

STUDYING AT LSHTM: BLENDED LEARNING STUDY

In previous years, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine has offered the opportunity for students registered on the distance learning MSc or PG Diploma Clinical Trials programmes to study LSHTM modules at the School in London **in place of DL elective modules**. On-campus LSHTM modules usually run for 5 weeks for 2.5 days per week for each module, and take place from January to May. (*The term 1 modules are foundation level modules which are unavailable to DL students.*) However, due to the current pandemic, it is not going to be possible to offer this teaching on campus in London for Spring 2021.

Modules run by the School for the in-house MSc programmes in Spring 2021 will run online (these will be referred to as “Intensive Modules”). These intensive synchronous modules will be run across a similar 5-week teaching period as in previous years, between specific dates, and students would need to be able to dedicate that time to study, with reliable internet access, throughout that period. The modules will be taught using synchronous (live and interactive) and asynchronous (recorded or self-directed) teaching methods such as pre-recorded and live lectures, feedback and question and answer sessions, small group seminars, practicals, and groupwork with peers. There may be some optional on-campus components where possible but these may be limited to ensure that UK social distancing rules are adhered to.

Because of this change in mode, only modules which do not have an equivalent distance learning module will be offered to DL students for “blended learning” study in 2020/21. Please note also that, due to social distancing measures, DL students will not be able to attend laboratory-based modules at the School in 2021.

A maximum of two “Intensive Modules” may be chosen.

This document is designed to help you to decide whether blended learning is an appropriate option for you.

Eligibility and restrictions

- If you have not completed the minimum core module requirement for your distance learning programme in 2020 you may still register to study elective modules in Sept/Oct 2020, and may choose to study via this blended learning option. (This only applies for this year, 2020/21 – please see the information document “[Registering early for elective module studies 2020/21](#)”.)
- If you are studying the PG Diploma Clinical Trials, you may choose to study only **one** intensive module during the period of your DL programme. If you are registered for the MSc Clinical Trials you may choose to study up to **two** of your remaining elective modules via intensive modules. If you successfully complete the LSHTM coursework assessment for the module(s), your grade and credit for the module(s) will be transferred to your DL programme.
- Some intensive modules may impose a restriction on student numbers; if such a restriction is applied, intensive MSc students will be given priority over distance learning student module applications.
- Some modules may require you to have background knowledge in the relevant subject. You must check any prerequisites required for any module and you may be asked to provide evidence in order to satisfy the Module Organiser that you have sufficient knowledge to benefit fully from the module. (*Any prerequisites given below were correct at the time of production of this document; students should check updated module specifications from the link given below.*)

The modules

Full details of the content, learning objectives and assessment method of School modules can be found [here](#) (please note that this information will be updated, so please do check in early November for the most up to date version).

Monday 22 February – Friday 26 March 2021

D2 module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Global disability and health (3461)

Please note:

The module above is the only one this year that is recommended as most suitable to the Clinical Trials programme. However, if you wish to take an intensive module that is not on the above list, please email CTSupport to request to do so, giving your reasons for the request.

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 the module fee. The School cannot accept responsibility for accommodation, travel or other losses incurred as a result of the module being cancelled.

Method of assessment

Assessment methods for the intensive modules vary and full details are given in the [module specifications](#) (these will be updated in early November). The intensive modules may be assessed through coursework or a short examination (accessible remotely), which will be carried out by the end of the 5-week teaching period. (*You must complete the required assessment by the specified deadline of the module you are attending.*) The assessment you undertake on an intensive module 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.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- *Intensive module assessments must be submitted by that module's specified deadline (usually immediately after the end of the 5-week module period); the DL assessment deadlines do not apply to intensive modules.*
- *If you fail the intensive 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 intensive module assessments undertaken as part of blended learning study may be resat.*

Cost

Distance learning students who wish to study intensive modules at LSHTM will be required to pay a fee for the LSHTM module(s). This fee is in addition to your DL programme fee. The module fee will vary depending on whether you have already paid for your distance learning MSc by one initial payment to the University of London or you are paying individually for distance learning modules on an annual basis. The cost will be £930 per module if you have paid for your DL programme by one payment at the point of initial programme registration - or £1,790 per module if you have paid/are paying for your DL modules in annual 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 for the distance learning modules you wish to study next year, please do NOT register or include any payment for LSHTM intensive modules you are choosing to study by blended learning. Transfer of module payments from the University of London to the LSHTM cannot be made.*

How to apply

Applications for blended learning intensive module studies can only be made between Monday 2nd November and Friday 6th November 2020. When applications are ready to be received, a link to the form will be put on the [DL General Zone](#) in Moodle. One form must be used for *each* module application. The form should be returned by email to shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk (if you are unable to email then by post to Short Courses, Registry, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT). (*Do not return the form to the University of London.*) Please also include a brief CV with your application, and a short note to indicate to the Module Organiser why it is important that you study this particular module.

Your application for blended learning study will then be considered by the relevant Module Organiser. The LSHTM Registry Short Courses staff will contact you to confirm your place on the module. If you have been accepted on the module you will then receive an official offer letter and must then register to take up the place by sending your payment to the LSHTM. **If your application is unsuccessful and you need to register for a distance learning module instead you must do this through the University of London Student Portal.**

Queries

If you have any questions about the information given here and what your options for study might be, if these are appropriate for other students to view please post a message on the discussion forum within the "[Clinical Trials – module options 2020-21](#)" section on the DL General Zone. Alternatively, for queries regarding your personal study progression, email ctsupport@lshtm.ac.uk putting "blended learning study enquiry" in the subject header.