The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s Degree Programme in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA+) is an inter-university, multidisciplinary postgraduate programme, providing high-quality academic and professional competencies for those working or intending to work in the humanitarian sector. Created in 1993 through the efforts of the NOHA Universities and the Directorate-General of the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO), the NOHA Master’s was the first programme dedicated to Humanitarian Studies.

Since then, around 3,000 students have gone through the programme with over 400 completing part or all of their studies at Ruhr University Bochum (RUB). The NOHA programme at RUB is housed at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV). The IFHV is one of Europe’s leading academic institutions in international humanitarian law (IHL). Around 30 researchers with backgrounds in law, political science, sociology, geography, and humanitarian studies conduct high-level interdisciplinary research on the doctoral and postdoctoral level.

All students meet for an introduction to humanitarian action in Warsaw, Poland. This is followed by the 1st semester, in which students study international law, world politics, public health, anthropology, and management.

In the 2nd semester, students obtain deeper knowledge and competences in specific aspects of humanitarian action supplemented by a set of common courses. In the 3rd semester, students choose between completing the:

- **Regional Training Track** – Elective courses in regional humanitarian studies at a partner university.
- **Work Placement Track** – Advanced career development training & placement at humanitarian organisations.

In the 4th semester, students focus on researching their master’s thesis of their choosing.

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**Practical Information**

- **DURATION** – 4 semesters (120 ECTS)
- **Degree** – Joint Master’s Degree in International Humanitarian Action
- **Fees** – €12,000

**Scholarships**

- Erasmus Mundus Scholarships available – Apply before January 31st!
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