## Module Specification

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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<th><strong>Module name</strong></th>
<th>Law and Global Health Policy</th>
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<td><strong>Module code</strong></td>
<td>GHM204</td>
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<td><strong>Module Organiser(s)</strong></td>
<td>Gorik Ooms</td>
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**Contact email**
The LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are run in collaboration with the University of London. Enquiries may be made via their Student Advice Centre at: [https://london.ac.uk/contact-us](https://london.ac.uk/contact-us).
(Enquiries from face-to-face i.e. London-based LSHTM MSc or research students regarding study of DL modules should be emailed to distance@lshtm.ac.uk.)

**Home Faculty**
Faculty of Public Health and Policy
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
[https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/faculties/php](https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/research/faculties/php)

**Level**
This module is at Level 7 (postgraduate Masters level) of the QAA [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](https://www.hefce.ac.uk/) in England, Wales & Northern Ireland (FHEQ).

**Credit**
LSHTM award 15 credits on successful completion of this module.

**Accreditation**
Not currently accredited by any other body.

**Keywords**
Public health law, global health, ethics, human rights.

### AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND AUDIENCE

**Overall aim**
This module introduces law, both domestic and international, as a tool of global health policy. It engenders an understanding of the relationship between law and health. It considers global health policy issues and how law affects them.

**Intended learning outcomes**
By the end of this module, students should be able to:
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of law, including its sources and implementation in a variety of contexts;
- Review the role of law in protecting and promoting or negatively affecting health;
- Compare diverse legal/regulatory frameworks relating to health;
- Critically discuss the relationship between global health policy issues and legal/regulatory frameworks.
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<th>Target audience</th>
<th>Elective module for students on DL MSc/PGDip Global Health Policy programme. The module is also available as a stand-alone individual module for anyone interested in developing a critical understanding of the relationship between law and public health, and how law can be used as a tool to protect and promote public health.</th>
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### TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

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<th>Study resources provided or required</th>
<th>The following materials are provided to students after registration for this module once a year in September:  - Main study materials delivered via the LSHTM Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) - Moodle.  - Recommended reading articles, provided via online reading for programmes.  - Suggested relevant websites. In addition to the materials above, students are given access to the both LSHTM and University of London (Senate House) online library resources.</th>
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<th>Teaching and learning methods</th>
<th>Learning is self-directed against a detailed set of learning objectives using the materials provided. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in module-specific discussions and real-time tutorials available on Moodle to obtain tutor support, and to make use of LSHTM online library resources. In addition, written feedback is provided on submitted assignments.</th>
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<th>Assessment details</th>
<th>Formal assessment of this module includes a two-hour unseen written examination (70%) and an assessed assignment (30%). If students fail the module overall, they are allowed one further attempt at the failed element.</th>
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| Assessment dates | The assessed assignment for this module can be submitted only once annually, no later than 31 March and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System. Unseen written examinations for DL modules are held once a year, in June (including resits). Examinations are normally taken in a student’s country of residence, in one of over 650 examination centres worldwide (arranged mainly through Ministries of Education or the British Council). A list of examination centres can be found at [https://london.ac.uk/current-students/examinations/examination-centres](https://london.ac.uk/current-students/examinations/examination-centres) A local fee will be payable direct to the examination centre. This fee is in addition to the programme/module fee and is set by, and paid directly to, the |
individual examination centres. 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.

**Language of study and assessment**

English (please see 'English language requirements' below regarding the standard required for entry).

### TIMING AND MODE OF STUDY

**Duration**

Distance learning module studies begin in early October. Students may start their studies at any time from access to the study materials (access to the Moodle VLE starts at the beginning of October) and work through the material until the start of the June examinations (although assessment submission deadlines which are earlier than this must be observed).

**Dates**

Tutorial support for distance learning modules is available only from the beginning of October through to the end of May.

**Mode of study**

By distance learning.

**Learning time**

The notional learning time for the module is 150 hours, consisting of:

- **Directed self-study** (reading and working through the provided module material) \(\approx 60\) hours
- **Self-directed learning** (general reading around the subject, library, Moodle discussion forums) \(\approx 50\) hours
- **Assessment, review and revision** \(\approx 40\) hours.

### APPLICATION, ADMISSION AND FEES

**Pre-requisites**

PG Diploma and MSc students taking this module need to have successfully completed at least 3 of the core GHP modules – GHM 101, 102, 103 or 104. There are no specific pre-requisites for individual module students or registered research degree students wishing to take this module.

Those wishing to study this module must have regular access to the internet to participate in module-specific discussions and tutorials on Moodle, benefit from online library facilities and submit assignments.

**English language requirements**

A strong command of the English language is necessary to benefit from studying the module. Applicants whose first language is not English or whose prior university studies have not been conducted wholly in English must fulfil LSHTM’s [English language requirements](https://london.ac.uk/applications/costs-your-course/course-fees), with an acceptable score in an approved test taken in the two years prior to entry. Applicants may be asked to take a test even if the standard conditions have been met.

**Student numbers**

There is no cap on the number of students who can register for this distance learning module. This is a new module. It is expected that the number of students actively studying this module will vary, but typically will be approx. 100 students per year.

**Student selection**

This module is available to be studied by students registered for the MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Global Health Policy programmes. Alternatively, students may register for this as an 'individual module'. This module is also open to LSHTM research degree and London-based MSc students.

**Fees**

The current schedule of fees can be viewed at [https://london.ac.uk/applications/costs-your-course/course-fees](https://london.ac.uk/applications/costs-your-course/course-fees) (click on the Postgraduate fees 2018-19 link).

**Scholarships**

Scholarships are not available for individual modules. Some potential sources of funding may be detailed on the LSHTM website.
Admission deadlines

Applications for LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are managed by the University of London. To apply to take either a formal award (i.e. PG Certificate, PG Diploma or MSc) or an individual module, click on the following link:

https://london.ac.uk/courses/global-health-policy

Key deadlines are as follows:

- Application deadline: 31 August each year
- Registration deadline (new students): 30 September each year
- Registration deadline (continuing students, with the exception of those taking individual modules): 31 October.

**Please note:** The academic year starts 1 October. Students who register after 1 October should note that module welcome and Collaborate sessions held in October are recorded, but they cannot request an extension to assignment submission deadlines or apply for an examination extenuating circumstance as a result of registering later than 1 October.

In-house LSHTM DrPH/research students and London-based MSc students wishing to study this module should note information given in the mixed mode study option links at:


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