PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS OF HEALTH MA / 2019/20 ENTRY

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The Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health MA aims to equip students with the skills necessary to play an informed role in debates concerning equity and health. It explores the central ethical, economic and political problems facing health policy in the UK and globally, especially in relation to social justice.

**Degree summary**

The programme covers relevant areas of moral and political theory, comparative policy analysis, and health economics, to allow students to come to a wide understanding of background issues, history and constraints, in order to be able to make a positive contribution to current debates in this field.

// This MA is the only Master's programme in the world of its type. The compulsory modules provide necessary core skills, while the wide range of options enables students to further their own particular interests.

// UCL is at the forefront of interdisciplinary research and teaching in philosophy, health humanities and global health. The programme draws on highly regarded researchers in a range of UCL departments, and students benefit by instruction from some of the leaders in their fields.

// The degree is based in UCL’s Health Humanities Centre which draws together world-leading researchers from different disciplines including medicine and health in history, philosophy, law, sociology, anthropology, and cultural and film studies. UCL Health Humanities Centre forms part of the UCL Institute of Advanced Studies, which showcases and fosters multidisciplinary research within the humanities and the social sciences, with an active programme of events and visiting international scholars.

The programme is taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and tutorials. Student performance is assessed through examinations, presentations and coursework (depending on the options chosen), and the dissertation.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 3-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Nearly all teaching is face-to-face. Time on campus would usually be one to two days per week during term-time for part-time students, and half to one day per week for flexible students.

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

A Postgraduate Diploma of 120 credits is available, consisting of three core modules (45 credits), and five optional modules (75 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**

- Philosophy Politics and Economics of Health
- Health Policy and Reform
- Key Principles of Health Economics

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

Students may choose from the list of suggested modules below, or other relevant modules in UCL, with the approval of the convenors. Please note that some modules fill up very quickly, so places cannot be guaranteed.

- Bioethics Governance
- Comparative Human Rights Law
- Law and Governance of Global Health
- Global Justice and Health
- Illness
- Madness
- Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health
- Ethics and Regulation of Research
- Contemporary Political Philosophy
- Normative Ethics
- Politics and Ethics
- Health Inequalities over the Life-course
- From Imperial Medicine to Global Health, 1860s to Present
- Death, Dying and Consequences

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of up to 12,000 words.
Your career

Graduates have gone on to funded research in bioethics and in health policy, and to jobs in the health service, law, journalism, as well as medical education.

Employability

The programme equips students with an ability to think precisely and rigorously about complex problems in health systems and beyond; to work with others to explore solutions; and to write cogently and concisely. Public and private sector health employers and NGOs particularly prize these skills in graduates. The skills that the programme teaches also provide an ideal springboard to further academic study.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard; however, relevant employment/volunteering will be taken into consideration.

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: Advanced.

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 Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health at graduate level
- why you want to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics of Health at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and/or professional background meets the demands of a challenging academic environment
- 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 offers.

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: £21,790 (FT), £10,720 (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 full time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £1,000 for this programme. All part-time students are required to pay a fee deposit of £500.

Applicants for this programme may be eligible for a number of funding opportunities including UCL graduate scholarships.

Home and EU students on a Master’s programme can apply for a government postgraduate loan.

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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