

DL MSc/PG Diploma Infectious Diseases 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 PG Diploma and MSc Infectious Diseases programmes to study LSHTM modules at the School in London **in place of DL elective modules**.

- **To be able to apply to attend one of these modules, you must already be studying or be starting study of elective modules in 2018-19.**
- Each on-campus School module lasts 5 weeks for the set time periods outlined below, requiring you to study at the School for 2.5 days per week for each module. You may choose to study **up to two** on-campus modules only during the period of your DL programme and, if you successfully complete the module, your grade and credit will be transferred to your DL programme.
- You cannot register for both a DL module and its on-campus equivalent module below.
- To attend modules at the School you must apply directly to LSHTM (not the University of London). The module fee will be payable direct to LSHTM.
- 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.
- 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). *Modules held at the School in the autumn term 1 cannot be taken by DL students.*
- **Please note particularly module restrictions and pre-requisites (if required), which are outlined on the following page.** (These are correct at the time of production of this document; students should check updated module information from the link above.)
- These specialised 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.
- **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.

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 "ID elective modules – discussion" forum in the DL General Zone. Alternatively, for queries regarding your personal study progression, email idsupport@lshtm.ac.uk putting "blended learning study enquiry" in the subject header.

Monday 14 January – Friday 15 February 2019	
C1 module options: From Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30	C2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00
<p>Designing Disease Control Programmes in Developing Countries (3457)</p> <p>Epidemiology and Control of Malaria (3195) <i>It is assumed students have some familiarity with basic epidemiology and with malaria from the point of view of their own discipline.</i></p> <p>Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Techniques (3131) <i>Students are expected to have a basic understanding of nucleic acids, gene expression and protein synthesis.</i></p>	<p>Advanced Diagnostic Parasitology (3143) <i>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.</i></p> <p>Clinical Bacteriology 1 (3157) <i>This module comprises a large practical component building on core bacteriological principles.</i></p> <p>Molecular Virology (3140) <i>Students must have a basic understanding of biochemistry and genetics.</i></p>
Monday 25 February – Friday 29 March 2019	
D1 module options: From Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30	D2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00
<p>Advanced Training in Molecular Biology (3158) <i>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.</i></p> <p>Applied Communicable Disease Control (1454) <i>Students who have studied DL modules PHM202 or PHM218, or wish to study PHM218 may not choose this module.</i></p> <p>Basic Parasitology (3146) <i>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.</i></p> <p>Clinical Immunology (3167) <i>Those wishing to take this module must have prior experience in basic immunology.</i></p> <p>Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections (3192)</p> <p>Medical Anthropology and Public Health (1802) <i>Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module PHM211 may not choose this module.</i></p> <p>Tropical Environmental Health (3434)</p> <p>Vector Sampling, Identification & Incrimination (3141) <i>Those wishing to study this module must have a basic prior knowledge of, and an interest in, vectors.</i></p>	<p>Clinical Bacteriology 2 (3165) <i>This module is intended for students who have completed Clinical Bacteriology 1. Students are expected to have previous practical experience of diagnostic bacteriology.</i></p> <p>Immunology of Parasitic Infection (3177) <i>Students must have a basic knowledge of immunology.</i></p> <p>Molecular Biology Research Progress and Applications (3160) <i>Students must have an understanding of the basic concepts of molecular biology and be familiar with recombinant DNA techniques.</i></p> <p>Vector Biology & Vector Parasite Interactions (3166) <i>Students must have a prior basic knowledge of parasitology and entomology.</i></p>
Wednesday 24 April – Friday 24 May 2019	
E module options: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00 <i>(note only 1 module can be chosen in this teaching slot)</i>	
<p>AIDS (3174) <i>A basic scientific background is assumed. Students who have studied, or wish to study, DL module IDM501 HIV/AIDS may not choose this module.</i></p> <p>Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (3169) <i>A prior knowledge of chemistry and biochemistry is recommended.</i></p> <p>Applying Public Health Principles in Developing Countries (3198) <i>Students must have a good understanding of epidemiology, statistics, social science and health economics.</i></p> <p>Integrated Vector Management (3176)</p> <p>Molecular Cell Biology and Infection (3260) <i>Students must have a basic understanding of cell biology.</i></p> <p>Pathogen Genomics (3460) <i>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.</i></p>	

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 (if you are unable to email then by post to Short Courses, Registry, LSHTM, Keppel Street, London, WC1E 7HT) **no earlier than 1 September 2018 and no later than 30 September 2018.** (*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 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 2018.**

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.

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.

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 page 1). 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.*

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 £875 per module if you have paid for your DL programme by one initial payment at the point of initial programme registration - or £1,680 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.*