



Brunel
University
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Online MSc in Health Economics and Health Policy



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Why Brunel?

Brunel University of London has a long history of contributing to the advancement of healthcare in the UK and beyond. Here are some advantages of pursuing your online master's degree with us:

Global perspectives

Ranked as a leader in international outlook, Brunel is tied for 1st in the UK and 4th worldwide (Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024). Our commitment to research aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals places us in the top 5-10% globally (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024).

Real-world focus

Our curriculum emphasises practical assessments and projects that mirror real-world situations in public health, ensuring you are effectively prepared for your career from day one.

Expert faculty guidance

Learn from faculty members with active research and collaborations in the public health sector, providing you with valuable insights and a deeper understanding of contemporary issues in healthcare.

Tailored learning environment

Take advantage of a structured course calendar designed to fit various time zones and personal commitments, fostering a more customised and comfortable educational experience.

Essential information



Start dates:
January, May, September



Location:
Online



Duration:
1 year full-time,
2 years part-time



Fees:
£11,520

Build the skills to make a difference in healthcare

Brunel's online MSc in Health Economics and Health Policy is built for individuals who want to make a meaningful impact in a rapidly evolving global healthcare landscape. Whether you're just starting out or looking to advance your career, this programme will equip you with the analytical tools and critical perspective needed to tackle today's most pressing health and social challenges.

Explore a multidisciplinary curriculum that covers key topics, including policy development, sociology, and epidemiology, while building the research skills essential for evidence-based decision-making.

With flexible online study options, you'll engage with pre-recorded content and asynchronous activities at your own pace—wherever you are in the world. You'll also take part in live online seminars designed to foster collaboration, insight sharing, and real-world application.



We're committed to excellence in teaching and learning. This programme blends academic rigour with real-world insights, empowering you to lead in the healthcare sector — all while studying flexibly from anywhere in the world.



Dr Gill Woolhead

Director of Online Health Programmes

"As you pursue your career goals, our online postgraduate public health programmes are here to support you, equipping you with the knowledge and skills to make a real difference in public health. Let's work together to find solutions to today's most pressing issues in global public health."

Modules

Decision Modelling

Build practical skills in designing and analysing decision models for healthcare, using real data and hands-on experience with spreadsheet software.

Epidemiology

Uncover the patterns behind public health challenges, from COVID-19 to cancer, and gain the analytical tools to track, assess, and act on real-world health data.

Health Economics and Population Health

Explore how economic forces shape population health and the choices people make. This module dives into models and debates on health equity, access, and the economics behind health behaviours and systems.

Fundamentals of Health Economics

Behind every healthcare decision lies a trade-off. Learn the economic principles that explain how resources are allocated, insurance works, and incentives shape the health system.

Health Policy, Politics and Social Justice

Health policy has always been about more than medicine. This module asks you to explore the political, ethical and social forces that shape health decisions and to consider how justice can transform health outcomes locally and globally.

Economic Evaluation of Health Interventions

Do health interventions work—and are they worth it? Explore how to measure outcomes, weigh costs, and guide better decisions in evidence-based healthcare.

Statistical Methods for Health Economics

Develop advanced skills to analyse health economic data using regression, parametric modelling, and quasi-experimental methods, all supported by practical experience with econometric software.

Research Design and Practice

With research funding under pressure, it's crucial to design studies that truly deliver. Build the skills to create ethical, impactful health research from start to finish.

Research Project - the Dissertation

Take charge of your own research journey, applying theories and methods to explore a health economics or policy question while honing your skills in ethical practice and clear communication.

Life online with Brunel

Without leaving your country or career, you'll access the full benefits of a Brunel online education.



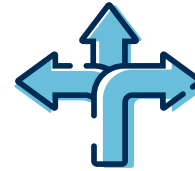
Gain globally competitive skills

Our online health programmes, crafted by industry experts, prepare you with in-demand skills recognised by leading organisations across the globe.



Study anywhere, anytime

Eliminate geographical barriers to obtaining a world-class education. Whether you are travelling or working, you can complete your MSc/MPH entirely online.



Diverse career pathways

Graduates from our programmes are well equipped to pursue a variety of careers in health and social care, local government, education, and the nonprofit sector.



Flexible study options

Balance your academic pursuits with work and family responsibilities. Our online platform allows you to study at your convenience, anytime and from anywhere.



Build a global network

Engage with fellow students, professionals, and academics around the world while studying online, fostering lasting connections and opportunities for collaboration.

Learning outcomes



Understand the scope and nature of contemporary healthcare and overall wellness at local, national, and global levels.



Acquire knowledge of micro- and macro-economic principles and their applications in healthcare and health policy.



Develop the ability to translate complex evidence and research into practical policy applications, ensuring informed decision-making.



Communicate effectively about health economics, health policy, and public health issues in both written and verbal formats, connecting with various stakeholders.



Gain a deep awareness of the major determinants of health and learn how to promote wellness in a way that addresses social and economic inequalities while upholding social justice values.



Learn to critically evaluate healthcare and public health-related information from diverse sources to inform decision-making.



Demonstrate advanced analytical skills through qualitative and quantitative research design, allowing for comprehensive analyses of health economics and health policy issues.





Wherever you're headed, Brunel's online postgraduate health programmes are designed to equip you with the practical skills and specialist knowledge to thrive in the public health sector.

With relevant academic knowledge and practical experience, our graduates make meaningful moves in the industry. This degree is especially valuable for professionals working in health and social care, local government, education, and the voluntary sector worldwide.

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

- A 2:2 (or above) UK Honours degree, or equivalent internationally recognised qualification in economics, public health, pharmacy, medicine, or other health-related studies

Non-native speakers of English need one of the following:

- IELTS: 6.5 (min 6 in all areas)
- Pearson: 59 (59 in all sub scores)
- BrunELT: 63% (min 58% in all areas)
- TOEFL: 90 (min 20 in all)

Application documents:

1. A completed application form
2. Passport copy
3. Personal statement
4. Scanned copies of your education certificates and transcripts
5. Your CV/Resume in English
6. Proof of English proficiency



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