The MSc Population Health provides you with the key skills for a career in public health. Through a range of optional modules, it also provides the opportunity to progress a career in range of parallel areas, including health policy, programme management, health inequalities and urban and environmental planning.

**Degree summary**

You will learn how to define and measure health, understand the role of socioeconomic and behavioural determinants of health, appreciate how health systems and public policy impact on health, and learn how to evaluate interventions to improve population health.

UCL has a worldwide reputation in understanding health inequalities, and the social determinants of population health and causes of diseases. UCL is ranked 6th place in the world for Public Health in the Shanghai Ranking Global Ranking of Academic Subjects. You will benefit both from learning from and networking with leading researchers working in these fields.

UCL can bring the full power of a multi-faculty university to bear on discussions of population health, involving academics from the wide range of disciplines necessary to tackle some of the most difficult issues in public health.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures and tutorials. Assessment is through a variety of methods, including essays, unseen examinations, project proposals and oral presentations. Students will also produce a research dissertation of 7,500 words, alongside an oral presentation and a lay summary of 500 words.

**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 compulsory modules (60 credits), four optional modules (60 credits) and a dissertation/report (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits), full-time nine months, flexible study 2-5 years, is offered. Students take four compulsory modules (60 credits) and four optional modules (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**

- Core Concepts in Population Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Systems in a Global Context
- Basic Statistics for Medical Science

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- Students can choose up to four of the following:
  - Advanced Statistical Modelling
  - Behavioural Science and Cancer
  - Climate Change and Health
  - Ethnicity, Migration and Health
  - Evaluating Interventions
  - Health Inequalities over the Lifecourse
  - Homeless and Inclusion Health
  - Immunisation and Communicable Diseases
  - Key Principles of Health Economics
  - Law and Governance of Global Health
  - Research in Action: Qualitative Approach
  - Quality Improvement in Health Care
  - Regression Modelling
  - Reproductive Health

- A full list of modules available can be found at the programme webpage MSc Population Health.

**DISSERTATION/RESEARCH PROJECT**

- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 7,500 words. An oral presentation and a lay summary of 500 words are also required. The dissertation can include primary research, secondary data analysis, a literature/historical review or a project proposal in a field related to population health.
Your career
You will gain knowledge and transferable skills relevant to careers in public health, health policy, epidemiology and healthcare management, as well as in associated areas such as urban and environmental planning and health financing.

Employability
You will gain interdisciplinary skills and knowledge in population health which are core to careers in the health sector and beyond. Optional modules will enable you to focus the development of your skills in research methods; public health and health systems; sexual health and infectious disease; and health across the lifecourse. Discussions on the policy and practice of population health will help you engage with and apply critical thinking to real-world problems.
Entry requirements

An upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard; or a professional qualification in a health-related area such as medicine or nursing of an equivalent standard. Relevant research, work or volunteer experience will be viewed favourably. Students without the minimum academic standards may be considered if they have extensive relevant work or research experience.

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 Population Health at graduate level
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging 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.

- Home/EU applicants may apply for the MSc Population Health Studentship.

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