Health in Urban Development MSc / Urban Health in Development MSc looks at the effects of urbanisation on both physical and mental health and considers the role of urban form, urban social interactions, productive processes and urban policies as causes of inequalities in health.

**Degree summary**

The programme provides a solid grounding in analysis, skills and perspectives for the study of urban health including public health, research methodology, evaluation research, comparative urban health analysis and practice-based experience.

- **The programme provides the necessary skills to be involved in the field of urban health, focusing on:**
  - the effect of formal and informal urban processes in the Global South on health;
  - the role of development planning in health;
  - the interaction between urban-spatial elements and health;
  - the evaluation and design of intervention strategies and practical experience.

- **The programme aspires to produce an interdisciplinary and critical perspective of the relationships between urban processes, health disparities and development planning.** Learning activities will mirror common practices and activities. A field trip overseas to a location in the Global South provides a contemporary real-world perspective. By completing the programme you should expect to gain subject specific knowledge, academic and research skills which are practical and transferrable.

The programme consists of reading, essay writing and individual and group project work, in the context of lectures, seminars, workshops, case study analysis, and a field trip abroad. Student performance is assessed through coursework, unseen examinations and a final dissertation report.

**Degree structure**

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

Full-time students study for 37.5 hours per week during term time. Typically, lectures and seminars occur on two days per week. Flexible students normally attend half this amount.

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three compulsory modules (90 credits), either one or two optional modules (totaling 30 credits) plus a development and planning dissertation (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**

- All three of the following:
  - Health Social Justice and the City (30 credits)
  - Urban Health and Development Planning Strategies
  - Urban Health Reflections on Practice

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- Recommended optional modules include:
  - Concepts and Controversies in Global Health (15 credits)
  - Research Methods and Evidence in Global Health (15 credits)
  - Power and politics in Global Health (15 credits)
  - Disaster Risk Reduction in Cities (15 credits)
  - Post Disaster Recovery: Policies, Practices and Alternatives (15 credits)
  - Health Systems in Global Context (15 credits)
  - Climate Change and Health (15 credits)
  - Neo-Structuralism and the Developmental States (15 credits)
  - Political Economy of Development: Land, Food and Agriculture (15 credits)
  - Political Economy of Development: Industrialisation and Infrastructure (15 credits)
  - Adapting Cities to Climate Change in the Global South (15 credits)
  - Sustainable Infrastructure and Services in Development (15 credits)
  - Urban Water and Sanitation, Planning and Politics (15 credits)
  - Transport Equity and Urban Mobility (15 credits)

- Or any other open MSc module on offer at UCL, with Programme Leader approval.

Please note: not all optional modules listed above may be available.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- All MSc students submit a 10,000-word paper on a topic related to the main themes of the programme. The topic is chosen by the student in dialogue with the Programme Leader.

The overseas fieldwork trip is a practical research-based residential that helps draw the various elements of the degree together.

The cost of flights, visas, necessary vaccinations, accommodation, and fieldwork-related travel and facilitations costs, are incorporated within the programme fees. Meals and other expenditure must be covered by the student.
Your career

Graduates of this programme are likely to find employment as officers of local and international NGOs, international organisations, local and national government departments or as consultants. Some graduates may pursue an academic research career.

Employability

The programme’s learning activities have been designed with employability in mind. You will gain a strong core knowledge, combined with hands-on experience. You will also learn how to evaluate, analyse and develop intervention strategies, and will become familiar with more advanced research tools, theory and methodology.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree in an appropriate subject (e.g. Planning, Architecture, Social Sciences, Geography, Health Studies, Civil Engineering) or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

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

We aim to cultivate socially sensitive urban practitioners who can promote human-centric responses to challenges like marginalisation, inequality and environmental degradation. The programme is suitable for graduates and professionals who want to engage with contemporary urban issues while acquiring the practical skills needed to deliver positive urban change.

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: £14,610 (FT), £7,190 (PT)
- EU: £14,610 (FT), £7,190 (PT)
- Overseas: £23,300 (FT), £11,650 (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.

Overseas applicants may be eligible for the Otto Koenigsberger Scholarship.

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
Flexible/Modular: 30 August 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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