Global Health & Social Medicine BSc (Hons), Global Health & Social Medicine with a Year Abroad BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: L510, L512

2018 entry

Duration: Three, or four years with a year abroad

Study mode: Full-time

Global Health & Social Medicine BSc is the ideal degree for students seeking to make a difference to improving health and wellbeing, locally and globally, by shaping effective health policies and health care delivery systems.

Students on the Global Health & Social Medicine with a Year Abroad BSc will spend their third year studying abroad before returning to complete a final year with King's. Students on the three year course may transfer to the four year Global Health & Social Medicine with a Year Abroad BSc. Studying abroad will be dependent on levels of achievement in second year modules.

Key benefits

- We offer excellent opportunities to study social aspects of health and medicine in a multidisciplinary context with close collaboration between the social sciences, life sciences and biomedicine.
- The chance to combine high-level social science with an introduction to the main areas of biomedical knowledge and the implications for clinical practice.
- Our study courses are delivered by internationally renowned clinicians and academics with a strong focus on transdisciplinary education in key areas of health, disease and medicine.

Course details

Modern society recognises the importance of the health and has created supportive healthcare systems to maintain welfare and to tackle diseases. These systems are not only ‘medical’, such as training and certifying doctors, networks of general practitioners, hospitals and specialised clinics, they are also ‘social’, covering the provision of clean water, food and sanitation, the design of accommodation, education in child development and the promotion of health and hygiene.

The Global Health & Social Medicine BSc is an interdisciplinary degree course that creates unique opportunities to combine social sciences with an introduction to key areas of medicine. This course will provide you with the intellectual skills, practical knowledge and research techniques required for independent critical thinking and analysis.
Teaching
You will be taught through a combination of lectures, seminars and small group tutorials.

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Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment
You will be assessed through a range of techniques including examinations, coursework and tutorial participation.

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Course structure
Courses are divided into modules. Each year you will normally take modules totalling 120 credits.

Year 1
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- Introduction to Global Health 1 & 2 (15 credits each)
- Introduction to Social Medicine 1 & 2 (15 credits each)
- Research Practice & Design Studio (30 credits)

You are also required to select one of the below biomedical pathways to follow throughout your degree from and take 30 credits from that pathway to make up 25% of your first year of study:

- Neuroscience pathway
  - Cell Biology & Neuroscience (15 credits)
  - Fundamentals of Pharmacology (15 credits)

- Pharmacology pathway
  - Fundamentals of Pharmacology (15 credits)
  - Biochemistry (15 credits)

- Ageing pathway
  - The Immune System in Health & Disease (15 credits)
  - Human Nutrition (15 credits)

Year 2
Required modules
You are required to take the following modules:
- Key Concepts in Global Health (30 credits)
- Key Concepts in Social Medicine (30 credits)
- Case Studies in Global Health & Social Medicine (15 credits)
- The Dissertation Laboratory (15 credits)

Optional modules
In addition, you are required to take further optional modules according to your selected pathway.

- Neuroscience pathway
  Optional modules may typically include:
  - Neuroscience (30 credits)

- Pharmacology pathway
  Optional modules may typically include:
  - Drugs & Disease (15 credits)
  - Physiology & Pharmacology of the CNS (15 credits)

- Ageing pathway
  Optional modules may typically include:
  - The Immune System in Health & Disease (15 credits)
  - Human Nutrition (15 credits)

Year 3
Global Health & Social Medicine with a Year Abroad BSc
Students on the four year course will spend their third year studying abroad before returning to complete a final year with King’s. This will depend on reaching a certain grade average and being accepted by a partner university.
Our partner institutions currently include:
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of Melbourne
- Western University
- National University of Singapore
- Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore

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If you are studying the three year BSc, you will take the final year modules in your third year.

Final year

Required modules
You are required to study the following modules:
- Contemporary Crises in Global Health & Social Medicine (15 credits)
- Dissertation in Global Health & Social Medicine (30 credits)

Optional modules
In addition you are required to take 30 credits
from your chosen biomedical pathway and
also the cultural attractions of the South Bank and
Covent Garden close by. The library and
computing facilities are readily accessible
together with the opportunity to use the
University of London Library at Senate House.

Location
The degree course is delivered across three
campuses – the Strand Campus, the Guy’s
Campus and the Waterloo Campus. Both
are close to the River Thames, with facilities
offered by the university easily available and
also the cultural attractions of the South Bank and
Covent Garden close by. The library and
computing facilities are readily accessible
together with the opportunity to use the
University of London Library at Senate House.

Career prospects
With the job market becoming ever more
competitive, it has been reported that King’s
offers its graduates the best job prospects
of any London or Russell Group university,
with an employment rate of 95.2 percent,
an increase of 2.6 percent on last year.
The data, compiled by The Careers Group,
University of London, is based on institutional
Employment Performance Indicators (EPI)
for full-time, first degree, UK domiciled
graduates in work or further study.

King’s has the highest EPI in the Russell
Group and the largest increase in benchmark
performance from 2009-10 figures.

The results also place King’s third overall
in the UK as reported in The Telegraph’s
‘Top 10 universities for getting a job’.
Robert Hall, Director of Library Services
& Employability, said: ‘This is testament to
the commitment the university is making
in ensuring that our students develop the
right skills to succeed in the work place.’

This degree course equips students for a wide
range of career options in the health services,
in public health, in government and NGOs in
the UK and elsewhere, and in the commercial
medical and health sectors, as well as for future
careers in academic research and teaching.

Fees and funding

Full time tuition fees UK
The UK tuition fees for the 2018-19 academic
year are available on our course we page:
kcl.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/
global-health-and-social-medicine-bsc.aspx

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 tuition fees EU
Current regulations allow some students to
pay UK tuition fees on the basis of their EU
citizenship or residency. Until these eligibility
criteria are changed, the EU tuition fee will
remain the same as the UK tuition fee.

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Full time tuition fees International
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Additional costs
In addition to your tuition costs, 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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