

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2021-22: MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine



About the course

The MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine is a full-time one-year multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary programme examining major challenges to the health of populations in resource-limited contexts. The course is embedded within the Oxford Centre for Tropical Medicine and Global Health, Nuffield Department of Medicine.

The course aims to develop students:

- knowledge and understanding of the major global health problems in resource-limited settings and their potential solutions;
- knowledge and skills in research techniques applied in the analysis of global health problems, including quantitative and qualitative research methods, health policy and systems research and public health, with opportunities for training in additional specialist fields;
- capacity to critically appraise evidence in global health;
- skills and practical experience in researching specific health problems in resource limited contexts

Course structure

Core Modules

The first term will consist of topics on research methods, an overview of some major global health challenges, and topics related to the research and practice of global health.

Core modules include:

- Paradigms and Tools for Global Health (including epidemiology, statistics, health economics, qualitative and mixed methods)
- Challenges and Change in International Health
- Global Health Research and Practice

Options

During the second term, in addition to some continued core content, students select two of the following seven module options for further study:

- Case Studies in Field Epidemiology
- Development, Environment and Health
- International Development and Health
- Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases
- Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Research during Outbreaks
- Vaccinology

Placement Project and Dissertation

The third term will involve a funded eight-week placement with a global health project in a resource limited setting. Projects represent the range of subjects covered in the course. The department will have a series of projects to choose from each year, hosted by partners in various geographic regions.

This research project will form the basis of a 10,000-word dissertation to be submitted six weeks after return from placement.

Leadership and Communication Training

In addition to the core curriculum, you will benefit from leadership and communication training including:

- Preparation of policy briefs to be presented at the Houses of Parliament
- Debate training and a public debate at the Oxford Union
- Leadership training and team building workshops
- Media training
- Negotiation workshops

Moreover, a series of sessions will be organised with senior, internationally-recognised figures in global health. Sessions will be outside the structure of lectures and seminars for core modules, intended to provide stimulating materials to integrate global

health thinking and perspectives.

You will also have the opportunity to attend research seminars across the University.

A series of career events will be made available throughout the year and skills-building activities integrated in the curriculum to support various trajectories.

Cohort-oriented teaching and group-based learning

Students on the course are expected to become engaged members of their cohort by actively participating in all classroom sessions, group work activities and cohort exercises. The teaching programme, by design, relies on collaboration. Peer and self-directed learning are key elements of our cohort-based teaching. The overall collective orientation of the course is deliberately design to contribute to the students' professional development.

Assessment

Core modules will be assessed as follows:

- Paradigms and Tools for Global Health (including epidemiology, statistics, health economics, qualitative and mixed methods): will be assessed via an unseen paper in Week 0 of Trinity Term.
- Challenges and Change in International Health and Global Health Research and Practice: will be assessed via a 2,500 written piece with an additional 300 word executive summary, to be completed within 48h upon receipt of the exam questions.
- All options, except Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases, will be assessed by a 3,000 to 4,000 word essay in early April.
- Assessment for the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases module will require submission of a computer program or a piece of mathematical analysis (both of which are the equivalent of 1,000 words) accompanied by a short report of 2,000 to 3,000 words.

Finally, the research project carried out during the third term will form the basis of a 10,000 word dissertation to be submitted six weeks after return from placement.

Supervision

The allocation of graduate supervision for this course is the responsibility of the Nuffield Department of Medicine and it is not always possible to accommodate the preferences of incoming graduate students to work with a particular member of staff. Under exceptional circumstances a supervisor may be found outside the Nuffield Department of Medicine.

Each student will be assigned an academic advisor who will support them through the duration of the course. Students will also have a placement supervisor related to their chosen placement.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. These may include significant changes made necessary by a pandemic (including Covid-19), epidemic or local health emergency. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>) and our page on changes to courses (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/coursechanges>).

Expected length of course

	Full Time Only
Expected length	12 months

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2021-22

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home (UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man)	£19,200
Overseas (including EU)	£40,500

Course fees are payable each year, for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay course fees). For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

Course fees cover your teaching as well as other academic services and facilities provided to support your studies. Unless specified in the additional cost information (below), course fees do not cover your accommodation, residential costs or other living costs. They also don't cover any additional costs and charges that are outlined in the additional cost information.

Additional cost information

There are no compulsory elements of this course that entail additional costs beyond fees and living costs. However, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Please note that, depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your course fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2021-22 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

Likely living costs for 2021-22

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£280	£400	£2,520	£3,600	£3,360	£4,800
Accommodation	£655	£790	£5,895	£7,110	£7,860	£9,480
Personal items	£130	£250	£1,170	£2,250	£1,560	£3,000
Social activities	£45	£115	£405	£1,035	£540	£1,380
Study costs	£45	£100	£405	£900	£540	£1,200
Other	£20	£55	£180	£495	£240	£660
Total	£1,175	£1,710	£10,575	£15,390	£14,100	£20,520

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2021-22, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.

Document accessibility

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