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About your course

Course(s) covered

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<td>LMWPHM</td>
<td>Master of Public Health (Online)</td>
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You can find full details of your course, module information and entry requirements in the Programme Specification.

Key facts

Start dates:

- Semester A intake: 23 September 2019
- Semester B intake: 20 January 2020

How long it takes

- Full-time Master level: 1 year (Sem. A intake only)
- Part-time Master level: 2 years

Credits:

- PGCert level: 60 credits (as the exit award only)
- PGDip level: 120 credits (as the exit award only)
- Master level: 180 credits

Academic Year

Academic Year 2019 – 2020

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 semesters.

- Semester A runs from Monday 23 September 2019 to Friday 17 January 2020
- Semester B runs from Monday 20 January 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020
- Semester C runs from Monday 25 May 2020 to Friday 18 September 2020

Important points

This programme is designed to recruit students who wish to develop careers in the field of public health practice, management or research, as well as practitioners and managers already in the field, who wish to enhance their career development. The programme is tailored implicitly towards the needs of diverse health professionals including doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and allied health, social care and environmental health professionals, as well as the wider public health workforce in the non-governmental sector in the following ways:

- The programme team has expertise in research methods and evaluation; policy, planning and commissioning; and theory and methods for promoting health and managing illness.
- The compulsory modules will provide a comprehensive understanding and ability to critically evaluate interventions and strategies to improve public health outcomes and build an evidence base. Students will gain understanding and skills required to meet the social, economic, political and management challenges to improve the health of our populations.
- The range of optional modules offered, as well as the breadth of empirical cases used across the programme will provide opportunities for specialism in the global and local context in areas including: commissioning and leadership, management of the double burden of communicable and non-communicable conditions, environmental health and well-being, primary care, child health and health systems approaches to improving public health outcomes and addressing health inequalities.
In addition, the programme has the potential to enhance professional development, career advancement and employability as follows: the programme incorporates the core competencies of specialist public health practice as defined by the UK Faculty of Public Health; the programme learning outcomes are mapped to the expectations of the Agency for Accreditation of Public Health Education in the European Region and UK Public Health Register. Further details can be found in the *Programme Specification*.

**IT Skills required:**

Basic IT skills are a requirement for anyone wishing to study online. For example, you will need to be confident using an internet browser, communicating via email and using Microsoft Office tools (e.g. Word, Excel) or equivalent. An ability to learn and adapt to new technologies is also important, for example, you will be asked to participate in a virtual classroom session, contribute to a discussion forum and upload assignments to an online portal.

**Outline Programme Structure**

The tables below are for guidance only. They provide the examples of the modules that students may choose to study for a full-time option (i.e. 60 credits per semester) for two semester entrants, respectively. The expectation for part-time study is up to 30 credits per semester. If considering full-time, it is important to have very good organisational skills. Studying full-time will involve completing two (2) modules per semester and each module will involve completing between three (3) to four (4) assessments. The timing of these assessments could be very close between the modules.

Please note that the availability of optional modules will depend on uptake. They may not run every year and running semester may vary from year to year.

**Full-time – September intake:**

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**Part Time – January intake:**

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<td><strong>Evidence Based Practice</strong> (30 credits)</td>
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*The list of optional modules and semesters in which they are available to run can be found in the *Programme Specification*. 
Course delivery
This course is delivered 100% online via the University's virtual learning environment StudyNet. It can be studied flexibly, which allows you to fit your studies around your work and life commitments. However, there will be specific deadlines to submit or take assessments.

You will find full details on your assessment schedule in the relevant Module Guide, which will be published at the start of the module.

Number of study hours will vary depending on your prior knowledge and experience with the subject. The expectation for a 30-credit module is to study 20-25 hours per week over 12 weeks.

Method of assessment
Modules are assessed by combination of coursework and online tests. The dates of assignment submission and online tests are fixed. The online tests are available for a fixed period of time, usually to 24-hours, to ensure all students can find a convenient opportunity to complete them within that period.

If you cannot meet the assignment deadlines or test dates, you must inform the Module Leader in advance of the deadlines to get appropriate advice.

Additional expenses
You can find full details of your course tuition fees in the Fees and Finance Policy.

Courses materials (i.e. e-books, software or support materials) are usually included in your tuition fees, unless specified otherwise.

System requirements:

To study Online, you will need access to a suitable computer and a good reliable Internet connection. Most modern PCs and Macs (less than five years old) should be fine. As a guide, you need a minimum of:

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<td>Desktop or laptop computer</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>Starts at £250</td>
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<td>Display (screen resolution 1024x768 minimum)</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>Starts at £50</td>
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<td>Headset with microphone (built in if using laptop)</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>Starts at £15</td>
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<td>Webcam (built in if using laptop)</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
<td>£10-£50</td>
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<td>Broadband Internet Connection (2mbps minimum)</td>
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Microsoft Office 365 account for the duration of your studies

The package will give you:

- Full, installed Office applications Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, and OneNote on up to 5 PCs or Macs.
- Office on tablets and phones for the Office experience on up to 5 tablets and 5 phones.
- Online versions of Office including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- File storage and sharing with 1 TB storage.

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Full system requirements details can be found on the UH Online website [http://www.herts.ac.uk/apply/schools-of-study/uh-online/how-does-online-study-work/system-requirements](http://www.herts.ac.uk/apply/schools-of-study/uh-online/how-does-online-study-work/system-requirements)

Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony:

On completion of your programme of studies, you will have the opportunity to attend our UK Award Ceremony. When registering for the Ceremony you will receive 1 free graduate ticket for yourself.
Attendance to the UK Award Ceremony may incur additional costs i.e. guest tickets, travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on when you will graduate and where you are travelling from.

Details regarding attendance to the Award Ceremony can be found on the website [http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies](http://www.herts.ac.uk/ceremonies).