PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF HEALTH MA / 2017/18 ENTRY

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The Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health MA aims to equip students with the skills necessary to play an informed role in debates concerning distributive justice and health. It explores the central ethical, economic and political problems facing health policy in the UK and globally, especially in relation to social justice.

**Degree summary**

The programme covers relevant areas of moral and political theory, comparative policy analysis, and health economics, to allow students to come to a wide understanding of background issues, history and constraints, in order to be able to make a positive contribution to current debates in this field.

This MA is the only Master’s programme in the world of its type. The compulsory modules provide necessary core skills, while the wide range of options enables students to further their own particular interests.

UCL is at the forefront of research in interdisciplinary research and teaching in philosophy, health humanities and global health through units such as the Health Humanities Centre, the Institute for Global Health and the Institute of Health Equity. The programme draws on highly regarded researchers in a range of UCL departments, and students benefit by instruction from some of the leaders in their fields.

Students further benefit from UCL’s location in London, which is one of the world centres of philosophical activity, home of a number of internationally renowned journals - Philosophy; Mind & Language; Mind - and which enjoys regular visiting speakers from across the world. London has over 60 active philosophers making it one of the largest and most varied philosophical communities in the world.

The programme is taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Student performance is assessed through examinations, presentations and coursework (depending on the options chosen), and the dissertation.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 3-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three core modules (45 credits), five optional modules (75 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma of 120 credits is available, consisting of three core modules (45 credits), and five optional modules (75 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Philosophy Politics and Economics of Health
- Health Policy and Reform
- Key Principles of Health Economics

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- Bioethics Governance
- Comparative Human Rights Law
- Law and Governance of Global Health
- Global Justice and Health
- Illness
- Madness
- Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
- Ethics and Regulation of Research
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Normative Ethics
- Public Ethics
- Health Inequalities over the Life-course
- From Imperial Medicine to Global Health, 1860s to Present
- Death, Dying and Consequences
- Or any other suitable module from other UCL Master’s-level programmes, subject to approval from the course Director and timetabling constraints

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of up to 12,000 words.
Your career

Graduates have gone on to funded research in bioethics and in health policy, and to jobs in the health service, law, journalism, as well as medical education.

Employability

The programme gives students the ability to think precisely and rigorously about complex problems in health systems and beyond; to work with others to explore solutions; and to write cogently and concisely. Public and private sector health employers and NGOs particularly prize these skills in graduates. The skills that the course teaches also provide an ideal springboard to further academic study.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard; however, relevant employment/volunteering will be taken into consideration.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Advanced

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

why you want to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health at graduate level
why you want to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health at UCL
what particularly attracts you to this programme
how your academic and/or professional background meets the demands of a challenging academic environment
where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme offers.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

UK: £9,835 (FT)
EU: £9,835 (FT)
Overseas: £20,540 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master's fee taken in an academic session.

Applicants for this programme may be eligible for a number of funding opportunities including UCL graduate scholarships.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 28 July 2017
Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum