

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2025-26: MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine



Course facts

Mode of study	Full Time Only
Expected length	12 months

About the course

The MSc in International Health and Tropical Medicine is a full-time one-year multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary course 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 in the Nuffield Department of Medicine in the Peter Medawar Building for Pathogen Research on South Parks Road.

The course aims to develop your:

- capacity to lead and work in multidisciplinary teams to tackle health challenges in resource-limited settings;
- ability to apply an ethical approach to address inequities;
- foundational skills in research techniques applied in the analysis of global health challenges;
- capacity to critically appraise evidence in global health;
- skills and practical experience in research.

Course structure

Core modules

The first term will consist of topics on research methods, an overview of 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, finance, R and reproducible research, 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 module options for further study ranging from topics in vaccinology to international development and health.

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, communication and management 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 and stakeholder management 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.

Teaching is expected to take place in the Old Library at the Pitt Rivers Museum.

Attendance

The course is full-time and requires attendance in Oxford. Full-time students are subject to the University's Residence requirements.

Resources to support your study

As a graduate student, you will have access to the University's wide range of world-class resources including libraries, museums, galleries, digital resources and IT services.

The Bodleian Libraries is the largest library system in the UK. It includes the main Bodleian Library and libraries across Oxford, including major research libraries and faculty, department and institute libraries. Together, the Libraries hold more than 13 million printed items, provide access to e-journals, and contain outstanding special collections including rare books and manuscripts, classical papyri, maps, music, art and printed ephemera.

The University's IT Services is available to all students to support with core university IT systems and tools, as well as many other services and facilities. IT Services also offers a range of IT learning courses for students, to support with learning and research.

All students enrolled on the MSc will be provided with a laptop and specialised software for the duration of the course. All students will also receive one year membership of the Oxford Union.

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.

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 examination.
- Challenges and Change in International Health and Global Health Research and Practice: will be assessed via a written piece.

Options will be assessed as follows:

- All options will be assessed by a submission.

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

Changes to this course

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 you commence your course. These might include significant changes made necessary by any pandemic, 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>).

Costs

Annual fees for entry in 2025-26

Fee status	Annual Course fees
Home	£25,300
Overseas	£53,340

Information about course fees

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 (<http://www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/terms>).

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 and any additional course-specific costs, 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 the 2025-26 academic year 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 one month

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£330	£515
Accommodation	£790	£955
Personal items	£200	£335
Social activities	£45	£100
Study costs	£40	£90
Other	£20	£40
Total	£1,425	£2,035

Likely living costs for nine months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£2,970	£4,635
Accommodation	£7,110	£8,595
Personal items	£1,800	£3,015
Social activities	£405	£900
Study costs	£360	£810
Other	£180	£360
Total	£12,825	£18,315

Likely living costs for twelve months

	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£3,960	£6,180
Accommodation	£9,480	£11,460
Personal items	£2,400	£4,020
Social activities	£540	£1,200
Study costs	£480	£1,080
Other	£240	£480
Total	£17,100	£24,420

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond the 2025-26 academic year, it is suggested that you allow for potential increases in living expenses of 4% each year – although this rate may vary depending on the national economic situation.

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

Document accessibility

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