

# PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

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## 1. Overview

<b>Academic Year (student cohorts covered by specification)</b>	2020-21
<b>Programme Title</b>	Health Policy, Planning & Financing
<b>Programme Director</b>	Tracey Chantler (LSHTM) / Justin Parkhurst (LSE)/ Mrigesh Bhatia (LSE)
<b>Awarding Body</b>	University of London
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
<b>Faculty</b>	Public Health and Policy (LSHTM) Department of Health Policy (LSE)
<b>Length of Programme (months)</b>	MSc – Full time = 12 months, Part time = 24 months
<b>Entry Routes</b>	MSc
<b>Exit Routes</b>	MSc
<b>Award Titles</b>	MSc in Health Policy, Planning & Financing
<b>Accreditation by Professional Statutory and Regulatory Body</b>	N/A
<b>Relevant PGT <a href="#">QAA Benchmark Statement</a> and/or other external/internal reference points</b>	No applicable benchmark statement
<b>Level of programme within the Framework for Higher Education</b>	Masters (MSc) Level 7

<b>Qualifications (FHEQ)</b>				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>CATS:</b>	185	<b>ECTS:</b>	92.5
<b>HECoS Code</b>	100648, 100450, 101307, 101335, 100489			
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	The main part of the programme is taught 'face-to-face' at LSHTM and LSE in London.			
<b>Mode and Period of Study</b>	Full time (12 months) or part time (24 months)			
<b>Cohort Entry Points</b>	Annually in September			
<b>Language of Study</b>	English			
<b>Re-sit Policy</b>	<p><b>LSHTM</b>  <a href="https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Academic_Manual_Chapter_8a_2019-20.pdf">https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Academic_Manual_Chapter_8a_2019-20.pdf</a></p> <p><b>LSE</b>  <a href="https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/assessment-and-results/exams/re-entry">https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/assessment-and-results/exams/re-entry</a></p>			
<b>Extenuating Circumstances Policy</b>	<p><b>LSHTM</b>  <a href="https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Academic_Manual_Chapter_7_2019-20.pdf">https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Academic_Manual_Chapter_7_2019-20.pdf</a></p> <p><b>LSE</b>  <a href="https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/assessment-and-results/exceptional-circumstances/exceptional-circumstances">https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/services/assessment-and-results/exceptional-circumstances/exceptional-circumstances</a></p>			
<b>Programme Description</b>	This programme aims to develop critical analysis of issues within health policy, planning and financing and to enable students to devise appropriate health policy responses. Students come from a wide range of backgrounds. This is a joint programme provided by LSHTM and LSE. The programme provides training relevant to countries at all levels of development, although participants are able to specialise.			
<b>Date of Introduction of Programme (month/year)</b>	1986			

<b>Date of production / revision of this programme specification (month/year)</b>	September 2019
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## 2. Programme Aims & Learning Outcomes

<b>Educational aims of the programme</b>
The aim of the programme – consistent with LSHTM's mission to improve health worldwide – is to develop critical analysis of issues within the areas of health policy and finance and to enable students to devise appropriate health policy responses. The learning outcomes of the programme are provided below.

<b>Programme Learning Outcomes</b>
By the end of the programme, students will be expected to achieve the following learning outcomes – drawing on material taught across different elements and assessed in a variety of ways.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) comprehend and demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of key principles of a diverse range of international and national health policies, including current and emerging trends;</li> <li>ii) comprehend and demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of key principles of one or more disciplines relevant to the study of health policy, planning and financing (epidemiology, health economics, and other social sciences);</li> <li>iii) comprehend and demonstrate specialist knowledge, critical understanding and skills in other areas selected from a range of options on the programme relevant to the study of health policy;</li> <li>iv) apply their conceptual and theoretical knowledge and skills using a multidisciplinary approach to formulate, design, implement, evaluate and appraise health policies and plans;</li> <li>v) show competence, both written and verbal, in assessing and communicating empirical evidence and in consolidating and critically appraising debates relevant to issues of health policy;</li> <li>vi) demonstrate competence in key research and presentation skills, including the ability to plan and carry out a literature search, to critically review published literature, and to evaluate research findings.</li> </ul>

**Teaching and Learning Strategy**

The MSc Health Policy, Planning & Financing is a joint programme run by both the LSE and LSHTM.

The programme is taught through a variety of teaching methods including: lectures, small group seminars, practical, and group work with peers. All elements of the programme have specific learning objectives, with content designed to help students achieve these outcomes. Students are expected to learn through both directed and self-directed study.

**Assessment Strategy**

The programme is assessed through individual module assessments (which may include essays, other written coursework, short written exams, practical exams, group work, presentations or other methods), formal summer exams, and a project dissertation. Such tasks are designed to assess, via the most appropriate method, whether learning objectives have been met.

### 3. Programme Structure and features, modules, credit assignment and award requirements

Full-time Masters	Term 1/ Michaelmas Term	Term 2 / Lent Term	Term 3 / Summer Term	Total Credits (based LSHTM credit framework)
<b>LSHTM</b>				
Semi-Compulsory Modules	2			20
Recommended Modules		2		30
<i>Total credits of LSHTM modules</i>				<b>50</b>
<b>LSE</b>				
Compulsory Courses	1			22.5
Semi-Compulsory Courses	1			22.5
Recommended Courses	2			45
<i>Total credits of LSE courses</i>				<b>90</b>
<b>Project</b>				
Dissertation			1	45
<b>Total credits</b>				<b>185</b>

Module information is correct at the time of publication, but minor amendments may be made subject to approval as detailed in [Chapter 3 of the LSHTM Academic Manual](#). Optional (i.e. recommended non-compulsory) modules listed are indicative and may change from year to year.

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/courses/changes-courses>

Term	Slot	Module Code	Module Title	Module Type (compulsory or recommended)	Credits (CATS)	Contact hours
<b>LSHTM</b>						
1	AB1	1107	Health Services	Semi-Compulsory*	10	22
1	AB1	1117	Health Policy, Process & Power	Semi-Compulsory* (Barred combination with HP401: Introduction to Health Policy and Politics)	10	28
1	AB1	1123	Issues in Public Health	Semi-Compulsory	10	27
1	AB1	2001	Basic Epidemiology	Semi-Compulsory	10	30

*\*Students must take at least one of 1107 and 1117*

**LSE**

1		HP400	Financing Health Care	Compulsory	For further details, please contact the LSE Co-Programme Directors.
1		HP401	Introduction to Health Policy and Politics	Semi-Compulsory* (Barred combination with 1117: Health Policy, Process & Power)	
1		HP403	Health Systems and Policies in Developing Countries	Semi-Compulsory*	
1		HP420	Health Economics	Semi-Compulsory*	
2		HP424	Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy	Semi-Compulsory*	

*\*Students must take at least one of HP401, HP403, HP420 and HP424; any other can also be taken as Recommended*

**LSHTM**

2	C1	1501	Economic Evaluation	Recommended (Barred combination with HP422 Health Care Economic Evaluation)	15	33
2	C2	1402	Conflict and Health	Recommended	15	37
2	C2	1808	Health Systems	Recommended	15	32
2	D1	1403	Organisational Management	Recommended	15	30
2	D1	1504	Economic Analysis for Health Policy	Recommended	15	45
2	D2	1503	Globalisation & Health	Recommended	15	36
2	D2	1606	Analytical Models for Decision Making	Recommended	15	40
2	D2	1701	Reviewing the Literature	Recommended	15	27
2	C1	1400	Health Care Evaluation	Recommended	15	22
2	C1	1803	Sociological Approaches to Health	Recommended	15	40

2	C2	2417	Design & Analysis of Epidemiological Studies	Recommended	15	37
2	D1	1127	Evaluation of Public Health Interventions	Recommended	15	30
2	D2	2437	Epidemiology & Control of Communicable Diseases	Recommended	15	63
<b>LSE</b>						
1		HP429	Behavioural Incentive Design in Health and Health Care	Recommended	For further details, please contact the LSE Co-Programme Directors.	
1		HP422	Health Care Economic Evaluation	Recommended (Barred combination with 1501 Economic Evaluation)		
1		HP404	Global Health Policy: Institutions, Actors and Politics	Recommended		
2		HP405	Social Determinants of Health	Recommended		
2		HP407	Evidence Review and Synthesis for Decision Making	Recommended		
2		HP421	Economic Analysis for Health Policy in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Recommended		
2		HP423	Advanced Health Economics	Recommended		
2		HP425	Statistical Methods in Health Care Economic Evaluation	Recommended		
2		HP428	Randomised evaluations of health programmes: from design to implementation	Recommended		
2		HP402	Measuring Health System Performance	Recommended		

## 4. Entry Requirements

### Criteria for admission

Applicants must normally satisfy LSHTM's general entrance requirements and additional programme-specific entrance requirements to be considered for admission. Applications must be submitted in accordance with the procedures and deadlines given in the web-based or printed prospectus.

- The normal minimum entrance qualification for registration is at least a second-class Honours degree of a UK university, or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, or a registerable qualification in medicine, dentistry or veterinary studies appropriate to the programme. Applications with an appropriate technical qualification, or equivalent qualification and experience from overseas, are also welcomed.
- Ideally candidates should have prior work experience in areas relating to health, policy, planning and financing. Preference will be given to such candidates given the competitive nature of this programme. A minimum of one year's experience in health policy or public health related work is recommended.
- Any prospective student who does not meet the above minimum entry requirement, but who has relevant professional experience, may still be eligible for admission. The Registry can advise on eligibility to apply in such cases.

For further information, please see

<https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/how-apply/applying-masters-degree-london/you-apply-msc>

### English language entry requirements

#### Band B

It is essential that all students have a good command of the English language to benefit from their studies at the LSHTM.

As part of the application process, applicants are required to demonstrate how they meet the LSHTM's minimum English language requirements. This is particularly important for applicants requiring a Tier 4 Student visa, as the UK Home Office dictates that every student from outside the UK and European Union (EU) must show evidence of a minimum level of English language ability (called CEFR1 B2 level), in order for a Tier 4 Student visa to be issued for entry to the UK.

Additionally, the LSHTM asks applicants to have minimum English language proficiency levels that are necessary for our academic programmes. These



levels are higher than the CEFR B2 minimum level and also apply to EU applicants, although these will not normally require a Tier 4 Student visa.

The academic English language requirements for each of the LSHTM's programmes are categorised into one of three profiles A, B or C. For information on these three profiles, please refer to the LSHTM English Language Requirement Policy:

[https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english\\_language\\_requirements\\_policy.pdf](https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/english_language_requirements_policy.pdf)