GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT MSc / 2019/20 ENTRY

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Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations, Geneva
Credit: WHO/Pierre Virot
Global Health and Development MSc /

This programme takes a unique cross-disciplinary approach to global health and attracts students from a range of academic and professional backgrounds. You can craft a programme of study that suits your interests and which will help you become better global health practitioners wherever you work in the world.

Degree summary

The programme challenges you to understand the complex forces that shape health worldwide, by developing your understanding of the principles underlying research, policy and practice in global health, fostering critical thinking, and building transferable skills.

UCL offers a multidisciplinary approach to studying global health. You will work alongside teachers, researchers and other students from a diverse range of disciplines and be taught by experts from several of UCL’s faculties. These may include health policy specialists, economists, philosophers, lawyers, political scientists, geographers, clinicians, nutritionists, anthropologists, and epidemiologists.

We place particular emphasis on research-based teaching, and our academics use their current research as case studies.

The programme is taught with an emphasis on collaborative and co-operative learning to ensure that you enter the workforce capable of joining projects and programmes where working in teams is important. Assessment is through written assignments, unseen written examinations, projects, oral presentations, group work, and the written dissertation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 2-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury
Part time mode of study available for MSc only.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four compulsory modules (60 credits), four optional modules (60 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, nine months full-time, two to five years flexible study) is offered. Students take four core modules (60 credits) and four optional modules (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, three months full-time, two years' flexible study) is offered. Students take four core modules (60 credits).

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

COMPULSORY MODULES

- Concepts and Controversies in Global Health
- Research Methods and Evidence for Global Health
- Power and Politics in Global Health
- Health Systems in a Global Context

OPTIONAL MODULES

- The Institute for Global Health reserves the right not to run modules with less than 10 students registered. It may not be possible to take your chosen optional module because of timetabling and capacity constraints. If in doubt, consult the programme administrator. Options may include the following:
  - Anthropological Perspectives on Global Health
  - Collecting and Using Data: Essentials of Quantitative Survey Research
  - Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
  - Disability and Development
  - Economic Evaluation in Health Care
  - Disability and Development
  - Essentials of Global Child Health
  - Evaluating Interventions
  - Gender and Global Health
  - Global Health Promotion
  - Health Management: Planning and Programme Design
  - Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Global Health Policy
  - Key Principles of Health Economics
  - Nutrition and Public Health

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All MSc students undertake an individual research project on a topic relevant to future work in global health and development which includes a presentation and culminates in a dissertation of 7,000 words.
Your career

Alumni from this MSc have pursued careers in government, NGO and for profit sectors. They have taken on roles at national and international levels as programme managers, policy advisers and advocacy leaders, researchers, advisors for Ministries of Health, consultants, programme officers etc. Others have decided to pursue a career in academia by completing a PhD after their MSc.

Employability

The programme is designed to teach how to apply different disciplinary perspectives to global health issues. The modules draw on different approaches to assessing skills and knowledge in order to develop the diverse set of skills needed for work in global health, including: presentations, team work, applying theory to practice, project management and planning, policy analysis, time management, and critical thinking.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Professional experience in the fields of health and development is desirable. An applicant whose qualifications vary from UCL standards may be admitted if evidence of an adequate academic background and work experience in an appropriate field can be shown.

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: Good.

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 Global Health and Development at graduate level
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- why you want to study Global Health and Development at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- 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 will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

- UK: £10,440 (FT), £5,210 (PT)
- EU: £10,440 (FT), £5,210 (PT)
- Overseas: £19,420 (FT), £9,570 (PT)

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 Students website.

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

Home/EU applicants may apply for the IGH Postgraduate Bursaries

Applicants who are residents and nationals of an African nation may apply for an African Graduate Scholarship.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website:

www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 15 May 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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