MODULE SPECIFICATION

Academic Year	2026-27
Module Code	PHM209
Module Title	Globalisation and Health
Module Organiser(s)	Neil Spicer & Anna Durrance-Bagale
Contact email	For students studying University of London awards (initial registration 2025/2026 and prior years): Enquiries may be made via their Student Advice Centre at: Student Advice Centre. For students studying LSHTM awards (registration in 2026/2027 and onwards): Enquiries should be emailed to: PHsupport@lshtm.ac.uk
Faculty	Public Health & Policy
FHEQ Level	Level 7
Credit Value	**CATS:** 15 **ECTS:** 7.5
Mode of Delivery	Distance Learning
Mode of Study	Directed self-study, through online materials (Virtual Learning Environment)
Language of Study	English
Pre-Requisites	None. It is useful but not essential for students to have studied the Health Policy, Process and Power module (PHM109), or to have a basic understanding of the political economy of health.
Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body	None
Module Cap (Maximum number of students)	None
Target Audience	The module is recommended for students with an interest in global health from the perspective of understanding broad and interrelated determinants of health within and across countries. It is intended for students who want to explore and understand the rapid changes occurring globally and explore their impacts on health at a global and local level. This module is available to students registered for the DL MSc and PGDip in Public Health. For students who first registered

	for the MSc Public Health (UoL) prior to 2026/27 the module is recommended for those studying the General stream; Environment and Health; and Health Promotion streams. The module is also open to students on the DL PGDip/MSc Clinical Trials and Epidemiology programmes. Alternatively, it can also be taken as an individual module.
Module Description	The module discusses how linked global changes, known as globalisation, impact on social, economic, environmental and political spheres, and the impacts of these on health determinants and health.
Duration	Studies for distance learning modules begin in early October. At this time, module materials will be made available on Moodle and the module textbook will be made available once fees have been paid. Students may start their studies at any time from the beginning of October and work through the material until the start of the June assessments. However, students are encouraged to commence their studies in October and work steadily through the materials over the course of the academic year and must adhere to other assessment submission deadlines.
Last Revised (e.g. year changes approved)	May 2026

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Programme(s) This module is linked to the following programme(s)	**Status**
MSc Public Health (General stream) (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Recommended Elective
MSc Public Health: Environment & Health (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Recommended Elective
MSc Public Health: Health Promotion (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Recommended Elective
MSc Public Health: Health Services Management (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Elective
MSc Public Health: Health Economics (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Elective
PGDip Public Health (Distance Learning - University of London Worldwide)	Elective

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PGDip Public Health (Distance Learning)	Elective
MSc Public Health (Distance Learning)	Elective

Module Aim and Intended Learning Outcomes

Overall aim of the module
This module aims to: • improve students' ability to analyse the interactions between contemporary global changes, known as globalisation, and global health.

Module Intended Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the module a student should be able to: 1. Describe and give examples of key concepts such as global change, globalisation, global health and governance, and the concepts of rapid spatial, temporal and cognitive changes with links to global health; 2. Describe and give examples of the various drivers and forms of global change (e.g. environmental, economic, spatial, technological and cognitive), and their relationship with globalisation processes; 3. Critically analyse empirical evidence of the links between global changes and health, and the methodological tools available to measure such links; 4. Describe examples of global health issues and assess how they influence human health using case studies on environmental change, communicable and non-communicable disease control, and multilateral trade agreements; 5. Critically analyse challenges to effective responses to global health problems using examples related to global health governance.

Indicative Syllabus

Session Content
The module is expected to cover the following topics: • Conceptual frameworks for understanding different types of global change taking place, the key drivers of globalisation, and the main features of the shift from national to global health; • Overviews of global change impacts on the social, economic, environmental and political spheres; • Examples dealing with familiar public health issues from a global perspective (e.g. infectious and non-infectious disease, pharmaceuticals, tobacco control, alcohol, food, and human rights); • Debates from policy areas and agendas outside the health sector impacting health at a global level (e.g. trade and trade organisations, security and human rights legislation, major industries of tobacco, alcohol, and pharmaceuticals, and environmental change); • Review of global health governance structures and forms of global health policies, institutional reforms, and international law and other forms of cooperation.

Teaching and Learning

Notional Learning Hours

Type of Learning Time	Number of Hours	Expressed as Percentage (%)
Directed self-study	110	73.3
Self-directed learning	0	0
Assessment, review and revision	40	26.7
Total	**150**	**100%**

Teaching and Learning Strategy
Learning is via directed self-study. A guide to studying the module is provided, together with access to a range of study resources, discussion forums and online webinar discussion sessions. The textbook that supports this module provides a detailed set of learning objectives at the start of each chapter, and also offers focused reading and various learning activities. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the module-specific discussions and online webinar discussion sessions to obtain tutor support, and to make use of the LSHTM online library resources. Written feedback is provided on submitted assignments. Student participation in online activities and discussion fora strengthens learning and reduces isolation in studies. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in the module-specific discussions and real-time tutorials available on Moodle to obtain tutor support, and to make use of LSHTM online library resources. Participation in Moodle discussions and activities is particularly important in this module due to the fast-changing scenarios created by globalisation. Students are expected to participate in Moodle activities at least once a term.

Assessment

Assessment Strategy
This module is assessed via one summative assignment worth 30% of the student's mark and a summative time-limited assessment that is worth 70% of the student's mark.

Summative assessment

Assessment Type	Assessment Length	Weighting (%)	Intended Module Learning Outcomes Tested
Assessed Assignment	2500 words. Note: details about what to include in the word count and the referencing style to be used are provided in the Assignment Instructions. Students	30	All

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	should follow these instructions carefully.		
Time-limited assessment	TBC	70	All

The 30% summative assignment for this module can be submitted only once annually (including resits), no later than **31 March** and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System.

Time-limited assessments for DL modules are held once a year, usually in June (including resits), and will be held online for 2026-27.

For students studying UoL awards (initial registration in 2025/2026 and prior years)
Assessments are held in accordance with University of London's annual guidance.

For students studying LSHTM awards (registration in 2026/2027 and onwards)

Assessments are held in accordance with Chapter 8b of the LSHTM Academic Manual.

Resitting assessment

Resits will accord with Chapter 8b of the LSHTM Academic Manual.

The Resit assessment will be the same assessment type as the first attempt (see previous table).

Resources

The following materials are provided to students after registration and fee payment for this module in October:

- A brief guide to studying the module;
- The textbook *Globalisation and Global Health: Critical Issues and Policy* (third edition) by Carolyn Stephens, Ben Hawkins and Marco Liverani (editors)*;*
- A reading list including details of both required and optional reading and links to selected papers;
- A list of useful websites;
- Access to the LSHTM Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) - Moodle, where students can access a range of materials, including the materials listed above; participate in module-specific discussion forums and online webinar discussion sessions and access the LSHTM online library resources.

All materials are provided in e-format and may be accessed via the LSHTM VLE – Moodle.

Teaching for Disabilities and Learning Differences

The module-specific site on Moodle provides students with access to the majority of the module learning materials, including a study guide and online reading list (detailing both essential and recommended readings), and additional resources including supplementary exercises, the option to listen to recordings of selected lectures taking place in London. In this module, materials provided include a textbook that is made available to students in e-format. All materials posted up on Moodle areas, including computer-based sessions, have been made accessible where possible. The LSHTM Moodle has been made accessible to the widest possible audience, using a VLE that allows for up to 300% zoom, permits navigation via keyboard and use of speech recognition software, and that allows listening through a screen reader. All students have access to "SensusAccess" software which allows conversion of files into alternative formats.

For students studying University of London awards (initial registration 2025/2026 and prior years: For students with special needs, reasonable adjustments and support can be arranged – details and how to request support can be found on the University of London Worldwide website at: Inclusive practice and Access arrangements | University of London

For students studying LSHTM awards (registration 2026/2027 and onwards): For students who require learning or assessment adjustments and support this can be arranged through the Student Support Services – details and how to request support can be found on the LSHTM Disability Support pages.