The Medicine, Health & Public Policy study course examines the political, economic, cultural and ethical dimensions of contemporary trends in medicine, biosciences and health. The multidisciplinary nature of the course creates an ideal study pathway for health professionals, graduates and policy-makers to gain an understanding of the complex relationships between medicine, science and society.

Key benefits

- Internationally recognised faculty, who have trained across a range of disciplines from sociology, anthropology, geography, gerontology, socio-legal studies and political science to psychology, bioethics, philosophy, biology and medicine.
- Covers a broad range of substantive topics and offers a wide selection of specialist options addressing critical social and ethical concerns.
- You will learn to think analytically and independently about key issues and develop essential skills to support critical policy and qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Interdepartmental study course offers a varied and exciting range of research options.
- Opportunities to join a thriving research community, to participate with active researchers in a range of extra-curricular events such as reading groups and roundtable discussions.

Course details

The Medicine, Health and Public Policy course offers you flexibility with the choice to study either full or part-time. You will gain in-depth knowledge and critical awareness of the policy implications of developments in health and medicine from social scientific and ethical perspectives.

The course is made up of optional and required modules totalling 180 credits to complete the course, 60 credits will come from a dissertation of around 10,000 - 12,000 words.

If you are studying full-time you will complete the course in one year, from September to September. If you are studying part-time, your course will take two years to complete; Part-time MSc students will be expected to take The Politics of Health & Medicine, Critical Policy Research and one optional module in year one, with the remaining required modules taken in year two.
Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. If you are studying the MSc course, you will take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:

- Dissertation in Medicine, Health & Public Policy (60 credits)
- The Politics of Health & Medicine (30 credits)
- Critical Policy Research for Health & Medicine (15 credits)
- Foundations in Global Health & Social Medicine (30 credits)

You are also required to take 15 credits from one of the following research methods modules:

- Designing Quantitative Research for Social Science & Health (15 credits)
- Designing Qualitative Research for Social Science & Health (15 credits)

Part-time students will be expected to take The Politics of Health & Medicine, Critical Policy Research, and one optional module in year one, with the remaining required modules taken in year two.

Optional Modules
In addition to the required modules, you are required to take 30 credits from a range of optional modules that may typically include:

- Ethics at the End of Life (Centre of Medical Law and Ethics) (15 credits)
- Ethics of Clinical Research (15 credits)
- Pharmaceuticals & Society (15 credits)
- Quantitative Data Analysis (15 credits)
- Global Health Ethics (15 credits)
- Researching Vulnerable Populations (15 credits)

You may also take Master’s modules offered across King’s College London, subject to approvals. Students can opt to take an additional Internship module which will increase their total credits for the degree to 200.

King’s College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.
Location
This degree is taught primarily at the King's College London Strand Campus. Please note that locations are determined by where each module is taught and may vary depending on the optional modules you select.

Career prospects
The MSc in Medicine, Health & Public Policy is ideal for health professionals, graduates in relevant disciplines, policy makers, those who work in governmental and non-governmental organisations and anyone wishing to develop advanced, interdisciplinary understanding of the complex relationships between medicine, science and society. Teaching focuses on cutting-edge research within socio-ethical studies of health, medicine and public policy, and provides a firm grounding in the knowledge, analytical techniques and research methods used within advanced social research. In doing so, it equips students with a set of skills and understandings that are necessary for future careers in the fields of policymaking and regulation, in health-related governmental and non-governmental agencies, and in university teaching and research.

Fees and funding
Full-time & part-time tuition fees UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King’s terms and conditions.

Full-time & part-time tuition fees International
The International tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit
When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.
The INTERNATIONAL deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs
In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

• books if you choose to buy your own copies
• clothing for optional course related events and competitions
• library fees and fines
• personal photocopies
• printing course handouts
• society membership fees
• stationery
• graduation costs
• travel costs for travel around London and between campuses.

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