MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management

A two-year part-time MSc

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Welcome

The MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) provides an opportunity to engage with the UK’s top academics, policy-makers and professionals in international health, health economics and management. Participants will be taught by leading UK and European academics in the areas of health economics, management and policy. Your peers in the programme will include a diverse group of professionals from various health services, insurance funds, international agencies and health care, pharmaceutical and consulting companies from across the globe. The programme starts annually in December.

How does the programme work?
Participants will attend four two-week intensive teaching sessions at LSE over the course of two years. These intensive sessions will include a combination of academic lectures and seminars, individual meetings with faculty tutors, revision sessions and invitations to lectures from visiting academics and policy-makers. Following the completion of coursework, participants will undertake a dissertation with individual supervision from a member of LSE Health staff. In total, participants will attend eight half unit courses each taught over 4.5 continuous days.

What can I study?

We require several compulsory courses but also allow participants to tailor their programme to their interests with elective course choices.

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June of Year 2

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Special guest lectures from
- Regulatory agencies
- The European Commission
- International agencies (WHO, World Bank)
- Health Technology Assessment authorities
- Ministries of Health.
The course in detail

What will my course load look like?

How is the course organised over the two year time period?

**Programme Year one**

**December**
- Session one – Introductory meeting
  - 9.5 teaching days

**April (1st Monday)***
- Two assessed essays for Session one due

**June**
- Session two – two exams on December coursework
  - nine teaching days

**October (2nd Monday)**
- Two assessed essays for Session two due

**Programme Year Two**

**December**
- Session three – two exams on June coursework
  - nine teaching days

**April (1st Monday)***
- Two assessed essays for Session three due

**June**
- Session four – two exams on December coursework
  - nine teaching days

**August (2nd Monday)**
- Two assessed essays for Session four due

**September (1st Monday)**
- One day exam session and dissertation due

**December**
- Graduation

* Due dates for assessed essay may be changed for holidays and school closures

What will one intensive session look like?

All sessions will start on Mondays and end by mid-afternoon on Fridays. During the first session of the first year, we will have an introductory meeting Monday prior to the first lecture to introduce the courses, staff and allow students to meet each other. There are also social functions throughout the programme. There will be between four and six hours of teaching time per day during each session. We also have at least one guest speaker come during each session week to speak about a topic related to the teaching. In the past we have had a former chief executive of the NHS and a health economist who is a member of a NICE decision-making committee.

**In Year One (compulsory courses)**

**Session one (two weeks)**

Health Economics
- Healthcare and insurance markets
- Costs and efficiency
- Economics of financing care
- Incentive mechanisms
- Economic evaluation
- Problems of rationing health care.

Financing Health Care
- Economic, political and philosophical perspectives on financing care
- Financing mechanisms in different countries
- Analysis on how financing choice affects providers, payers and patients.

**Session two (two weeks)**

Resource Allocation and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
- Theory behind health economic evaluation
- Design of cost-effectiveness analysis studies
- Measuring costs
- Calculating outcomes (QALYs, DALYs).

Health Management
- Challenges of managing complex health care systems
- Leadership and strategy in healthcare
- Effective management.

**In Year Two (elective courses)**

**Session three (two weeks)**

Measuring Health System Performance
- Understanding the principles of performance measurement in health systems and health care organizations
- Appreciate the challenges, approaches and opportunities when measuring domains such as equity, efficiency and quality
- Understand the methodological issues facing performance measurement
- Identify key issues relevant to policy makers when using indicators for management

Principles of Evidence-Based Medicine and Clinical Trials
- Understand how risk factors and causes of disease are examined
- Understand how to evaluate methods to prevent, detect or treat disease, or prevent early death
- Interpret reports in the medical literature
- Interpret an accumulation of evidence (systematic reviews)
- Study conduct – ethics, regulations, patient information and informed consent.

**Session four (two weeks)**

Advanced Health Economics
- International comparisons of health care expenditure
- Health care insurance and Contract theory applied to the health care sector (including principal-agent theory and incentive payment mechanisms)
- Equity in health care
- Health behaviour
- Introduction to econometric analysis applied to health care data.

Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy
- Basic features of pharmaceutical markets
- Goals of pharmaceutical policies and regulations
- Impact of policies and regulations on market outcomes
- Role of country context (cultural, social factors).

Here is an example:

**Year one – Session Two in June**

**Week one:**
- Monday – two exams for Health Economics and Financing Health Care taught in Session one (December)
- Tuesday – Friday (ending about 3pm) – teaching time for Resource Allocation and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis

**Week two:**
- Monday (until midday) – teaching time for Resource Allocation and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
- Monday afternoon – Friday (ending about 3pm) – teaching time for Health Management

Note: This example course load changes based timetabling.
Selected course lecturers

LSE Academic staff

- **Professor Gwyn Bevan**
  Professor of Management Science, Department of Management, LSE
  - Associated with LSE Health and the Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR)
  - Member of the Department of Health's two advisory groups on resource allocation
  - Seconded (2001 to 2003) to the Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) as Director of the Office for Information on Health Care Performance
  - Has worked for the National Coal Board, HM Treasury, and an economic consultancy; and, as an academic, at Warwick Business School, and the Medical Schools of St Thomas's Hospital and Bristol University.
  - Research interests: comparative analysis of the impacts of different policies between UK countries on performance of health and educational services; developing methods and processes to reallocate resources to achieve better value for money; allocating resources to improve equity; system reform to achieve better value for money; allocating educational services; developing methods and European pharmaceutical regulation.

- **Dr Joan Costa-Font**
  Senior Lecturer in Political Economy, European Institute and Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Research interests: economics of health system organization, incentives for health behaviour, long term care financing and European pharmaceutical regulation.

- **Dr Ela Klecun**
  Lecturer in Information Systems, Department of Management, LSE
  - PhD and MSc in Information Systems, both from LSE
  - Member of a team evaluating the National Care Records Service in secondary care funded by the Connecting for Health Evaluation Programme.
  - Research interests: implementation of information systems (IS) in healthcare organisations, information policy and strategies for IS in health, evaluation of IS, societal and organisational implications of new technologies.

- **Dr Panos Kanavos**
  Reader in International Health Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Merck Fellow in Pharmaceutical Economics, LSE Health, LSE
  - Visiting Professor, University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Advisor to a number of international governmental and non-governmental organisations, including the World Bank, the WHO and the OECD, the American Association for Retired Persons and Ministries of Health in over 21 transition and developing countries. Has participated in the European Pharmaceutical Forum as advisor to the European Commission.
  - Research interests: comparative health policy and health care reform; pharmacological economics and policy; quality in health care; and the socio-economic determinants of health.

- **Dr Tony Cornford**
  Senior Lecturer in Information Systems, Information Systems and Innovation Group, Department of Management, LSE
  - Presently a member of two teams undertaking evaluations of key aspects of the NHS National Programme for Information Technology (NPfIT) funded by the Connecting for Health Evaluation Programme.
  - Research interests: various aspects of healthcare information systems and has published studies on telehealth, technology and health policy, electronic prescribing systems, evaluation, and healthcare infrastructures.

- **Professor Paul Dolan**
  Professor, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Chief academic adviser on economic appraisal for the Government Economic Service
  - Recently a seconded member of the Behavioural Insights Team in the Cabinet Office.
  - Research interests: developing measures of subjective well-being that can be used in policy, particularly in the valuation of non-market goods and in “joining-up” the impact of changes in education, health, crime, the environment etc and ways in which the lessons from behavioural economics can be used to understand and change individual behaviour. This work is focussing on the important role that situational factors play in influencing behaviour.

- **Dr Lisa Kurumäki**
  Reader in Accounting, Department of Accounting, LSE
  - Research Associate of the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR) at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
  - Lisa holds an MSc and a PhD from the University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
  - She has presented her research findings in various settings to health care professionals and management as well as public sector policy makers.
  - Research Interests: Accounting aspects of public sector reforms the encounter between accounting, accountants and non-accountants such as medical and social care professional, public sector management accounting and public sector auditing

- **Dr Grace Lordan**
  Lecturer in Health Economics, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Holds an adjunct position at the Centre of Health Economics, Monash
  - Completed her PhD in 2009 at Trinity College Dublin.
  - Research interests: General interest in health economics in the context of developed and developing countries, the impact of racism on health and labor market outcomes, health and recessions, issues relating to donor assistance for health in developing countries and the micro determinants of health outcomes (including mental health, obesity and general health).

- **Professor Alistair McGuire**
  Professor of Health Economics, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Research Associate of the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR)
  - Advisor to wide range of UK and international bodies including the Cabinet Office, UK Department of Health, WHO, World Bank, a number of international pharmaceutical companies, research councils (including the ESRC and the MRC), economic consultant to a number of foreign governments
  - Has written numerous books, articles and reports in health economics.
  - Research interests: economic evaluation (especially when conducted alongside clinical trials), the economics of the hospital, technological diffusion, and health care insurance.

- **Professor Peter Miller**
  Professor of Management Accounting, Department of Accounting, LSE
  - Research Associate of the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR) at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
  - He is an Editor of Accounting, Organizations and Society, and has published in a wide range of accounting, management and sociology journals.
  - His most recent books are Governing the Present, written jointly with Nikolas Rose (Polity Press, 2008), and Accounting, Organizations and Institutions, jointly edited with Christopher Chapman and David Cooper (Oxford University Press, 2008).
  - Research Interests: management accounting in both the public and the corporate sector.

- **Professor Elias Mossialos**
  Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Director of LSE Health, LSE
  - Advisor to the WHO, European Medicines Agency, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the World Bank, the UK Office of Fair Trading, Ministries of Health and Social Affairs in Belgium, Brazil, China, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Kazakhstan, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain and Sweden and health insurance funds in Austria, Croatia, France, Hungary and South Korea.
  - Awarded the Andrija Stampar medal by the Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe (ASPHEN) and the European Public Health Association (EUPHA) in 2010 for contributions to European public health
  - Research interests: comparative health policy, addressing questions related to funding health care, pharmaceutical policies, private health insurance and the impact of EU law on health care systems.

- **Professor Brian Mossialos**
  Professor of Health Economics, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Has worked with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies on Performance Measurement work and has advised the WHO on performance measurement issues.
  - Teaches Health Systems Performance Assessment and Health Administration and Management.
  - Research interests: methodological issues related to measuring performance of public sector institutions, use of performance information for health system improvement, payment mechanisms which use performance information.

- **Dr Irene Papanicolas**
  Lecturer in Health Economics, Department of Social Policy, LSE
  - Research Associate of the Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation (CARR) at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
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• Has worked as a consultant to the UK Department of Health, private hospital companies, foreign governments, pharmaceutical companies and various international consultancies.
• Teaches on health economics and cost-effectiveness analysis.

Research interests: applications of behavioural economics to public health risks and health care usage including pharmaceuticals and vaccinations, and the use of cost-effectiveness to make coverage decisions.

Dr Sarah Thomson
Deputy Director, LSE Health

• Senior Research Fellow, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, LSE
• Has advised the European Commission on policy decisions.
• Has worked as a consultant to the UK Department of Health, private hospital companies and various international consultancies.

Research interests: health economics, pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research.

Dr Michael Holland
Consultant Psychiatrist and Associate Medical Director for Quality Improvement and Revalidation at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

• MBA from London Business School
• Lead for the development of the quality assurance systems for medical staff and the development of quality improvement systems within the Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.
• Was a Quality Improvement fellow at the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement
• Worked at a National Specialist hospital to improve the capacity and efficiency of outpatient services
• Has worked for the Safer Care team at the NHS Institute to deliver patient safety training for Mental Health Trusts in England.
• Been an advisor to the National Patient Safety Agency on improving safety in Mental Health.

Research Interests: Quality Improvement and Safety systems.

Professor Mike Drummond
Professor of Health Economics, University of York

• Consultant to the World Health Organisation; Project Leader of a EU Project on the Methodology of Economic Appraisal of Health Technology
• Served on the Boards of Directors of the International Society of Technology Assessment in Health Care and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research.
• Was Director of the York Centre for Health Economics from December 1995 to September 2005.
• Has been President of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, and will be Past-President until 30 June 2008.

Research interests: economic evaluation of health care treatments and programmes.

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Non-LSE Academic Staff

Ms Jane Schiemann
Programme Administrator MSc HEPM, LSE

• Previously Office Manager, LSE Centre for Civil Society and Programme Administrator of the ESRC Non-Governmental Public Action Programme.

Teaching
What kind of teaching methods will be used?
Each course will include lectures and seminars. Some courses such as Statistic Methods in Economic Evaluation and Resource Allocation and Cost-Effectiveness Analysis will have applied seminars to teach specific methods and perform specific analyses using relevant software such as Excel, STATA and Treeee.

What kind of work will I have to do for the intensive teaching sessions?
Remote access to required and recommended reading materials will be available prior to each teaching session. We also will recommend the names of any required textbooks prior to each session. We would advise that all students read the required readings to get the most out of the intensive teaching sessions.

Will I have a personal tutor?
Yes, each student will be allocated a member of LSE staff as a personal tutor.

Who will be teaching?
We will have a combination of academic staff leading each course with guest lecturers from governments, healthcare providers, international organisations and consulting firms.

Assessment
How will my work be assessed?
Most courses will have one piece of coursework – often a 2,000-3,000 word essay or project – and an exam. Exams will take place two times per year at the beginning of intensive sessions two, three and four as well as during a one day meeting on the first Monday of September for the final two exams. All participants will also complete a MSc dissertation (5,000 words) with the supervision of a member of LSE staff.

Can my dissertation be related to my everyday work activities?
Yes and if necessary, examiners can sign data confidentiality agreements for commercially sensitive information. Dissertations will only be seen by those who have signed such a confidentiality agreement.

How long will it take to receive a degree?
We offer multiple exit options based on the number of courses taken. The MSc will take two years. Certificate and diploma options are also available.

What happens if I leave my MSc studies?
We offer window shopping options. You can receive a Certificate if you have completed and passed four half units (two sessions/one year) of coursework. You can receive a Diploma if you have completed and passed six half units (three sessions/1.5 years). You receive a MSc if you complete and pass eight half units (four sessions/two years) and a dissertation. If you complete less than four half units, you may receive a certificate of attendance.

On-campus
Will I have the privileges of full-time and part-time MSc students?
Yes, this includes library privileges both on-campus and off-campus and an LSE email account. It also includes access to the School’s dining and pub facilities.

Will you provide accommodation during the intensive teaching sessions in London?
No, this is not included in the course fee. However, the LSE accommodation office can assist in providing information about short-term accommodations. We also operate an accommodation page on our programme website lse.ac.uk/LSI- HealthAndSocialCare/LSEHealth/teaching/our-programme-website-lse.ac.uk/LSE-HEPM.

Will travel expenses be included?
No, travel expenses will not be included in the fee.

Will there be facilities to work remotely while in London?
Wireless internet is available throughout the LSE campus. We can facilitate other arrangements in cases of emergency. You will also have access to the library including desktop computers and meeting rooms to work remotely.

What if I miss a class/attend a class because of work commitments?
We understand that students may have to miss some lectures or classes because of work commitments. Attendance is monitored, so we ask that you let your teacher know when you cannot attend. Given the level and nature of the taught material, and the benefits you gain from interaction with faculty, it is highly recommended that you miss as little of the lecture and class time as possible.

Will there be social activities during the programme sessions?
Yes. We will have an introductory lunch and dinner at the start of the programme as well as guest speakers every week with a drinks reception afterwards.

What is the cost?
£7,850 for Year one, £7,788 for Year two. This cost includes access to all LSE facilities available to full-time MSc participants including the library facilities, electronic resources and LSE careers.

I have read the information on LSE’s. How do I find out more about the programme?
Once you have explored the website and reviewed the HEPM brochure, one of the best ways to learn more about the MSc in HEPM is to contact HEPM@lse.ac.uk with any questions. The course directors will be pleased to telephone you and answer any questions you may have about the programme and LSE.

Is there a student profile for MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management?
The first two MSc HEPM cohorts have been medical professionals, individuals from the pharmaceutical and medical devices industries, health care managers, government officials and non-governmental organisation employees. They have a variety of educational backgrounds ranging from bachelor's degrees to MBAs and PhDs with varying levels of professional experience and previous exposure to health policy and economics. They also came from diverse geographical backgrounds including Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

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Your questions answered
We require a minimum of 3 Work Experience to supply academic references. It is in your interest may supply two professional you graduated from your most professional reference format). If be a reference from your most graduateProspectus lse.ac.uk/ graduateProspectus. lse.ac.uk/graduateProspectus2010/howToapply/howToapply. aspx

We require transcripts/mark sheets for all previous degrees. You may submit scanned versions of your transcripts with your online application, in English or officially translated. If your application is successful, we must receive original or certified signed documents prior to registration. Scanning the documents will speed up the initial decision-making process. For more information on transcript requirements see the LSE Graduate Prospectus. lse.ac.uk/graduateProspectus2010/howToapply/howToapply.aspx

Your admissions questions

What are the motivations of HEMP participants?

The motivations for participating in HEMP are typically:

• Career acceleration
• Continue on a current career path while studying
• Enhanced health economics, policy and management skills set
• Personal development and networking
• Opportunities to immediately implement theories and concepts.

Who should attend?

This programme has been designed to meet the needs of mid-career professionals who seek formal qualifications but cannot participate in a traditional MSc program. We welcome participants from all over the world with particular course focus on developed countries. We assume no previous formal training in health economics or policy but those with training in these areas can choose more advanced options.

Do I need to have work experience to take part in this programme?

No, however, this programme has been developed for someone who is currently employed full-time. The assignments and course schedule have been developed for a fully-employed person taking into account constraints on time.

Work experience is strongly recommended. Voluntary positions, internships, and part- and full-time experience all play a role in preparing students for study.

I am still an undergraduate. Can I apply to LSE?

LSE accepts applications from students currently in their last year of university study. However, this programme is designed for those currently in full-time employment. The MSc in International Health Policy (Health Economics) is more appropriate for students coming directly from undergraduate studies.

Do I need to live in London to take part in this MSc?

No, the course is designed for students who must travel to London for the course. It requires a minimum of 41 working days in London over the course of the MSc. The sessions will each be ten working days. We expect to finish by mid-afternoon on Fridays to facilitate travel plans. While those commuting may find the experience demanding, they realise the benefits from the programme far outweigh the inconvenience of the travel.

Is this programme suitable if I have to travel a lot for work?

Yes, in fact it is ideal for such an individual. You only have to be in London two times per academic year for two weeks for teaching time. Readings will be available electronically and essays can be submitted electronically.

Can I apply for a scholarship for MSc Health Economics, Policy and Management?

The Financial Support Office provides information about scholarships, eligibility and closing dates. Please see their website for further details: lse.ac.uk/financialsupportoffice

Background on LSE Health

LSE Health is a Research Centre located within LSE. It is affiliated with the Departments of Social Policy, Management and Accounting. The mission of LSE Health is to advance, transmit and sustain knowledge and understanding through the conduct of research, teaching and scholarship at the highest international standards, for the benefit of the international and national health policy community. We aim to expand and improve conceptual frameworks, apply new methodologies, encourage debate about issues raised by research developments and introduce new questions or themes that will contribute to policy discussions. In 2009, LSE Health and Social Care won a Queen’s Anniversary Prize for applying research to the advancement of global health and social care policy.

The Centre is committed to interdisciplinary research that benefits policy makers and health professionals. To support this mission the Centre’s key priority is to recruit, develop and retain staff of the highest quality and provide a working environment that enables staff to optimise their contribution to the Centre. The Centre’s unique research base contributes to LSE’s established world presence and reputation in health policy, health economics and demography. Bringing together a core team of researchers and academics, LSE Health promotes and draws upon the multidisciplinary expertise of 37 staff members, 13 associated academics and a number of PhD students.

The Centre collaborates with the Centre for European Health Policy and Pharmaceutical Economics for the WHO. It is a founding member of the European Observatory on Health Care Systems, a joint initiative between the World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe, the Governments of Finland, Norway, Spain and Sweden, the European Investment Bank, CRP-Sante in Luxembourg, the Open Society Institute, the World Bank, LSE, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. This MSc programme stems from two currently existing full-time MSc programmes run by LSE Health at LSE: International Health Policy (Health Economics) and Health Policy, Planning and Financing (joint leadership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine). LSE Health staff have also run short courses about specific aspects of health economics and policy.

LSE Social Policy Department

In the national Research Assessment Exercises, the Department of Social Policy has consistently been rated as the best in the UK. In the most recent national teaching quality assessment exercise we were rated as “excellent”. Staff are from many different academic backgrounds – including economics, sociology, psychology, demography, geography, history and philosophy. They are continually involved in policy debate and in advisory roles for national and international organisations governmental and non-governmental. Their research is frequently referred to in both the national and international media.

About us

The London School of Economics and Political Science

Founded in 1895, LSE is a world-class centre for its concentration of teaching and research across the full range of the social, political and economic sciences. LSE is truly international in its study of social, economic and political problems not only the UK and European Union, but also countries of every continent. From its foundation LSE has aimed to be a laboratory of the social sciences, a place where they are developed, analysed, evaluated and disseminated around the globe. There are around 9,200 full-time students and over 950 part-time students at LSE. They come from 140 countries around the world: 34 per cent from the UK, 18 per cent from other European Union countries and 48 per cent from other countries around the world. 49 per cent are women and 51 per cent are postgraduates. LSE has over 1,700 full-time and 1,320 part-time members of staff – 97 per cent of the academic staff are actively engaged in research, and 45 per cent are from countries other than the UK, almost half of these from European Union states, the rest from other nations around the world.


The School has around 97,500 registered alumni. Around 34 per cent of present heads of state have studied or taught at LSE, and 31 current members of the House of Commons and 42 members of the House of Lords have either studied or taught at LSE.
For reasons beyond the control of LSE and the organisers of this programme, it may be necessary to change the content of this course, the timing of each course, teaching staff and programme options available. We will make every effort to keep to the published options here.