



20–22 October 2022

3-DAY CERTIFIED UNIVERSITY COURSE

Registration Fee

- **Course fee academic/public** Euro 1,450
Early booking fee until 08 September 2022 Euro 950
- **Course fee commercial** Euro 2,950
Early booking fee until 08 September 2022 Euro 2,450

▪ Discounts

Group Registrations – Save 15%

Register with three or more colleagues and save!

Alumni – Save 20%

UMIT TIROL Alumni or if you have previously participated in a Continuing Education Program Course on HTADS, you are eligible for a discount on this course.

Course fee includes course materials and course certificate. Certificates will be provided to all participants. You can earn 5 ECTS credits if you successfully complete the online exercises and actively participate during the attendance period of the course.

Registration for this course can be made online.

Payment details and cancellation policy are available on www.htads.org

Contact & Course Location

Continuing Education Program on
HTA & Decision Sciences (HTADS)

Institute of Public Health, Medical Decision
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Introduction to Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis

online

What is the Continuing Education Program on Health Technology Assessment & Decision Sciences (HTADS)?

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Health Technology Assessment (HTA)

has been defined by the International Network of Agencies for HTA (INAHTA) as “a multidisciplinary field of policy analysis studying the medical, economic, social, and ethical implications of development, diffusion and use of health technologies (e. g., drugs, devices, surgical procedures, prevention techniques)”. In conducting HTA, the discipline of decision sciences has become increasingly relevant.

Decision Science (DS)

is the application of explicit and quantitative methods to analyse decisions under conditions of uncertainty (e. g., meta-analysis, decision-analytic modeling, cost-effectiveness analysis). In recent years, HTA and DS have become very important to health care policymakers. In order to keep pace with these developments, the UMIT TIROL – HTADS Program was designed to provide excellent quality education and comprehensive training in the key issues of HTA and DS for anyone involved in the health sector. The course faculty is drawn from leading international experts from universities, industry, HTA agencies and representatives from other relevant areas who are committed to provide independent teaching of state-of-the-art principles.



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Further HTADS Courses

Summer School in Clinical Epidemiology

5-Day Certified University Course, 27 June–01 July 2022

Modeling Approaches for HTA

A Practical Hands-on Workshop

3-Day Certified University Course, 07–09 September 2022

Scientific Reporting and Writing

3-Day Certified University Course, 17–19 November 2022

Introduction to Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment – ONLINE

3-Day Certified University Course, 30 January–01 February 2023

Causal Inference for Assessing Effectiveness in Real World Data and Clinical Trials – ONLINE

A Practical Hands-on Workshop

5-Day Certified University Course, 20–24 March 2023

Advanced Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis – ONLINE

3-Day Certified University Course, 20–22 April 2023

Target Audience

The three-day meta-analysis course for students and professionals in health & life sciences and health care is designed to provide an introduction to methods for conducting systematic reviews, evidence synthesis and meta-analyses. We will cover how to formulate an answerable research question, define inclusion and exclusion criteria, select appropriate databases, generate a search code, extract data assess study quality and risk of bias, and perform a meta-analysis. We will introduce statistical methods (fixed-effects and random-effects models), subgroup analyses, heterogeneity, reporting a meta-analysis and the role of meta-analysis in clinical guideline development, health technology assessment and decision-making. The course will be interactive and practical, with a mixture of lectures and hands-on tutorials with data extraction and computer exercises.

Course Description

The overall aims of this course are to enable participants to:

- Formulate an answerable research question along the PICO (Population, Intervention, Comparator, Outcome) framework
- Perform a systematic literature review, including selection of databases, development of a search code, defining inclusion and exclusion criteria, data extraction and quality & bias assessment
- Develop and implement an analysis plan, including determining the interventions, the outcomes and effect measure to be used
- Understand the principles of fixed- and random-effects models and their differences
- Critically assess study quality and risk of bias
- Identify and explain heterogeneity
- Program specific software to perform a meta-analysis
- Report and interpret the results of meta-analyses
- Understand the role of meta-analysis in clinical guideline development, health technology assessment and decision making

There are no pre-requisites for this course.

Course language is English. Both native and non-native English speakers are welcome.