London School of Hygiene & Tropical MedicineDISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMME



DL PG Diploma & MSc Global Health Policy 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 Global Health Policy programmes to study one or two LSHTM modules on-campus in London in place of DL elective modules.

- To be able to apply to study one of these modules, you must have successfully completed
 a minimum of three GHM1 modules and already be studying or be starting study of elective
 modules in 2017-18.
- 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 (<u>not</u> the University of London International Programmes). The module fee will be payable direct to LSHTM.
- 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.
- 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 some modules may have restrictions and pre-requisites, which will be noted within
 the individual module specifications (accessible via the URL links above). These are correct at the
 time of production of this document; students should check updated module information from the
 links above.
- It is important that you do not underestimate the time commitment required for study oncampus; module study is intensive throughout the 5-week period, particularly if you choose to study two modules over this time, and it may be difficult 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 discussion forum within the "GHP Module Options 2017-18" section on the DL General Zone. Alternatively, for queries regarding your personal study progression, email ghpsupport@lshtm.ac.uk putting "blended learning study enquiry" in the subject header.

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 2017 and no later than 30 September 2017. (Do <u>not</u> return the form to the University of London International Programmes.) 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. LSHTM Registry will contact you to confirm your place on the module. If you have been accepted on the module you will receive an official offer letter and must then register to take up the place by sending your payment to LSHTM. If your application is unsuccessful and you need to register for a distance learning module instead you must do this through the International Programmes Student Portal <u>before</u> 31 October 2017.

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.

Up to two on-campus modules may be chosen from:

Monday 8 January – Friday 9 February 2018	
C1 module options: From Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30	C2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00
Epidemiology and control of malaria (3195) Basic epidemiology and some familiarity with malaria from the point of view of the student's own discipline is required prior to studying this module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module IDM503 may not select this option.	Conflict and health (1402) Prior field experience with a humanitarian agency, donor or government will enable more active participation but is not essential. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM214 may not select this option.
Health care evaluation (1400) Those taking this module will be expected to have an understanding of the material covered in basic statistics, epidemiology, health economics and principles of social research prior to studying the module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM207 may not select this option.	Health systems (1808) Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module GHM201 may not select this option.
	History and health (1401) A knowledge of the principles of social research would be advantageous prior to studying this module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM215 may not select this option.

Monday 19 February – Friday 23 March 2018	
D1 module options: From Monday 09.00 to Wednesday 12.30	D2 module options: From Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00
Applied communicable disease control (1454) Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM202 may not select this option.	Analytical models for decision making (1606) Some of the exercises involve the use of spreadsheets so students should be confident in the use of Excel, particularly use of formulae, functions, formatting, graphs and charts. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM201 may not select this option.
Epidemiology of non-communicable diseases (2407) Students must have a good knowledge of epidemiological methods including different study designs, their analysis and interpretation, prior to studying this module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL modules EPM303 or EPM307 may not select this option.	Environmental epidemiology (1301) Students must have a sound basic knowledge of epidemiology prior to studying this module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM205 may not select this option.
Medical anthropology and public health (1802) Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module PHM211 may not select this option.	Epidemiology and control of communicable diseases (2437) Students must have knowledge of basic epidemiology and statistics, and should have some knowledge of Epi-Info prior to studying this module. Students who have previously registered for or completed DL module EPM301 may not select this option.

Wednesday 18 April - Friday 18 May 2018

E module option: from Wednesday 14.00 to Friday 17.00

AIDS (3174) Students should have some level of scientific background before studying this module. Those who have previously registered for or completed DL module IDM501 may not select this module.

Studying at the School

- Immigration/Visas: Non-EEA (European Economic Area) nationals who would like to attend oncampus 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 <u>webpage</u>. 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 outlines (see the web 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 International Programmes or you are paying individually for distance learning modules on an annual basis. The cost will be £830 per module if you have paid for your DL programme by one initial payment at the point of initial programme registration - or £1,600 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 International Programmes 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 International Programmes to the LSHTM cannot be made.