

International Master of Arts Diaconic Management (IMADM)

Interdisciplinary Contextual Studies in Normative Governance Course VII 2026-2028

The two-year Master Course follows a multi-disciplinary concept, integrating theological, ethical, economic, and management perspectives. It is based on a comprehensive understanding of diaconia uniting the aspects of care, management, advocacy, ethics, spirituality and political action in a global view.

Studying Globally – Managing Contextually – Acting Responsibly

Themes of the curriculum are

- Multirational Management in Diaconia and Social Economy
- Diaconia: Emergence, Structures, Profiles
- Value-oriented Management and Diaconal Ethics
- Diaconic Theology: Tasks and Functions
- Leadership and Management in Diaconia and Social Economy
- Transforming Structuring Forces of Diaconic Enterprises: Strategy, Structure, Culture
- Instruments of Operative Management
- Innovation and Entrepreneurial Action in Diaconia and Social Economy in International Horizon
- Economy in Context / Theology in Context
- Intercultural Learning and Diaconic Management
- Diaconic Management in Context (Field Research)

The program includes lectures, seminars and scientifically reflected field research in Asia, Africa and Europe. On top, individual own academic studying, research and text production is required in between the sections.

Students live and study together in an international, inter-culturally composed „Learning Community“. In sections of four to five weeks each (for the physical sections), they study at the following places (as of April 2024, order of locations and dates are subject to change).

2026	Germany: Wuppertal (UEM) and Institute for Diaconic Science and Diaconic Management (IDWM), University of Bielefeld	February
	Digital Sessions	March/May
	South Africa: Stellenbosch University	June
	Digital Sessions	July/Oct/Nov
2027	Digital Session	Jan 2027
	Philippines: Silliman University, Dumaguete	Febr - March 2027
	Digital Sessions	May/June/July/Oct/Nov
2028	Bielefeld: Oral Exam/Defense of Master Thesis	Jan

The total costs for the MA Program, including travel, accommodation and study fees amount to € 32,000.00 for the duration of two years. Scholarships must be individually obtained by the applicants from all conceivable sources.

- Documentary [video on MA Diaconic Management](#)
- Documentation on IMADM “[Studying globally, Managing Contextually, Acting Responsibly](#)” including mandates, curriculum, and assessments.
- Video on [Alumni-Network](#).
- Institute for Diaconic Science and Diaconic Management ([IDWM](#)), including abstracts of [Master Theses Course 1-5](#).