



# **MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Academic Year (student	2021-22			
cohort covered by				
specification)				
Module Code	PHM215			
Module Title	History and Health			
Module Organiser(s)	Martin Gorsky			
Contact email	The LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are			
	run in collaboration with the University of London. Enquiries			
	may be made via their <u>Student Advice Centre</u> .			
	(Enquiries from face-to-face i.e. London-based the LSHTM			
	MSc or research students regarding study of DL modules			
	should be emailed to: <u>distance@lshtm.ac.uk</u> ).			
Faculty	Public Health & Policy: The London School of Hygiene &			
	Tropical Medicine			
	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/faculties/php			
FHEQ Level	Level 7			
Credit Value	CATS: 15			
	ECTS: 7.5			
HECoS Code	100785: 100302: 101317			
Mode of Delivery	Distance Learning			
Mode of Study	Directed self-study, through online materials (Virtual Learning			
	Environment)			
Language of Study	English			
Pre-Requisites	It is useful but certainly not essential for students to have had			
	some background in social science disciplines.			
Accreditation by	None			
Professional Statutory				
and Regulatory Body	N.			
Module Cap (Maximum	None			
number of students)				
Target Audience	This module is recommended for students with an interest in			
	applying knowledge and understanding of the past to			
	present-day issues in public health and health services. It is			
	useful but not essential for students to have had some			
	background in social science disciplines.			

	This module is available to students registered for the DL MSc and PGDip in Public Health. It is recommended for students studying the MSc in Public Health: General stream and the Environment and Health and Health Promotion streams. The module is also open to students on the DL PGDip/MSc Clinical Trials, Epidemiology and Global Health Policy programmes.				
Module Description	Alternatively, it can also be taken as an individual module.  This module provides students with an overview of historical				
aaic bescription	issues relating to public health issues and services.				
Duration	Studies for distance learning modules begin in early October. At this time, module materials will be made available on Moodle and the module textbook will be made available once fees have been paid. Students may start their studies at any time from the beginning of October and work through the material until the start of the June examinations. However, students are encouraged to commence their studies in October and work steadily through the materials over the course of the academic year and must adhere to other assessment submission deadlines.				
Last Revised (e.g. year	March 2021				
changes approved)					

Programme(s)	Status	
This module is linked to the following programme(s)		
MSc Public Health (General stream) (Distance Learning -	Recommended Elective	
University of London Worldwide)		
MSc Public Health: Environment and Health (Distance	Recommended Elective	
Learning - University of London Worldwide)		
MSc Public Health: Health Promotion (Distance Learning -	Recommended Elective	
University of London Worldwide)		
PGDip Public Health (Distance Learning - University of	Elective	
London Worldwide)		
MSc Public Health: Health Services Management (Distance	Elective	
Learning - University of London Worldwide)		
PGDip/MSc Clinical Trials (Distance Learning - University of	Elective	
London Worldwide)		
PGDip/MSc Epidemiology (Distance Learning - University of	Elective	
London Worldwide)		
PGDip/MSc Global Health Policy (Distance Learning -	Elective	
University of London Worldwide)		

# **Module Aim and Intended Learning Outcomes**

#### Overall aim of the module

The overall module aim is to:

• Enable students to employ historical perspectives in the fields of public health and health services.

## **Module Intended Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the module a student will be able to:

- 1. Evaluate the historical dimensions of ongoing public health issues;
- 2. Demonstrate understanding of the historical context of public health and health services, in both the advanced industrial economies and the global South;
- 3. Recognise and assess the nature of historical debate and the contested status of historical claims; and
- 4. Analyse original documents so as to be able to assess a significant historical question.

# **Indicative Syllabus**

#### **Session Content**

The module is expected to cover the following topics:

- Public health in the industrialising West in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, with a particular focus on urban environment and sanitation, on sexual health, and on the development of public health law;
- The beginnings of tropical medicine in the context of empire, including the new science of malaria and approaches to its control;
- The emergence of the medical profession, and the making of 20<sup>th</sup> century health systems within Western welfare states;
- The coming of international health concerns in the post-colonial era, and the transition to global health, viewed through a study of international health organisations, eradication programmes and the primary health care movement;
- Public health in the 20<sup>th</sup> century world, including the new public health focus of health promotion and chronic diseases, with a focus on themes of sexual health and substance use.

# **Teaching and Learning**

# **Notional Learning Hours**

Type of Learning Time	Number of Hours	Expressed as Percentage (%	
Directed self-study	120	80	
Self-directed learning	0	0	
Assessment, review and revision	30	20	
Total	150	100	

### **Teaching and Learning Strategy**

Learning is via directed self-study. A guide to studying the module is provided, together with access to a range of study resources, discussion forums and online webinar discussion sessions. The textbook that supports this module provides a detailed set of learning objectives at the start of each chapter, and also offers focused reading and various learning activities. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the module-specific discussions and online webinar discussion sessions to obtain tutor support, and to make use of the LSHTM on-line library resources. Written feedback is provided on submitted assignments.

There will be a number of online webinar discussion sessions, including an introduction to the module, a discussion of the assignment and briefing for exam revision. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the module-specific discussions and real-time tutorials available on Moodle to obtain tutor support, and to make use of LSHTM online library resources.

#### **Assessment**

### **Assessment Strategy**

Formal assessment of this module includes a two-hour 15 minute unseen written examination (70%) and an assessed assignment (30%). Details of the maximum word limit permitted and what to include in the word count are provided in the assignment instruction document. Students are required to keep within the word limit detailed in the Assignment Instructions.

#### **Summative assessment**

Assessment Type	Assessment Length	Weighting	Intended Module
		(%)	Learning Outcomes
			Tested
Assessed Assignment	Please see the	30	All
	Assignment Instructions		
	for details.		
Exam	2 hours and 15 minutes	70	All

Assignments for this module can be submitted only once annually, no later than 31 March and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System.

Timed examinations for DL modules are held once a year, in June (including resits). Examinations in 2021/22 will either be taken in a student's country of residence in one of over 650 examination centres worldwide or will be held online. If the June 2022 module exam is held at a local examination centre, a local fee will be payable direct to the exam centre. This fee will be in addition to the module fee and is set by, and paid directly to, the individual examination centre. The level of local examination centre fees varies across the world and neither the University of London nor the LSHTM have any control over the fee amount. If the June 2022 module exam is held online, no additional exam entry fee will be payable. (Note that for those resitting module assessments, a fee will be payable.)

## **Resitting assessment**

Resits will accord with the LSHTM's Resits Policy.

The Resit assessment will be the same assessment type as the first attempt (see previous table).

#### Resources

The following materials are provided to students after registration for this module once a year in September/October:

- A brief guide to studying the module;
- The textbook *Public Health in History* by Virginia Berridge, Martin Gorsky and Alex Mold;
- A reading list including details of both required and optional reading and links to selected papers;
- A list of useful websites;
- Access to the LSHTM Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Moodle, where students can access a range of materials, including some of the materials listed above; participate in module-specific discussion forums and online webinar discussion sessions and access the LSHTM online library resources.

Please note the textbook will be made available in e-format or hard copy. All other materials may be accessed via the LSHTM VLE – Moodle.

## **Teaching for Disabilities and Learning Differences**

The module-specific site on Moodle provides students with access to the majority of the module learning materials, including a study guide and online reading list (detailing both essential and recommended readings), and additional resources including supplementary exercises and optional lecture recordings. In some cases, module materials include a text book that is made available to students in either hard copy or e-format. All materials posted up on Moodle areas, including computer-based sessions, have been made accessible where possible. The LSHTM Moodle has been made accessible to the widest possible audience, using a VLE that allows for up to 300% zoom, permits navigation via keyboard and use of speech recognition software, and that allows listening through a screen reader. All students have access to "SensusAccess" software which allows conversion of files into alternative formats.

For students with special needs, reasonable adjustments and support can be arranged – details and how to request support can be found on the University of London Worldwide website at

https://london.ac.uk/applications/how-it-works/inclusive-practice-access-arrangements