GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT MSc / 2018/19 ENTRY

Assembly Hall, Palais des Nations, Geneva
Credit: WHO/Pierre Virot
This MSc takes a unique cross-disciplinary approach to global health and attracts students from a range of academic and professional backgrounds. Students can craft a programme of study that suits their interests and which will help them become better global health practitioners wherever they work in the world.

**Degree summary**

The programme challenges students to understand the complex forces that shape health worldwide, by developing their 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. Students work alongside teachers, researchers and other students from a diverse range of disciplines and are 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 students 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

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of four core 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)

**CORE 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
  - Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
  - Climate Change and Health
  - Disability and Development
  - Economic Evaluation in Health Care
  - Essentials of International Child Health
  - Evaluating Interventions
  - Global Health Promotion
  - Health Management: Planning and Programme Design
  - Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Global Health Policy
  - Key Principles of Health Economics
  - Law and Governance of Global Health
  - 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

The programme equips students with the knowledge and transferable skills they will need in their future careers in global health. Career routes include research, programme management, policy advice and advocacy, at national and international levels, and in public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Consultant, United Nations (UN)
- Health Care Change Manager, Bupa
- Project Manager, Medecins Sans Frontieres
- Quality Improvement Officer, Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PHN)
- Research Co-ordinator, IHI (Ifakara Health Institute)

Employability

This wide-ranging programme strives to create students who will be able to look at health problems from different angles and think analytically and critically – all key transferable skills in the job market. The diversity of approaches to global health taken by the programme helps expand students’ employment horizons and options.

* Careers data is taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
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.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

// UK: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
// EU: £10,140 (FT), £5,060 (PT)
// Overseas: £18,850 (FT), £9,290 (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 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.

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.
Applicants from the United States of America may apply for the UCLFAA scholarship.
Applicants from developing Commonwealth countries may apply for the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship Scheme.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 11 July 2018

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