



PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. Overview

Academic Year (student cohorts covered by specification)	2022-23
Programme Title	Public Health (Health Services Management stream)
Programme Director	Jenny Gosling, Shakoor Hajat, Ford Hickson, Dalya Marks, Wendy Macdowall, Peter Weatherburn Stream Advisor: Jenny Gosling
Awarding Body	University of London
Teaching Institution	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Faculty	Public Health and Policy
Length of Programme (months)	MSc – Full time = 12 months, Part time = 24 months
Entry Routes	MSc
Exit Routes	MSc/PGDip/PGCert
Award Titles	MSc Public Health (Health Services Management stream) (180 credits) Exit awards: PGDip Public Health (Health Services Management stream) (120 credits) PGCert Public Health (60 credits)
Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body	Curriculum validated by the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA). Please refer to the LSHTM Accreditation register for period of the accreditation.
Relevant PGT QAA Benchmark Statement and/or other	No applicable benchmark statement.

external/internal reference points	
Level of programme within the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)	Masters (MSc) Level 7
Total Credits	CATS:180 ECTS:90
HECoS Code(s)	101317:100270:101307 (1:1:1)
Mode of Delivery	We are planning for intensive MSc programmes in 2022/23 to be delivered through predominantly in-person teaching on campus combined with elements of online delivery. MSc students will be expected to be in London for the duration of their programme, attending classes in person throughout the year.
Mode and Period of Study	Full time (12 months) or part time/split time (max 24 months)
Cohort Entry Points	Annually in September
Language of Study	English
Re-sit Policy	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/academic-manual-chapter-08a.pdf
Extenuating Circumstances Policy	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/academic-manual-chapter-07.pdf
Programme Description	<p>This programme covers the whole breadth of public health, encompassing high-, middle - and low-income countries.</p> <p>On successful completion of the programme, students will receive a Master's degree in Public Health (Health Services Management).</p> <p>This stream draws on a wide range of disciplines that enable students to develop knowledge, understanding and capability in various methods and fields of study relevant to health services management. It is aimed at</p>

	those who plan a career in management in high-, middle- and low-income countries.
Date of Introduction of Programme (month/year)	September 2004 The last periodic review of the programme stream occurred in 2016-17.
Date of production / revision of this programme specification (month/year)	October 2021

2. Programme Aims & Learning Outcomes

<p>Educational aims of the programme</p> <p>The aim of the programme – consistent with the LSHTM’s mission to improve health and health equity worldwide – is to provide a foundation for the understanding of health services management and organizations. The stream draws on a wide range of academic disciplines and enables students to develop knowledge, understanding and capability in various scientific methods and fields of study relevant to strategic and operational management. The stream is aimed at health service managers, planners and policy-makers or those who plan a career in these fields. The stream is applicable to high-, middle- and low-income countries.</p>
<p>Programme Learning Outcomes</p> <p>By the end of the programme, students will able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) analyse the principles, structure and functions of health organisations and systems, including their financial, organizational and policy-making processes; (ii) critically assess and apply a range of key management concepts and functions in a range of health care settings; (iii) appreciate the role and contribution of organizational theory and approaches to management in the field of health care; (iv) show competence in critically evaluating and communicating research evidence; (v) apply knowledge of effective team-working and communication skills to solve problems and achieve specific goals.

Teaching and Learning Strategy

The programme is taught , through a variety of teaching methods including: lectures, small group seminars, practical, and group work with peers. All elements of the programme have specific learning objectives, with content designed to help students achieve these outcomes. Students are expected to learn through both directed and self-directed study.

Assessment Strategy

Students are assessed through (1) time-limited examinations, (2) an independent project report and (3) in individual module assessments (which may be an essay or other written assignment, short written tests, a groupwork report or presentation, or other method). Such tasks are designed to assess, via the most appropriate method, whether learning objectives have been met.

3. Programme Structure and features, modules, credit assignment and award requirements:

Full-time Masters	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Total Credits (CATS)
Compulsory Modules	5	1	1	80
Recommended Modules	1	3		55
Projects			1	45
Total credits	60	60	60	180

Module information is correct at the time of publication, but minor amendments may be made subject to approval as detailed in [Chapter 3 of the LSHTM Academic Manual](#). Optional (i.e. recommended non-compulsory) modules listed are indicative and may change from year to year.

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/courses/changes-courses>

Term	Slot	Module Code	Module Title	Module Type (compulsory or recommended)	Credits (CATS)
1	AB1	1103	Introduction to Health Economics	Recommended	10
1	AB1	1104	Principles of Social Research	Compulsory	10
1	AB1	1107	Health Services	Compulsory as either/or with Health Policy, Process & Power	10
1	AB1	1109	Foundations for Health Promotion	Recommended	10
1	AB1	1117	Health Policy, Process & Power	Compulsory as either/or with Health Services	10
1	AB1	1121	Basic Statistics for Public Health & Policy	Compulsory	10
1	AB1	1123	Issues in Public Health	Compulsory	10
1	AB1	1125	Environment, Health and Sustainable Development	Recommended	10
1	AB1	2001	Basic Epidemiology	Compulsory	10
2	C1	1400	Health Care Evaluation	Recommended	15

2	C2	1700	Qualitative Methodologies	Recommended	15
2	C2	1808	Health Systems	Recommended	15
2	D1	1403	Organisational Management	Compulsory	15
2	D2	1503	Globalisation & Health	Recommended	15
2	D2	1606	Health Decision Sciences	Recommended	15
3	E	1607	Health Services Management	Compulsory	15

Contact Time

Student contact time refers to the tutor-mediated time allocated to teaching, provision of guidance and feedback to students. This time includes activities that take place in face-to-face contexts such as on-campus lectures, seminars, demonstrations, tutorials, supervised laboratory workshops, practical classes, project supervision and external fieldwork or visits, as well as where tutors are available for one-to-one discussions and interaction by email. Student contact time also includes tutor-mediated activities that take place in online environments, which may be synchronous (using real-time digital tools such as Zoom or Blackboard Collaborate Ultra) or asynchronous (using digital tools such as tutor-moderated discussion forums or blogs often delivered through the School's virtual learning environment, Moodle). Online contact time is always characterised by personalised tutor presence and input within a specified time-frame. Module contact time will be defined in the individual module specifications and provided to students at the start of their programme.

This definition is based on the one provided by the [Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education \(QAA\) Explaining contact hours \(2011\) guidance document, page 4 available here](#). Student contact time, together with time allocated for independent study and assessment, determines the total student study hours for a module or programme. Although there are separate hours allocated for each of these activities, they should always be clearly linked together to support effective learning.

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) defines high quality contact time as structured, focused, purposeful and interactive.

4: Entry Requirements

Criteria for admission

The normal minimum entry requirements for the MSc Public Health are:

- **An upper second class honours degree (2:1)** from a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.
- **Work experience:** preference will be given to applicants with relevant work experience, this includes both paid and voluntary work, internships etc.
- **Additional requirement:** applicants for the MSc Public Health (all streams) will need to provide some evidence of ability in mathematics, post-16 year education. This could include:
 - "A" level or a higher school certificate,
 - a module within an undergraduate degree (such as quantitative methods, epidemiology or statistics)
 - statistics studied as part of a general research methods course.

Any student who does not meet the minimum academic entry requirement above but who has significant relevant professional experience may still be eligible for admission.

For further information, please see

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/how-apply/applying-masters-degree-london/you-apply-msc>

English language entry requirements

Band B

It is essential that all students have a good command of the English language to benefit from their studies at the LSHTM.

As part of the application process, applicants are required to demonstrate how they meet the LSHTM's minimum English language requirements. This is particularly important for applicants requiring a Student visa, as the UK Home Office dictates that every student from outside the UK and European Union (EU) must show evidence of a minimum level of English language ability (called CEFR1 B2 level), in order for a Student visa to be issued for entry to the UK.

Additionally, the LSHTM asks applicants to have minimum English language proficiency levels that are necessary for our academic programmes. These

levels are higher than the CEFR B2 minimum level and also apply to EU applicants, although these will not normally require a Student visa.

The academic English language requirements for each of the LSHTM's programmes are categorised into one of three profiles A, B or C. For information on these three profiles, please refer to the LSHTM English Language Requirement Policy:

https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english_language_requirements_policy.pdf