

# Programme Regulations 2022–2023

### **Epidemiology**

MSc PGDip PGCert and Individual modules

Important document – please read This document contains important information that governs your registration, assessment and programme of study

Programme Regulations 2022	2023 Epidemiology (MSc/PGDip/PGCert/Individual
modules)	

### Important information regarding the Programme Regulations

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

These Programme Regulations are designed and developed by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) Programme Regulations, together with the Programme Student Handbook (available to registered students on the <u>LSHTM VLE</u>), will provide the detailed rules and guidance for your programme of study

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the <u>General Regulations</u>. These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the University of London and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

The relevant General Regulations and the Programme Regulations relating to your registration with us are for the current year and not the year in which you initially registered.

On all matters where the regulations are to be interpreted, or are silent, our decision will be final.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the relevant Courses page of the website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

#### **Terminology**

The following language is specific to the Epidemiology programme:

Module: Individual units of the programme are called modules. Each module is a self-contained, formally structured learning experience with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

If you have a query about any of the programme information provided, please contact us. You should use the *ask a questionq*button in the <u>Student Portal.</u>

#### Changes to Epidemiology Regulations 2022-2023:

# Alternative Assessments during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

In line with our current General Regulations, the University may offer you alternative assessments where necessary. This includes holding online timed examinations in place of written examinations which are usually held at examination centres. Please note that this statement replaces any published information relating to assessments or written examinations in any of our materials including the website. Previously published materials relating to examinations should therefore be read in conjunction with this statement.

The University of London continues to work towards supporting the academic progression of all its students. The University also continues to be mindful of the health and wellbeing of its students during this pandemic, whilst protecting the academic standards of its awards.

### **Programme Regulations**

#### **Blended learning**

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Blended Learning study enables you to combine distance learning study with a period of full-time study at LSHTM. If you have registered for either the MSc or the PGDip and have been permitted to proceed to the elective modules, you may study up to two elective modules at LSHTM in place of distance learning modules. There will be restrictions on the choice of elective modules available for Blended Learning study, the period of time in which the study of these modules must be completed and the number of students who can register for Blended Lea

### 3 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

To be read in conjunction with the General Regulations, Section 3 and the LSHTM Academic

See the website for the list of examination centres.

#### 4.13

The assessed assignments for all modules must be submitted by the deadlines given in the guidelines for the assignments and the LSHTM Student Handbook, both of which are available to registered students on the LSHTM Virtual Learning Environment. Assessed assignments must be submitted electronically (unless otherwise specified in the assignment requirements).

#### 4.14

Extensions to assignment deadlines will only be given in extenuating circumstances, and will only be considered if an application to the <u>LSHTM Extenuating Circumstances</u> Committee is made and has been received **before the deadline**. An assignment received after the deadline, without an agreed extension, will either be downgraded or will not be marked (see section 8b.6.5.10 of the <u>Academic Manual</u>).

#### Materials and aids allowed in the examination room

See **General Regulations** for Rules for taking written examinations

### 5 Number of attempts permitted at an examination

#### 5.1

The maximum number of attempts permitted at any assignment or unseen written examination is two. If you fail a module at the first attempt, you will be permitted to make a second attempt (resit). Extenuating circumstances may be taken into account which may allow for more attempts.

#### 5.2

If you fail a module which is assessed by two or more elements of assessment (unseen written examination and/or one or more assignment(s)), you will normally have to resit at least one element of the module assessment, but may have to resit both or all elements, depending on whether the element is compensatable or not (see Chapter 8b of the LSHTM <u>Academic Manual</u>).

#### 5.3

If you fail a module which is assessed by two or more elements of assessment (unseen written examination and/or one or more assessed assignment(s)), having passed one element but not the other, you may only resit the failed element.

#### 5.4

If you resit the assessed assignment element of a module assessment, you must submit a fresh assignment in answer to a new question or assignment topic.

#### 5.5

For all modules the highest grade awarded will count towards the final award, whether received at the first or subsequent attempt.

More details can be found in the LSHTM Academic Manual about extenuating circumstances

#### **Project Report (EPM500)**

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If your proposal for the Project Report has been approved and you are unable to submit the completed report by the stated deadline you must either request an extension to the deadline or request a deferral from the Project Organiser before the submission deadline. An extension to the deadline for the final Project Report submission will only be granted where there are extenuating circumstances and if requested before the deadline. A Project Report received after the deadline, without an agreed extension, will not be considered for marking and you will have to resubmit your

### Progression and transfer of registration from an individual module

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If you wish to progress from an individual module and register for the PGCert, PGDip or MSc Epidemiology, you must follow the sequence of modules given within the programme structure and module specifications in <a href="Appendix A">Appendix A</a>. Advice on the previous knowledge you are expected to have to undertake a particular module is also given within the module specifications.

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EPM2 Two compulsory modules (30 credits in total)

EPM201 Study design: writing a grant application [15 credits]

EPM202 Statistical methods in epidemiology [15 credits]

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#### Three elective modules (45 credits in total)

At least two modules must be selected from the EPM3 selection group listed below.\*

The remaining module can be chosen from other elective modules listed below.

Up to two LSHTM in-house modules via the blended learning study option may be chosen in place of up to two of the above EPM2 or elective modules, subject to module restrictions.

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**EPM400** A compulsory Final Examination (no credits assigned)

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EPM500 A compulsory Project Report (45 credits)

#### **Elective modules**

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EPM301	Epidemiology of infectious diseases [15 credits]
EPM302	Modelling and the dynamics of infectious diseases [15 credits]
EPM304	Advanced statistical methods in epidemiology [15 credits]
EPM307	Global epidemiology of non-communicable diseases [15 credits]

#### CTM<sub>2</sub>

CTM202	Trial designs [15 credits]
CTM203	Project management and research co-ordination [15 credits]
CTM204	Regulatory affairs, good clinical practice and ethics [15 credits]
CTM208	Further statistical methods in clinical trials [15 credits]
CTM209	Cluster randomised trials [15 credits]

#### IDM<sub>2</sub>

IDM201	Bacterial infections [15 credits]
IDM202	Nutrition and infection [15 credits]
IDM203	Parasitology [15 credits]
IDM205	Healthcare-associated infections [15 credits]
IDM213	Immunology of infection and vaccines [15 credits]
IDM215	Water, sanitation and hygiene [15 credits]

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IDM3	
IDM301	Epidemiology and control of infectious diseases [15 credits]prerequisiy Tfu t6h (ci)5(a)6(oo)3(n)1
IDM5	
IDM501	HIV [15 credits]
IDM502	Tuberculosis [15 credits]
IDM503	Malaria [15 credits]
PHM2	
PHM201	Health decision science [15 credits]
PHM203	Economic analysis for health policy [15 credits]
PHM204	Economic evaluation [15 credits]
PHM205	Environmental epidemiology [15 credits]
PHM206	Environmental health policy [15 credits]
PHM207	Health care evaluation [15 credits]
PHM209	Globalisation and health [15 credits]
PHM210	Managing health services [15 credits]
PHM211	Medical anthropology in public health [15 credits]
PHM212	Organisational management [15 credits]
PHM213	Principles and practice of health promotion [15 credits]
PHM214	Conflict and health [15 credits]
PHM215	History and health [15 credits]
PHM216	Sexual health [15 credits]
PHM219	Evaluation of public health interventions [15 credits]

#### **Important Notes:**

You must check each module specification prior to registration as modules may have specific prerequisites(ci)5(f)-1 0 595(i)BT/F2 11.04 Tf1 0 (ofo2s37 41i0 0 1 166£ 07c)3(9)] TJETQeqreny0.00Q3()3

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You must have good internet access as the study materials for many modules are delivered online.

You are recommended to have completed EPM202 before taking EPM304. However, you may attempt EPM202 and/or EPM304 in the same year but it is recommended that you have achieved at least grade 3 in EPM102 Statistics for epidemiology if you choose to do this.

The examination numbers precede the module titles and these numbers should be used when completing examination entry forms.

Not all elective modules will necessarily be available every year.

### **Appendix A1 Module restrictions**

Some modules have been withdrawn from study and replaced with updated versions. You may not register for or study the following currently available modules if you have already been awarded credits and a grade for the equivalent withdrawn module as follows:

Previous module withdrawn: