

To all MSc Infectious Diseases students

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BLENDING LEARNING STUDY

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is offering the opportunity for students registered on the distance learning MSc Infectious Diseases course (and those on the PG Diploma following the credit framework structure) to study LSHTM modules at the School in London **in place of DL elective modules**. Up to five places have been set aside on each of the following internal modules for distance learners.

- **To be able to apply to attend one of these modules, you must already be studying or be starting study of elective modules in 2011-12.**
- Each module lasts 5 weeks for the set time periods outlined below. You may choose to study up to **two** internal modules only during the period of your DL course.
- You cannot register for both a DL module and its in-house equivalent module below.
- To participate in the LSHTM internal module you must apply using the form at the end of this document, registering directly with LSHTM (not the University of London International Programmes). An additional fee will be payable direct to LSHTM.
- Full details of the content, learning objectives and assessment method of each module, can be found at http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/msc_module_handbook/section3_module_descript/term2/module_descriptions_term2.html and http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/prospectus/msc_module_handbook/section3_module_descript/term3/module_descriptions_term3.html.
- **Please note particularly module restrictions and pre-requisites (if required), which are outlined on the following page.**
- **It is important that you do not underestimate the time commitment required for study at the School;** module study is intensive throughout the 5-week period, particularly if you choose to study two modules over this time, and it is highly unlikely that you will be able to find time to study any of your DL modules during the period of your stay in London.
- These specialized modules may require you to have background knowledge in the relevant subject. You may be asked to provide evidence of this background in order to satisfy the Module Organiser that you have sufficient knowledge to benefit fully from the module.

How to apply

A 'blended learning' application form is included with this package of information. You must complete this form and return it, with your curriculum vitae, to the Distance Learning Office at the address on the form **by 31 August 2011**. *Late applications will not be considered.* One form must be used for each teaching module application. Your application for blended learning study will then be forwarded to the relevant Module Organiser. LSHTM Registry will contact you in early October, notifying you of approval or otherwise, to attend the module. If you have been accepted on the module you will receive an official offer letter and must then register to take up the place by sending your payment to the School. If your application is unsuccessful, you will still have time to register for an additional distance learning advanced module but must apply for this before 30th October 2011.

Please note: on rare occasions the School may cancel modules two weeks before the start date if numbers are insufficient to run the module. In such cases, the School will refund your fee payment but cannot be held accountable to refund monies of which you may be liable for visas, travel or accommodation.

Monday 9 January – Friday 10 February 2012	
C1 module options: From Monday to Wednesday 12.30	C2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday
<p>Basic Parasitology (3146)*</p> <p>Designing Disease Control Programmes in Developing Countries (3457)</p> <p>Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (3131) <i>Prerequisite: basic understanding of nucleic acids, gene expression and protein synthesis.</i></p> <p>Vector Sampling, Identification & Incrimination (3141)</p>	<p>Advanced Diagnostic Parasitology (3143) <i>Prerequisite: extensive practical experience in diagnostic parasitology.</i></p> <p>Clinical Bacteriology 1 (3157) <i>Prerequisite: some prior practical experience in diagnostic bacteriology.</i></p> <p>Epidemiology and Control of Malaria (3195) <i>Prerequisite: some familiarity with malaria from the point of view of the student's own discipline.</i></p> <p>Molecular Virology (3140) <i>Prerequisite: basic background in virology and molecular biology, and a basic understanding of biochemistry and genetics.</i></p>

* Students who have studied, or wish to study DL module IDM203 Parasitology, may not choose this module;

Monday 20 February – Friday 23 March 2012	
D1 module options: From Monday to Wednesday 12.30	D2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday
<p>Advanced Training in Molecular Biology (3158) <i>Prerequisite: understanding of basic concepts of chemistry and genetics plus basic computer skills.</i></p> <p>Clinical Immunology (3167) <i>Prerequisite: prior knowledge of basic immunology.</i></p> <p>History and Health (1401)</p> <p>Molecular Cell Biology and Infection (3260) <i>Prerequisite: understanding of the principles of cell biology.</i></p> <p>Tropical Environmental Health (3434)</p>	<p>Clinical Bacteriology 2 (3165) <i>Prerequisite: some prior practical experience if diagnostic bacteriology.</i></p> <p>Immunology of Parasitic Infection: Principles (3177) <i>Prerequisite: basic knowledge of immunology.</i></p> <p>Molecular Biology Research Progress and Applications (3160) <i>Prerequisite: understanding of the basic concepts of molecular biology.</i></p> <p>Vector Biology and Vector Parasite Interaction (3166)</p>

Monday 16 April – Wednesday 16 May 2012	
E module options: from Monday to Wednesday 12.30	
<p>AIDS (3174)**</p> <p>Applying Public Health Principles in Developing Countries (3198) <i>Prerequisite: some understanding of epidemiology, health economics and health policy process</i></p> <p>Integrated Vector Management (3176)</p>	<p>Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (3169) <i>Prerequisite: knowledge of molecular biology and biochemistry.</i></p> <p>Control of Reproductive Tract Infections/Sexually Transmitted Infections (3192)</p> <p>Immunology of Parasitic Infection: Practice (3190) <i>Prerequisite: basic knowledge of immunology.</i></p>

** Students who have studied, or wish to study DL module IDM501 AIDS, may not choose this module;

If you have any questions about the information given here and what your options for study might be, please email idsupport@lshtm.ac.uk putting "blended learning study enquiry" in the subject header.

Studying at the School

- **Accommodation:** There are many options for accommodation in London. The School will send information on accommodation to successful students with their offer of admission. Please note it is your responsibility to pay for and organise accommodation for the period of your stay in the UK.
- **Visas:** You may need a visa to study at the School. Each module counts as part time study. You will only be classed as a full time student at the School if you are taking, for example, both a C1 and C2 module at the same time. Student visas are normally only available for full time study and it is recommended that you seek advice about your visa application from the Home Office, British Embassy or British Consulate as soon as possible. Advice on visas can be found on the government's UK visas website at <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk> .

Method of assessment

Assessment methods for the internal teaching modules vary and full details are given in the module outlines (see url links on the previous page). Some modules may be assessed through an examination, which will be held towards the end of the 5-week teaching period. The assessment carried out as part of one of the modules above via the blended learning scheme will be credited towards your overall distance learning MSc degree. The assessment of up to **two** modules only can be credited in this way. Where a blended learning module has an equivalent distance learning module, DL students are not required to complete the distance learning module assessment and do not sit the equivalent DL unseen written examination for the module.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If you fail the internal module assessment with a grade point of less than 2.00, you may have to register and pay for, an additional distance learning elective module (see your Student Handbook for information regarding compensation of grades) – not all assessments undertaken as part of blended learning study may be resat.*

Cost

Distance learning students who wish to study individual modules at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine will be required to pay an additional fee for the LSHTM module(s). The fee will vary depending on whether you have already paid for your distance learning MSc by one initial payment to the University of London International Programmes or you are paying individually for distance learning modules on an annual basis. The cost is likely to be around £630 per module if you have paid for your DL course by one initial payment already or £1,200 per module if you are paying for modules in instalments. **Do not send any payment at this stage** - confirmation of the cost of your LSHTM module(s) and how to pay will be included in your offer of admission which will be sent to you if your application for blended learning study is successful.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *If you are registering through the University of London International Programmes for the distance learning modules you wish to study next year, please do NOT register or include any payment for the modules you are choosing to study by blended learning.*

BLENDED LEARNING STUDENTS (DL MSc ID)

APPLICATION TO ATTEND SCHOOL-BASED MODULES 2012

STUDY DETAILS

Please provide the following details for the module you are applying for.

Title and reference number of module:

THIS FORM SHOULD BE USED TO APPLY FOR ONE MODULE ONLY.

If you are applying for more than one module please provide the details on a separate application form

Please list all distance learning modules completed so far and all grades achieved: _____

PERSONAL DETAILS (PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

Surname or family name: _____ DL Student Number _____

Forename(s): _____ Title:(Dr/Mr/Mrs etc) _____

Male / Female (delete as appropriate) Date of Birth: _____ day / month / year

Nationality: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Country of normal residence: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Postcode: _____

Daytime Telephone No: _____ E-mail address: _____

LANGUAGES

Please enclose your result sheet of TOEFL, IELTS, APIEL, CAE, CPE or Pitman’s test, if English is not your first language.

First Language(s)	English Language Test(s) taken or to be taken			Other Languages
	Name of Test	Score/Grade	Date of Test	

SPONSORSHIP (Please tick appropriate box)

Self Financing

Sponsored

Commonwealth Scholarship Commission scholarship (for those who started 2006, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 only)

DISABILITIES

If you have any medical condition, physical or other disability of which the School should be aware or which might call for special arrangements or facilities, you should attach a confidential letter. This will be used solely for the purposes of monitoring and to assess if the School is able to arrange any special facilities you may require.

ENCLOSURES CHECKLIST

Please ensure you enclose the following documents with this application:

Full Curriculum Vitae, including details of your professional working experience, computing experience, education and professional qualifications.

A letter of agreement from a sponsor if you are being financially sponsored for the course.

If applying for more than one module, copies of documents must be attached to each application form.

Course Fees:
 If the course fee is to be paid on the candidate’s behalf, please send a letter from the sponsors to confirm this as soon as possible. Otherwise the applicant will be held responsible for payment. Fees are payable in advance and attendance on a course may not begin until fees are fully paid. Cancellation of attendance on a course may lead to loss of all or part of the fee.

Declaration and signature of candidate seeking admission:
 I declare that the information given on this application form is correct. I have read and understood the arrangements for payment of tuition fees to which arrangements I will adhere. I understand that any offer of a place on a module will not be confirmed until payment of the full fees for the module have been received by the School. I confirm that if admitted and while in attendance at the School I will follow the instructions given to me by the course organizers and the authorities of the School. I understand that the School may cancel modules two weeks before the start date if numbers prove insufficient and in those circumstances module fees will be refunded.

Signature _____ day / month / year

Please return the completed form to:
Ms Tara Greene
Distance Learning Office
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
Keppel Street
London, WC1E 7HT, UK

E-mail: distance@lshtm.ac.uk (specifying ‘Blended learning’ in the subject header)

Internet: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk>

MODULE ORGANISERS USE ONLY

ACCEPT Signed _____

REJECT Date: _____

