student in Master program at the Universitas Syiah Kuala 2. Interested in SDGs, especially in SDG 2, 3, 6, and 17 in profiling your career and in participating in an international collaboration and research project 3. Proficient in English language (TOEFL Min 475, IELTS min 5.0) 4. GPA minimum 3.25

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	5. Willing to sign a letter of commitment.
Application	1. Fill out the register form here 2. A letter of motivation in English, which places the contents of the summer school into your existing personal experiences and perspective career plans by answering the questions: • What is your academic background (bachelor/master)? • Why are you interested in participating? • How will you benefit from the summer school? • What personal experiences have you had related to sustainable global health? • Maximum 1000 words 3. English test certificate (TOEFL/IELTS/TOEP) or equivalent from a legal institution 4. Recent Curriculum Vitae (CV) in English 5. Have a valid passport
Important dates	Open application: August 24th, 2026 Close application: September 5th, 2026 Shortlisted Interview announcement: September 8th, 2026 Interview candidates: September 11th, 2026
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