

Module IHS 7	Health Inequalities In and Between Countries	
Responsible: Professor of Qualitative Health Research – Social Inequalities and Public Health Strategies		
Qualification level: Bachelor's degree	Academic term: Semester 4	Type of module: Compulsory
Credits: 10	Total workload: 300 hours	Contact hours: 144 hours
		Self-study hours: 156 hours
Duration and frequency: 1 semester / annually	Prerequisites: none	Language: English, German
Learning objectives:	To understand that the socially unequal distribution of health chances within and between countries is a central issue in public health. To deepen the understanding of the relation between health and society, and to understand the underlying causes of economic, social, and health inequalities. To acquire the skills necessary to analyse the social health inequalities within and between countries based on secondary data, and to explain them based on sociological theories.	
Module content:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic concepts of vertical and horizontal inequalities: Concepts of class/social strata, milieu/background, situation in life, social constructs of gender, age, migration, disability, health, and disease; understanding of diversity and intersectionality • National and international sources of data in social epidemiology, social indicators, processes for identifying social inequalities, cross-sectional and longitudinal data • Living conditions as relevant factors of health, relative and absolute poverty as indicators of health chances, tools for international monitoring and comparisons • Theories of social and health inequalities within and between countries, explanatory content of different theories • Concepts of salutogenesis and resilience • Social and cultural differentiation of conceptualisations of health and disease, of health awareness, health behaviour, and health action. 	
Type of instruction:	8 weekly hours of tuition in seminars	
Requirements for obtaining credit:	Passing of the module examination	
Type of examination:	Written coursework	
Module credits applicable towards:	Health science study programmes	