

# MSc Global Public Health and Policy (THHL-AFM24)

## Course and Award Details

<b>Course title</b>	MSc Global Public Health and Policy
<b>Route(s)</b>	MSc Global Public Health and Policy
<b>Awarding body</b>	University of Bath
<b>Award</b>	Masters Degree not mainly by Research
<b>Award name</b>	Masters - Postgraduate Taught
<b>Course mode of delivery</b>	Full time
<b>Course length</b>	1 years
<b>Entry point</b>	September 2024
<b>Main location of study</b>	University of Bath, Main Campus, Claverton Down
<b>Course-owning school/department</b>	Health

## Course Description

<b>Course Summary</b>	Gain a deeper understanding of the major public health threats faced by humanity. You'll learn how to design, test and implement interventions to tackle them.
<b>Course Description</b>	<p>During this specialist master's course, you'll study urgent and important public health challenges facing societies across the globe. By focusing on the root causes of disease, ill health and injury, you'll explore how impactful policy can improve lives at community and population level.</p> <p>You'll develop your understanding of how geopolitical, social and natural factors may combine to result in situations that cause short and long-term threats to people's health and wellbeing. These may include global climate change; war and conflict; health inequities; poverty, lifestyle, and access to amenities and services.</p> <p>Address the big public health challenges</p> <p>Once you've gained the core knowledge needed, you'll critically assess the intersection of policymaking and epidemiology. You'll evaluate how major policies can counteract the effects of key public health challenges, and how to improve and adapt policies and interventions to mitigate future risks. You'll do this in the context of real-world case studies across topics like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- managing infectious diseases and vaccine uptake</li><li>- contemporary and historic pandemics, including COVID-19</li><li>- obesity and nutrition</li><li>- tobacco and alcohol use and abuse</li></ul> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, you'll have developed the required knowledge and skills to develop, critique and adapt evidence-based public health policy to suit different contexts, countries and regions of the world. You will also have acquired the practical, analytical and evaluative skills to enable you to take up careers in a wide range of public health settings.</p> <p>This course is informed by the UK Faculty of Public Health Diplomate Examination</p>

(DFPH)(<https://www.fph.org.uk/training-careers/the-diplomate-dfph-and-final-membership-examination-mfph/the-diplomate-examination-dfph/>), so it will help to prepare you for these exams.

>Learn from experts in public health

>"How we build and develop our towns and cities in ways that improve health rather than harm it; links between non-communicable diseases, infectious diseases, and pandemics; and environmental degradation - these are the kinds of things that I do in my research, so \_\_these are the kinds of things that I bring to my teaching on this course.\_\_"

>\_Harry Rutter, Professor in Global Public Health: (co-chair of SAGE Environment and Modelling Group; and Chair, Faculty of Public Health Academic and Research Committee)\_

>This course is taught by real-world public health experts, whose knowledge, expertise and industry connections span a range of public health and policy making areas.

>Many are current practitioners in the field and have worked on significant projects like the UK's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Complete your studies with a real-world project

The course culminates with either a dissertation or a Practice Track project. Both give you the opportunity to apply your newly acquired knowledge to a specific area of public health that interests you or is relevant to your career aspirations.

The Practice Track(/campaigns/practice-track-solve-a-real-world-business-challenge-as-part-of-your-degree/) is an alternative to a dissertation. It's your chance to work on a consultancy or research-based project with an external organisation, and use the skills and knowledge you'll gain during your studies. You'll conduct appropriate research, analyse data and share your solution as a written report and presentation.

During your Practice Track project, you'll work either alone or as part of a group with one of our external partners\*. These span the public health industry, both in the UK and overseas. Previous students have completed Practice Track projects with organisations like Healthwatch and Public Health Wales.

A dissertation gives you the opportunity to methodically explore an area of public health you're interested in and demonstrate your research skills. You will be assigned a supervisor from within our academic team to support you throughout your dissertation.

\\* Practice Track project numbers are limited each year. You'll receive support from us throughout your application. If you're unable to secure a suitable project, you can instead complete a dissertation.

Study in a research-active environment

Throughout this course, you'll have the chance to work with research-active academics, as well as representatives from Centres and Groups in our Department for Health(/departments/department-for-health) and Department of Social & Policy Sciences(/departments/department-of-social-policy-sciences/). These include:

- Centre for 21st Century Public Health(/research-centres/centre-for-21st-century-public-health/)
- Centre for Motivation and Health Behaviour Change(/research-centres/centre-for-motivation-and-health-behaviour-change/)
- Centre for the Analysis of Social Policy(/research-centres/centre-for-the-analysis-of-social-policy)
- Centre for Development Studies(/research-centres/centre-for-development-studies)
- Tobacco Control Research Group(/research-groups/tobacco-control-research-group/)

Each of these has strong links with public health experts and health organisations from across the world.

Overall, the course utilises Bath's internationally renowned work in applied health research, behavioural psychology, social policy, governance and public policy, international development, health and social care. This ensures that you'll look at public health and policymaking from a holistic point of view, taking into consideration a range of perspectives.

#### Graduate prospects

With a strong grounding in public health and health policy, as well as practical research skills, you'll be well equipped to respond to public health challenges in range of sectors and contexts.

You could go on to work as an epidemiologist, health scientist, public health advisor or practitioner, field consultant, global health educator, policy analyst, environmental health practitioner or NGO aid worker; or advance to doctoral study in a number of areas related to health and policy.

Previous students have gone on to pursue further training in medicine and secured roles within the NHS.

#### Contact hours

You are expected to spend approximately 35-40 hours per week studying, with around 8-10 hours of this being structured classes.

This will be made up of a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and workshops. Some sessions may take place online. You will work as an individual and as part of small groups.

#### Delivery methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the learning and teaching methods used on the course:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Tutorials
- Workshops

#### Assessment summary

You will experience a balance of different forms of assessment designed to support your professional development. This may include coursework, essays, examinations, presentations, oral presentations, reports, viva voce, and a dissertation.

We can make reasonable adjustments to assessment procedures for students with disabilities. Take a look at our Disability Service's pages(/professional-services/disability-service/) for information.

#### Assessment methods

The following list provides an indication of some of the assessment methods used on the course:

- Presentations
- Coursework
- Essay
- Dissertation
- Examinations
- Oral presentation
- Report
- Viva Voce

#### Budgeting statement

You will need to budget at least £100 for the cost of photocopying, printing and binding. You will also need to budget for the cost of textbooks. Some courses involve visits away from campus and you may be required to pay some or all of the costs of travel, accommodation and food and drink. If you're on a placement, you're responsible for your own travel, accommodation and living costs. You should also consider the financial implications if you go on an unpaid or overseas placement.

#### Additional Costs

If you receive an offer, you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 when you accept to secure your place. This will be deducted from your tuition fee when you register.

If you choose the Practice Track option, you may need to budget for travel expenses and accommodation.

**Course Assessment Regulations**

<b>Applicable Assessment Regulations</b>	Postgraduate Taught Assessment Regulations - <a href="https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/">https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/postgraduate-taught-assessment-regulations/</a>
<b>Exemptions from Regulations</b>	None
<b>Course Progression Requirements</b>	N

**Course Structure**

**Year 1**

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Period of study	Module code	Module title	Module status	Level	Credits	Option choice rules
AY	HL00000	Academic integrity training & test	Extra	Foundation (FHEQ level 3)	0	
S1	HL50612	Introduction to global public health and determinants of health	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	15	
S1	SP50366	Applied research methods and epidemiology	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	15	
S2	HL50613	Identifying solutions for 21st century global public health	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	7.5	
S2	HL50614	Implementing and scaling-up global public health interventions	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	7.5	
S2	SP50367	Global public health policy and systems	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	7.5	
S2	SP50368	Global public health evaluation and monitoring	Part 4 Taught Compulsory	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	7.5	
<b>DIS</b>	<b>MSc GIBI Public Hlth DIS options PG</b>					Select 1 module from this group in this period
	HL50615	Global public health & policy dissertation	Part 4 Project/Dis Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
	HL50616	Global public health and policy practice track	Part 4 Project/Dis Optional	Masters UG & PG (FHEQ level 7)	30	
Additional rules for module selection						
None						

## Year 1

No units found

The availability of optional units is subject to constraints such as staff availability, minimum and maximum group sizes, and timetabling factors, as well as a student's ability to meet any pre-requisite rules.

## Learning Outcomes

**By the end of the course, you will be able to**

	<b>Knowledge and Understanding</b>	<b>Intellectual Skills</b>	<b>Professional and Transferable Skills</b>	<b>Placement</b>	<b>Study Year Abroad</b>
<p>PG Certificate Demonstrate a practical understanding of the core principles and key concepts and theories in global public health, and determinants of health and illness. Demonstrate a practical understanding on research methods and project design Assessed through unit assessments</p> <p>Diploma and MSc Demonstrate a practical understanding of the core principles and key concepts and theories in global public health, and determinants of health and illness. Demonstrate a practical understanding on research methods and project design</p> <p>Demonstrate a practical understanding of the role of public health and health policies at global, national and local levels. Assessed through unit assessments</p>	✓				
<p>PG Certificate Demonstrate critical thinking and judgement with respect to global public health and health inequalities Systematically deal with and evaluate both simple and complex data Assessed through unit assessments</p> <p>Diploma and MSc Demonstrate critical thinking and judgement with respect to public health, health promotion strategies, and current public health issues (national and global) Systematically deal with and evaluate both simple and complex data Assessed through unit assessments</p> <p>MSc Develop self-direction and originality in project design Assessed through final year Dissertation</p> <p>Research Project/Practice</p>		✓			

Research Project/Practice  
Track Project

Diploma and MSc By the end of the programme students should be able to apply theoretical knowledge of public health and health policy issues to the design of public health policies and interventions at both local and global level Critically appraise public policy so as to respond to the challenge of reducing health inequalities in their professional practice Assessed through unit assessments MSc Identify an important global public health issue and apply key public health concepts and research methods to investigate it, through collecting relevant data and critically analysing it in relation to previously published work in the area



Diploma and MSc Prepare and communicate information on complex contemporary issues in global public health. Engage confidently in academic and professional communication with others, reporting on action clearly, autonomously and competently. Assessed through unit assessments. MSc Utilise problem-solving skills and competently undertake research tasks with minimum guidance Assessed through final year Dissertation Research Project/Practice Track Project



### Alternative Courses and Exit Awards

**Designated Alternative Courses (DAC) and exit awards**

Exit awards:

PG Dip Global Public Health & Policy

60 ECTS of relevant FHEQ level 7 units passed or condoned excluding Global public health & policy dissertation or Global public health and policy practice track units

PG Cert Global Public Health & Policy

30 ECTS of relevant FHEQ level 7 units passed excluding Global public health & policy

dissertation or Global public health and policy practice track units  
Generic Postgraduate Diploma  
60 ECTS of FHEQ level 7 units passed  
Generic Postgraduate Certificate  
30 ECTS of FHEQ level 7 units passed

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