HEALTH AND SOCIETY: SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY MSc

2019/20 ENTRY

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Social inequalities in health relating to poverty and absolute and relative deprivation are major themes in research and policy debates in both developed and developing countries. This unique MSc is designed to respond to the need for trained researchers, health professionals and policymakers in the field of social epidemiology.

Degree summary

You will gain knowledge of the various approaches to social epidemiology, and develop relevant skills in study design and data analysis, exploring the link between social environment and health, alongside a broad perspective on the social determinants of health and an ability to advocate research and policy measures in the field.

UCL is among the world's top ten universities (QS World University Rankings 2018), with a reputation for high-quality research. Located in the heart of London, it is a stimulating and exciting environment in which to study. UCL is ranked 6th in the world for public health (Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2018).

UCL Institute of Epidemiology and Health Care is a friendly, thriving multidisciplinary institute. Staff, specialising in epidemiology, medicine, biology, dentistry, economics, psychology, public health, statistics and sociology, aim to develop a better understanding of health and prevention of ill health through vigorous research at a global, national and local level.

This knowledge is applied via teaching, contributions to national and international health policy and contributions to the wider public understanding of health.

The programme is delivered through lectures, seminars, problem-solving exercises, discussions, and supervised practical work. Students are encouraged to develop research and presentation skills, and are instructed in the preparation of scientific papers. Assessment is through coursework, essays, presentations, data analysis and grant proposal exercises, and the 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 seven compulsory modules (105 credits), one optional module (15 credits) and a research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma, seven core modules (105 credits), one optional module (15 credits), full-time nine months, part-time two years or flexible-time up to 5 years is offered.

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

- Social Epidemiology: Dimensions of Inequality
- Basic Statistics for Medical Sciences
- Epidemiology
- The Social Determinants of Global Health
- Regression modelling
- Research Methods for Social Epidemiology
- Health Inequalities over the Lifecourse

OPTIONAL MODULES

Students choose either Advanced Statistical Modelling or any relevant subject module within UCL

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All MSc students undertake an independent research project relevant to the broad area of social influences on health, which culminates in a dissertation of a maximum of 15,000 words.

There is no fieldwork element to the programme

There is no placement offered as part of the programme
Your career

The next generation of social epidemiologists, public health policy-makers and PhD students/researchers will find this innovative 12-month programme beneficial.

First destinations for graduates of the programme include governmental departments, the NHS, universities and research institutions. Some graduates continue their training as PhD students.
**Entry requirements**

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard is required. Applicants must be confident using computers and show evidence of numeracy (e.g. O level/GCSE Mathematics or Statistics or a module with a good mark in their degree).

**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: Standard.

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 Social Epidemiology at graduate level
- why you want to study Social Epidemiology at UCL
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of 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**: £9,860 (FT), £4,930 (PT)
- **EU**: £9,860 (FT), £4,930 (PT)
- **Overseas**: £25,150 (FT), £12,510 (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.

All applicants may apply for the Michael Marmot Studentship in Social Epidemiology

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 26 July 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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