

The UCL Centre for International Health and Development (CIHD) at the Institute of Child Health (ICH) was launched in September 2006 following the amalgamation of the International Health and Medical Education Centre, the Centre for International Child Health and the International Perinatal Care Unit. This merger has created an exciting new Centre with extensive expertise in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as a 5* rated research portfolio. The Centre's vision is to become one of Europe's leading academic centres for global health and development through its own work as well as being part of UCL's Institute for Global Health, a new and exciting cross-disciplinary collaboration between departments across the university. We welcome intercalating medical students from across the UK and affiliate students from other parts of the world to be part of this exciting new Centre.

About the BSc

The Global Health BSc is a year-long course for intercalating medical students and was the first of its kind in Europe to offer teaching in global health issues to medical students from UCL and across the UK.

The course is designed to give students a thorough understanding of global health and the economic, social, political and cultural forces that shape health and health systems worldwide. Course modules cover a huge variety of subjects from medicines to asylum seekers, from global trade to gender.

Each module is led by one or more course tutors who direct its content and lead the majority of tutorials. Students also benefit from the expertise of lecturers from a wide variety of disciplines, including medicine, public health, political science, anthropology and economics, as well as experts from NGOs and government policy makers.

With ongoing interaction between students and tutors, discussion and debate are important features of the course. In many instances, students are free to explore areas that particularly interest them. This flexibility, combined with the diversity of tutors' expertise, makes for a dynamic and varied year.

Application information

Application forms are available from UCL in early January and the deadline is normally the first week in March, (TBC). Make sure that to give yourself time to apply as you may be required to organise signed references etc. Application CANNOT be done online. Application forms can be obtained from the Life Sciences Faculty Office, by contacting Rebecca Holmes. These are first processed through the Life Sciences Faculty and are then passed on to CIHD. An online prospectus for intercalated degrees at UCL is currently available.

We also accept affiliate students undertaking a study abroad year at UCL. Applications for the International Health Affiliate Programme are processed through the UCL International Office.

For further details on the application process please check the undergraduate pages of our website.

Please note: UCL does not accept applications from students external to UCL (except international affiliate students).



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Intercalated BSc in Global Health



Prospectus

Module information

Over the year, students take modules which add up to a value of 4 units. Modules are assessed in a variety of ways including oral presentations, essays, poster presentations and unseen written exams. A 10,000 word project on a global health subject of your choice is an important feature of the degree.



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Compulsory modules

CIHD3001 Global Health Policy

1 course unit

The aim of this two-term module is to introduce students to the global health policy environment. It involves analysis of the key stakeholders in policy formulation and their involvement in changing patterns of health care provision. The role of governments, NGOs, supranational institutions and corporations is examined in the context of complex global trends in health and health care.

CIHD3002 Health, Poverty and Development

0.5 course units

This module introduces students to some of the key dilemmas encountered in international development. Covering the fierce debates about how to deal with poverty, disease, global warming and globalization (amongst other issues), students will learn some basic economic theory and a range of political and sociological ideas that will help them to understand the state of the world today.

CIHD3003 Conflict, Humanitarianism and Health

0.5 course units

This module provides students with an understanding of recent patterns of violent conflict and their causes and consequences, and introduces them to important issues around humanitarian law and intervention. Global power relations and international interventions to protect human rights provide the backdrop to the module. Students will also get the opportunity to examine the difficulties of providing health interventions in situations of conflict and disaster, alongside important ethical debates around the politicisation of humanitarianism and different attitudes towards truth and reconciliation in the aftermath of conflict.

CIHD3901 Global Health Project

1.5 course units

All students undertake a report on a topic of their own choice related to international health. The project component of the course is aimed at giving students experience of the creation of an extended, individually-designed piece of written work. The project module takes place throughout the year and is self-directed with support from a supervisor. At its end, the student is required to submit a 10,000 word report.

Optional modules

Choice of one from the following:

CIHD3004 Global Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases

0.5 course units

In this module students are introduced to global patterns of both communicable and non-communicable diseases. Students will learn about the control and management of these diseases, and the political, economic and social factors that influence them. The course focuses on infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases, while also reflecting the growing burden of non-communicable diseases in both developed and developing countries.

CIHD3005 Maternal and Child Health

0.5 course units

This course provides an introduction to the problems facing mothers and children across the world. We take a life-course approach, beginning with neonatal health and moving on to child mortality and adolescent health before looking at issues facing mothers. We also look at some pertinent issues facing mothers and children, such as malnutrition and the impact of society and culture on pregnancy and childbirth. All of these issues are examined in the context of global economic, political and social patterns affecting mothers and children.

CIHD3006 Anthropological Perspectives on Global Health

0.5 course units

This module introduces students to anthropological perspectives on global health and medicine by exploring the way in which health, illness and life events are understood in different cultural contexts, and the implications of this for care-seeking. The objectives of the course are to link illness experience with socio-political factors; understand cultural influences on health and sickness in different global contexts; appreciate the celebration of and resistance to biomedicine in local contexts; and develop cultural and personal empathy through an appreciation of radically different conceptualisations of sickness; and encourage greater dialogue between social anthropology, public health and medical research.