

Module IHS 4	Health Systems: International Perspectives	
Responsible: Professor of Medicine with a specialisation in Global Health		
Qualification level: Bachelor's degree	Academic term: Semester 2	Type of module: Compulsory
Credits: 15	Total workload: 450 hours	Contact hours: 216 hours
		Self-study hours: 234 hours
Duration and frequency: 1 semester / annually	Prerequisites: None	Language: English
Learning objectives:	To know selected health systems from various parts of the world. To understand different options of system design against the backdrop of the human right to health and social security. To be able to describe, analyse, and evaluate different health systems in view of the global primary objectives of universal protection in the event of illness, of socially just and sustainable funding, and of a rights-based access to care. To be able to engage in well-informed discussions of the characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses of various system reforms in the context of strengthening health systems through developmental policy.	
Module content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of terms: health systems, regulations, provision of care, funding • Basic components of health systems • Historical development and basic values of social welfare and health systems • Criteria for the international comparison of health systems • Theories and practices of strengthening health systems • Epidemiologic, economic, political, and ethical aspects of health systems • Obtaining and processing information in health system research (e.g., Health Systems in Transition, WHR 2000 and 2010) 	
Type of instruction:	12 weekly hours of tuition in seminars	
Requirements for obtaining credit:	Passing of the module examination	
Type of examination:	Oral examination	
Module credits applicable towards:	Health science study programmes	