This comprehensive programme is based at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (UCL GOS ICH). As a student, you will benefit from the unique position the institute occupies within UK paediatrics. We bring together strong links to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children with our setting within the powerful teaching and research environment of UCL.

Degree summary

The Paediatrics and Child Health: Global Child Health MSc aims to provide an opportunity for medical graduates, and graduates from related fields, to study global issues in child health. You will build an awareness of current and future developments in paediatric medicine and global child health and gain the skills necessary to critically appraise practice and policy, and undertake independent research if the full MSc is taken.

The UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health pursues an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance understanding, diagnosis, therapy and prevention of childhood diseases. Our research and educational portfolio cover a broad range of paediatric issues, from molecular genetics to population health sciences. Our structure facilitates interdisciplinary work.

Much of our research and teaching is carried out on a joint basis with the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. You will benefit from excellent facilities in both laboratory and non-laboratory subjects.

This programme focuses on child health in the global context and increasing understanding of health issues in the UK compared to other countries.

The programme combines lectures, seminars, tutorials and research project supervision. Assessment is through a combination of multiple choice questions and short answer question examinations, essays, posters, presentations, reflective portfolios, critical appraisal of literature and the dissertation, including an oral presentation.

Degree structure

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

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of three compulsory modules (45 credits), five optional modules (75 credits) and a dissertation/report (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time nine months, flexible two to five years) is offered.
A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, one year part-time, flexible one to two 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

- Concepts and Controversies in Global Health or Essentials of International Child Health*
- Evidence-based Child Health
- Research Methods and Statistics
  * Whichever module is not taken as core may be taken as an option

OPTIONAL MODULES INCLUDE

Students choose five modules from a list which includes the following:

- Children in Difficult Circumstances
- Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
- Child Development, Inclusive Approaches in Global Contexts
- Disability and Development
- Ethnicity, Migration and Health
- Economic Evaluation in Health Care
- Health Management, Planning and Programme Design
- International Child Mental Health
- Immunisation and Communicable Diseases
- Investigations and Management in Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Key Principles of Health Economics
- Leadership and Professional Development
- Molecular and Genetic Basis of Paediatrics
- Nutrition and Public Health

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career

The programme provides an ideal foundation for further professional development in paediatrics and related specialities in a global context.

Employability

This programme prepares students to be future leaders with high-level organisational and management skills together with the ability to incorporate research and evidence-based practice into health services for children.
Entry requirements

Applicants should have a keen interest in paediatrics or child health. Non-medically qualified applicants should normally have a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, and appropriate specialist experience of working in hospitals, child health or public health services for children and families.

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 Paediatrics and Child Health: Global Child Health at graduate level
- why you want to study Paediatrics and Child Health: Global Child Health at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this rigorous programme
- how this degree will enhance your career

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: £10,150 (FT)
- EU: £10,150 (FT)
- Overseas: £25,150 (FT)

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.

The Michelle Zalkin Scholarship offers exceptional students with a proven career in Child Protection £10,000 to study for a Master’s in Paediatrics and Child Health. More information can be found on the scholarship page of the website.

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

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/brexit