

DL MSc/PG Diploma Infectious Diseases students

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STUDYING AT LSHTM: BLENDED LEARNING STUDY

Please note that due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic students attending on-campus modules will have to comply with [UK Government advice about entering the UK](#). It is strongly recommended that students are fully vaccinated before they start studies in London. Due to the uncertainty about how Covid-19 will affect life in the UK in 2022, on-campus module teaching may include a mix of face-to-face and online learning, or may switch solely to online learning.

The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine is offering the opportunity for students registered on the distance learning MSc or PG Diploma Infectious Diseases programme 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 already be studying or be starting study of elective modules in 2021-22.**
- If you are registered for the DL MSc ID programme you must ensure that by the end of your programme you have completed a **minimum of six IDM elective modules** in addition to the four IDM1 modules. If you are registered for the DL PG Diploma ID programme, **at least three IDM elective modules** must be chosen, after you have completed the four IDM1 modules.
- You cannot register for both a DL module and its on-campus equivalent module below.
- Some on-campus modules 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 the restrictions and prerequisites which apply to many modules, prior to applying for a particular 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 September, so please do check later in the month for the most up to date version). Summary details are shown below. A maximum of two on-campus modules may be chosen from:

Monday 10 January – Friday 11 February 2022

C1 module options: from Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30

Designing Disease Control Programmes (3457)

Malaria: from Science to Policy and Practice (3195)

It is assumed students have some familiarity with basic epidemiology and with malaria from the point of view of their own discipline.

C2 module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Advanced Diagnostic Parasitology (3143)

Students must have had extensive practical experience in the laboratory diagnosis of parasitic infections, or have proof of having taken a course of study in medical parasitology at undergraduate level or above.

Clinical Bacteriology 1 (3157)

This module comprises a large practical component building on core bacteriological principles.

Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (3131)

Students are expected to have a basic understanding of nucleic acids, gene expression and protein synthesis.

Molecular Virology (3140)

Students must have a basic understanding of biochemistry and genetics.

Monday 21 February – Friday 25 March 2022

D1 module options: from Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30

Advanced Training in Molecular Biology (3158)

Students must have a clear understanding of basic concepts of molecular biology and genetics; they must have previous experience of laboratory experimental work, and will be assumed to have basic computer skills.

Applied Communicable Disease Control (1454)

Students who have studied DL modules PHM202 or PHM218, or wish to study PHM218 may not choose this module.

Basic Parasitology (3146)

Some prior clinical laboratory experience is useful but not essential. Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module IDM203 Parasitology may not choose this module.

Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections (3192)

Immunology of Clinical Diseases (3167)

Those wishing to take this module must have prior experience in basic immunology.

Medical Anthropology and Public Health (1802)

Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module PHM211 may not choose this module.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, and Health (3434)

Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module IDM215 may not choose this module.

Vector Sampling, Identification & Incrimination (3141)

Those wishing to study this module must have a basic prior knowledge of, and an interest in, vectors.

D2 module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Clinical Bacteriology 2 (3165)

This module is intended for students who have completed Clinical Bacteriology 1. Students are expected to have previous practical experience of diagnostic bacteriology.

Immunology of Parasitic Infection (3177)

Students must have a basic knowledge of immunology.

Molecular Research in Infectious Diseases (3160)

Students must have an understanding of the basic concepts of molecular biology and be familiar with recombinant DNA techniques.

Vector Biology & Vector Parasite Interactions (3166)

Students must have a prior basic knowledge of parasitology and entomology.

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 27 May 2022

E module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (3169)

A prior knowledge of chemistry and biochemistry is recommended.

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 27 May 2022

E module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

Applying Public Health Principles (3198)

Students must have a good understanding of epidemiology, statistics, social science and health economics.

Cell Biology of Host-Pathogen Interactions (3260)

Students must have a basic understanding of cell biology.

HIV (3174)

A basic scientific background is assumed. Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module IDM501 HIV may not choose this module.

Integrated Vector Management (3176)

Pathogen Genomics (3460)

Students must have a clear understanding of basic concepts of molecular biology of infectious disease agents, recombinant DNA techniques, genetics and genomics; they will also be assumed to have good computer skills.

Method of assessment

Assessment methods for the on-campus modules vary and full details are given in the [module specifications](#). 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 assessment.

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 the [Academic Manual](#) page 42 onwards 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-UK nationals who would like to attend on-campus modules at the School may require a student visa to allow them to study in the UK. Further guidance can be found on the [UK Government website](#). 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 individual 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 £970 per module if you have paid for your DL programme by one initial payment at the point of initial programme registration - or £1,870 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

Applications for blended learning (intensive on-campus modules) can only be made direct to the LSHTM. We will notify you via a message on the DL General Zone Noticeboard when applications for Blended Learning are open. This is likely to be in early November. **Please do not submit applications until we inform you the application process is open.**

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 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.**

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.

Queries

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