POPULATION HEALTH BSc / UCAS CODE: 170C 2018 ENTRY

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Population Health BSc

The Population Health BSc will give you a grounding in the different social science disciplines used to study population health, preparing you for research and professional practice in the health sector and beyond.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2018

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// World-leading researchers will teach you the social, economic and demographic distribution of health and disease, and train you to analyse data to address health inequalities.

// You will develop quantitative data-analysis skills. These are in high demand by employers, especially in the health sector.

// You will also learn the theory, history and policy of population health, creating a unique multidisciplinary educational experience.

// You will benefit from small-group, problem-based teaching, including hands-on computer practical classes.

Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014

The Research Excellence Framework, or REF, is the system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. The 2014 REF was carried out by the UK’s higher education funding bodies, and the results used to allocate research funding from 2015/16.

// 81% rated 4* (‘world-leading’) or 3* (‘internationally excellent’)

Learn more about the scope of UCL’s research, and browse case studies, on our Research Impact website.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 0.5 or 1.0 credits, adding up to a total of 4.0 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 1.0 credit is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Compulsory modules in years one and two provide breadth and depth in understanding how public health and disease are measured and analysed, incorporating research methods, social theory, demographics, health behaviours and a module on the life course. You will receive quantitative data-analysis training in all years, bringing data and theory together in an applied hands-on learning environment.

From year two there will be the opportunity to specialise by taking optional modules to suit your interests (e.g. in health psychology and health economics).

In year three you will complete a dissertation.

YEAR ONE

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Epidemiological Transition
// Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods
// Measuring Population Health
// Principles of Social Science Research
// Research Methods in Population Health
// Social Determinants of Health

Optional modules

// All first-year modules are compulsory

YEAR TWO

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Acute and Chronic Infectious Diseases
// Data Analysis
// Health Demography
// The Life Course
// Frontiers of Knowledge in Population Health

Optional modules

// You will select at least one of the following two optional modules:
// Health and Behaviour
// Social Theory
// In addition, students will be able to choose a module from other UCL departments.

FINAL YEAR

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Advanced Topics in Data Analysis
// Causal Analysis: Observational Data
// Population Health dissertation

Optional modules

// You will select 2.0 credits of optional modules from the following:
// Population Ageing
// Genomics, Health and Society
// Health Economics
// Health Psychology
// Child and Adolescent Public Health
// Study Abroad
// In addition, students will be able to choose from a wide range of modules in other UCL departments.
Your learning

Teaching will be delivered through lectures, problem-based seminars, practical computer laboratory classes, group working and through UCL’s virtual learning environment. Students will be able to access materials online, where they will also be able to interact with programme tutors and fellow students.

Assessment

Assessment takes place via various methods including examinations, practical exercises, essays, individual and group presentations and a dissertation in the final year of study. The weight given to each method will vary to ensure manageable workloads throughout the programme. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken.

Your career

Population health graduates will be empowered with the knowledge and skills to anticipate and address the social, economic and healthcare needs of the future: from the local to the global.

Our graduates will be well placed to progress to careers in public health, policy, private consultancy and the voluntary sector, as well as to undertake postgraduate study.

The first cohort of students admitted to the Population Health BSc are due to graduate in 2018. Therefore, information about career destinations for students on this programme is not yet available.

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

The programme will require students to demonstrate critical reasoning and independent decision-making to address complicated problems in population health. You should be interested in exploring pertinent issues including health inequalities, ageing populations and expanding health economies. You will be required to show how you can work effectively when working independently and as part of a group to meet challenging deadlines for course assessment.

We realise that applicants may write their UCAS personal statement about an interest in subject(s) in other departments or institutions. For that reason, we welcome you to write a statement outlining your interest in population health, in addition to the main UCAS personal statement. This can be sent to bspopulationhealth@ucl.ac.uk and should include your UCAS application number.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Grades
AAB-ABB
Subjects
No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language at grade C, plus Mathematics or Statistics at grade C. For UK-based students, a grade C or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Points
34-36 overall.
Subjects
A score of 16-17 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
The Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2017/18 academic year and are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for 2018 entry will appear here as soon as they are available.

UK & EU: £9,250 (2017/18 - see below)
Overseas: £21,960 (2017/18)

The UK/EU fee quoted above may be subject to increase for the 2018/19 academic year and for each year of study thereafter and UCL reserves the right to increase its fees in line with UK government policy (including on an annual basis for each year of study during a programme). Fees for overseas students may be subject to an annual increase in subsequent years of study by up to 5%.

Please see the full details of UCL’s fees and possible changes on the UCL Current Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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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

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