

## **Programme Regulations: 2023/24**

### **Master of Science, in Social Science and Health Research 4810F/P\***

\* These programmes are suspended for 2023/24 entry. These regulations are only available to students completing their course.

#### *Notes*

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

#### **1. Programme structure**

- (a) The programme is available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) The period for full-time mode shall be one year starting in September, and part-time mode shall be two years starting in September.
- (c) The Masters programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
HSS8001	Thinking about Research	10	10			7		
HSS8002	Information Skills	10	10			7		
HSS8003	Dissertation Preparation	10	10			7		
HSS8004	Qualitative Methodology in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	20		20		7		
HSS8005	Quantitative Analysis	20		20		7		
HSS8007	The Making and Unmaking of Knowledge	10	10			7		
HSC8040	Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems	10		10		7		
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7		
HSC8098	Social Science and Health Research Dissertation	60			60	7	Core	

(e) All candidates shall take optional modules to a value of 20 credits from the following:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Mode
HSC8027	Health Economics	10		10		7		
HSC8042	Public Health Intervention	10		10		7		
HSC8045	Public Health Protection	10	10			7		
HSC8048	Health Care Quality	10		10		7		
HSC8054	Evaluative Methods in Health Services Research	10		10		7		

HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Review and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7		
HSC8058	Applications of Epidemiology to Public Health	10		10		7		
HSC8059	Chronic Disease Epidemiology	10		10		7		
SOC8034	Social Divisions and Inequalities	10		10		7		

(f) HSC taught modules are offered for study on a standalone basis for Continual Professional Development (CPD) but will not contribute to an award.

## 2. Assessment methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline.

## 3. Progression and Assessment

(a) A Masters degree may be awarded with Merit or Distinction.

- i. A Masters degree may be awarded with Distinction where the candidate has achieved an overall mark of 70 or greater in the programme, and has passed all modules on the first occasion without the need for resits, and has achieved an overall mark of 70 or greater in the Dissertation component of the degree programme.
- ii. A Masters degree may be awarded with Merit where the candidate has achieved an overall mark of 60-69 in the programme, and has either passed all modules on the first occasion without a need for resits, or has no more than 20 credits of modules passed by resits, and has achieved an overall mark of 60 or greater in the Dissertation component of the degree programme.

- (b) Candidates studying the Masters may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 taught credits have been passed or a Postgraduate Diploma if 120 taught credits have been passed. The title of the award will be dependent on the modules passed and the requirements of the programme regulations. These may be awarded as follows:
- a. 50 – 59 Pass
  - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
  - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.

#### **4. Exemptions to the University's Taught Programme Regulations**

- (a) **Section G Section 95 The Award and Classification of Master's Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas and Postgraduate Certificates**  
**Section G – Section 98 & 102 The Award of Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma (Exit Awards)**

The MSc Social Science and Health Research has an exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations in relation to the criteria for determining awards with Merit and Distinction (entry awards), approved by the Faculty Education Committee – see Section 3. (a).

The MSc Social Science and Health Research has an exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations which allows exit awards with Merit or Distinction - see section 3. (b).

- (b) In the event of any inconsistency between the programme and University regulations in relation to the above section, the programme regulations take precedence over the University regulations. Further guidance is contained in the Programme Handbook available on the VLE.