

MSc/PG Dip Demography & Health students

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## STUDYING AT LSHTM: BLENDED LEARNING STUDY

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is offering the opportunity for students registered on the distance learning MSc or PG Diploma Demography & Health programmes to study LSHTM modules at the School in London **in place of DL elective modules**. On-campus LSHTM modules run for 5 weeks for 2.5 days per week for each module, and take place in the spring and summer terms. (*The autumn term 1 modules are foundation level modules which are unavailable to DL students.*) A maximum of two on-campus modules only may be chosen.

Blended learning offers DL students a number of benefits, such as extending the range of the MSc, a concentrated period of study, and the opportunity to meet other students and tutors in person and engage in face-to-face discussion-based learning. There is, however, a lot to consider before making this choice, including costs which are detailed below. Also, **it is important that you do not underestimate the time commitment required for study at LSHTM**: on campus module study is highly intensive throughout the 5-week teaching period, particularly if you choose to study two modules. You may not be able to study your DL modules during the time you are based in London and you should make sure that you plan for this in your study schedule for the year - this is particularly important if you choose to study a module which runs in April and May (the E teaching block).

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

### Eligibility and restrictions

- **To be able to apply to attend one of these modules, you must have been approved for elective module study in 2019/20.** (If you have successfully passed modules DEM101 and DEM102 your progression to start elective module studies will have been approved.)
- If you are registered for the DL MSc Demography & Health programme you must ensure that by the end of your programme, in addition to completing DEM101, DEM102, EPM101 and EPM102, you have completed DEM201 and DEM202, plus six further elective modules (which must include at least two further DEM2 modules).  
If you are taking the project option then you must complete DEM201, DEM202 and a further three electives (of which at least two must be other DEM2 modules).  
If you are registered for the DL PG Diploma Demography & Health programme, you must complete DEM201 and DEM202 plus a further two elective modules. If you choose to study on-campus modules these would replace either the DEM2 or DL elective modules. **On-campus modules which are equivalent to DEM2 modules are noted in the tables overleaf.**
- You cannot register for both a DL module and its on-campus equivalent module below.
- Some on-campus modules may impose a restriction on student numbers; if such a restriction is applied, on-campus 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 links 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 is likely to be updated later in August, so please do check in September for the most up to date version). Summary details are shown below.

MSc students may choose a maximum of two, and PG Diploma students may choose a maximum of one, on-campus modules from:

### Monday 13 January – Friday 14 February 2020

#### C1 module options: from Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30

Designing disease control programmes in developing countries (3457)

Health care evaluation (1400)

*This module is equivalent to DL module PHM207. Students who have previously registered for, or completed, PHM207 cannot select this module.*

Research design & analysis (2423)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module IDM601 cannot select this module.*

Sociological approaches to health (1803)

*This module can be considered in place of a PHM2 module.*

#### C2 module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Conflict and health (1402)

*This module is equivalent to DL module PHM214. Students who have previously registered for, or completed, PHM214 cannot select this module.*

Design & analysis of epidemiological studies (2417)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module CTM207 cannot select this module.*

Family planning programmes (2401)

Population, poverty and environment (2436)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module DEM203 cannot select this module.*

Statistical methods in epidemiology (2402)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module EPM202 cannot select this module.*

### Monday 24 February – Friday 27 March 2020

#### D1 module options: from Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30

Current issues in safe motherhood & perinatal health (2459)

Epidemiology of non-communicable diseases (2407)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL modules EPM303/EPM307 cannot select this module.*

Evaluation of public health interventions (1127)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module PHM219 cannot select this module.*

Medical anthropology in public health (1802)

*This module is equivalent to DL module PHM211. Students who have previously registered for, or completed, PHM211 cannot select this module.*

Modelling and the dynamics of infectious diseases (2464)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module EPM302 cannot select this module.*

Social epidemiology (2472)

Spatial epidemiology in public health (3135)

#### D2 module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Epidemiology and control of communicable diseases (2437)

*Students who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module EPM301 cannot select this module.*

Environmental epidemiology (1301)

*This module is equivalent to DL module PHM205. Students who have previously registered for, or completed, PHM205 cannot select this module.*

### Wednesday 22 April – Friday 22 May 2020\*

#### E module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00\*

Advanced statistical methods in epidemiology (2412)

*Students must have already successfully completed module EPM202 prior to studying this module; those who have previously registered for, or completed, DL module EPM304 cannot select this module.*

### Analysing survey and population data (2468)

*This module is equivalent to DL module DEM205. Students who study this module cannot study the DL module which is only available from 2018-19.*

### HIV (3174)

*This module is equivalent to DL module IDM501. Students who have previously registered for, or completed, IDM501 cannot select this module.*

*\*Please note that the days on which the E modules run may be subject to alteration.*

*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 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 on-campus modules vary and full details are given in the module specifications (see the url link on the previous page). The on-campus modules may be assessed through coursework or a short examination, which will be carried 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 on-campus 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. Where a student has registered for an on-campus module that has an equivalent DL module, the student must complete only the on-campus assessment and must not enter to be examined in the DL module assignment/unseen written examination.

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- *On-campus 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 on-campus modules.*
- *If you fail the on-campus 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 on-campus module assessments undertaken as part of blended learning study may be re-sat.*

## Studying at the School

- **Immigration/Visas:** Non-EEA (European Economic Area) nationals who would like to attend on-campus modules at the School will require immigration permission that allows them to study in the UK. Some students will have to make a visa application in their home country. Further guidance for all non-EEA nationals can be found on our [webpage](#). Please note that we cannot register students for any on-campus modules unless they hold the correct immigration permission.
- If your DL fees are paid by a sponsor, you may need to check that they approve you studying module(s) at the School rather than by distance learning.
- **Accommodation:** There are many options for accommodation in London. Please see our [webpage](#) for information on some of these. Please note it is your responsibility to pay for and organise accommodation for the period of your stay in the UK.

## Cost

Distance learning students who wish to study short courses 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 £890 per module if you have paid for your DL programme by one initial

payment at the point of initial programme registration - or £1,710 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 on-campus 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**

Please apply using the LSHTM [MSc Module Application Form](#). One form must be used for each module application. The form should be returned by email to [shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:shortcourses@lshtm.ac.uk) (if you are unable to email then by post to Short Courses, Registry, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT) **no earlier than 1 September 2019 and no later than 30 September 2019.** (*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.

The relevant Module Organiser will then consider your application for blended learning study. LSHTM Registry 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 School. **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 before 31 October 2019.**

## **Queries**

If you have any questions about the information given here and what your options for study might be, email [demsupport@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:demsupport@lshtm.ac.uk) putting "blended learning study enquiry" in the subject header.