

## Programme Regulations: 2023/24

Master of Science in Public Health and Health Services Research 5011F  
Master of Science in Public Health and Health Services Research (2 yrs) 5011P  
Master of Science in Public Health and Health Services Research (3 yrs) 5240P  
Master of Public Health 5854F  
Master of Public Health (2 yrs) 5854P  
Master of Public Health (3 yrs) 5855P  
Master of Science in Health Services Research 5230F  
Master of Science in Health Services Research (2 yrs) 5230P  
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Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health 3498 F/P  
Postgraduate Diploma in Health Services Research 3499 F/P  
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CPD Public Health and Health Services Research 6017P

### 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) *A core module for outcomes is a module which a student must pass.\**
- (iv) *A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*
- (v) *A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (vi) *All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, eLearning or distance learning.*

\*There are no core modules for the Public Health suite of programmes

## 1. Programme structure

- (a) The programmes (apart from the Postgraduate Certificate which is only available in part-time mode) are available for study in both full-time and part-time modes.
- (b) For the Masters, the period for full-time mode shall be one year, and part-time mode shall be two or three years starting in September.
- For the Postgraduate Diploma, the period for full-time mode shall be 9 months, or part-time mode 21 months starting in September.
- For the Postgraduate Certificate, the period for part-time mode shall be 9 months starting in September.
- (c) The Masters programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180. The Postgraduate Diploma programme comprises modules to a credit value of 120. The Postgraduate Certificate comprises modules to a credit value of 60.

### Masters (Full-time)

- (d) All candidates for the MSc Public Health and Health Services Research 5011F shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8099	Dissertation*	60	5	5	50	7			

\* Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied.

- (e) All candidates for the Master of Public Health 5854F shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 50 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8042	Public Health Intervention	10		10		7			
HSC8048	Health Care Quality	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8099	Dissertation*	60	5	5	50	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied.

- (f) All candidates for the MSc Health Services Research 5230F shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8054	Evaluative Methods in Health Service Research	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8099	Dissertation*	60	5	5	50	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied.

- (g) All candidates for the MSc Global Public Health 5231F shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8003	Social Determinants of Health – Theory and Applications	10		10		7			
HSC8040	Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems	10		10		7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8057	Global Health	20	20			7			
HSC8099	Dissertation*	60	5	5	50	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied.

#### Masters (Part-time)

- (h) All candidates for the MSc Public Health and Health Services Research 5011P and 5240P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8096	Dissertation Part 1 (PT)*	0				7			

HSC8097	Dissertation Part 2 (PT)*	60	20	20	20	7			
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\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied. HSC8096 and HSC8097 together form one module which spans 2 academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in HSC8096 and summative assessment submitted in HSC8097. As there is no summative assessment in HSC8096, all credit is assigned to HSC8097. Candidates studying 5011P shall take HSC8096 in year 1 and HSC8097 in year 2. Candidates studying 5240P shall take HSC8096 in year 2 followed by HSC8097 in year 3.

- (i) All candidates for the Master of Public Health 5854P and 5855P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 50 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8042	Public Health Intervention	10		10		7			
HSC8048	Health Care Quality	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8096	Dissertation Part 1 (PT)*	0				7			
HSC8097	Dissertation Part 2 (PT)*	60	20	20	20	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied. HSC8096 and HSC8097 together form one module which spans 2 academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in HSC8096 and summative assessment submitted in HSC8097. As there is no summative assessment in HSC8096, all credit is assigned to HSC8097. Candidates studying 5854P shall take HSC8096 in year 1 and HSC8097 in year 2. Candidates studying 5855P shall take HSC8096 in year 2 followed by HSC8097 in year 3.

- (j) All candidates for the MSc Health Services Research 5230P and 5241P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Descriptive title</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>Credits Sem 1</b>	<b>Credits Sem 2</b>	<b>Credits Sem 3</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Core for PSRB Accreditation</b>	<b>Core for learning outcomes</b>	<b>Mode</b>
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8054	Evaluative Methods in Health Service Research	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8096	Dissertation Part 1 (PT)*	0				7			
HSC8097	Dissertation Part 2 (PT)*	60	20	20	20	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied. HSC8096 and HSC8097 together form one module which spans 2 academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in HSC8096 and summative assessment submitted in HSC8097. As there is no summative assessment in HSC8096, all credit is assigned to HSC8097. Candidates studying 5230P shall take HSC8096 in year 1 and HSC8097 in year 2. Candidates studying 5241P shall take HSC8096 in year 2 followed by HSC8097 in year 3.

- (k) All candidates for the MSc Global Public Health 5231P and 5242P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (q) below:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Descriptive title</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>Credits Sem 1</b>	<b>Credits Sem 2</b>	<b>Credits Sem 3</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Core for PSRB Accreditation</b>	<b>Core for learning outcomes</b>	<b>Mode</b>
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8003	Social Determinants of Health – Theory and Applications	10		10		7			
HSC8040	Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems	10		10		7			

HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8057	Global Health	20	20			7			
HSC8096	Dissertation Part 1 (PT)*	0				7			
HSC8097	Dissertation Part 2 (PT)*	60	20	20	20	7			

\*Note: the dissertation will be undertaken in the field of the degree programme studied. HSC8096 and HSC8097 together form one module which spans 2 academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of taught sessions, project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with formative assessment submitted in HSC8096 and summative assessment submitted in HSC8097. As there is no summative assessment in HSC8096, all credit is assigned to HSC8097. Candidates studying 5231P shall take HSC8096 in year 1 and HSC8097 in year 2. Candidates studying 5242P shall take HSC8096 in year 2 followed by HSC8097 in year 3.

#### Postgraduate Diploma (Full-time and Part-time)

- (l) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health and Health Services Research 3385F/P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below.

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			

- (m) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health 3498F/P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 50 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8042	Public Health Intervention	10		10		7			
HSC8048	Health Care Quality	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			

- (n) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Services Research 3499F/P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 60 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			
HSC8054	Evaluative Methods in Health Service Research	10		10		7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			

- (o) All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Global Public Health 3500F/P shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			



HSC8003	Social Determinants of Health – Theory and Applications	10		10		7			
HSC8040	Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems	10		10		7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8055	Introduction to Systematic Reviewing and Critical Appraisal	10	10			7			
HSC8057	Global Health	20	20			7			

- (p) All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health and Health Services Research 3028P shall take the following compulsory module and shall take optional modules to a value of 40 credits from list (q) below:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8001	Fundamentals of Research	20	20			7			

- (q) Optional Modules:

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for learning outcomes	Mode
HSC8003	Social Determinants of Health – Theory and Applications	10		10		7			
HSC8006	Introduction to Global Health Policy and Medicines Use	10		10		7			
HSC8007	Global Health in the Anthropocene*	10		10		7			
HSC8008	Global Health Policy and Medicines Use	20		20		7			
HSC8027	Health Economics	10		10		7			
HSC8036	Health Statistics	20	20			7			

HSC8040	Introduction to Health Policy and Health Systems	10		10		7			
HSC8042	Public Health Intervention	10		10		7			
HSC8045	Public Health Protection	10	10			7			
HSC8047	Public Policy, Health and Health Inequalities	10	10			7			
HSC8048	Health Care Quality	10		10		7			
HSC8054	Evaluative Methods in Health Service Research	10		10		7			
HSC8056	Introduction to Global Health**	10	10			7			
HSC8057	Global Health	20	20			7			
HSC8058	Applications of Epidemiology to Public Health	10		10		7			
HSC8059	Chronic Disease Epidemiology	10		10		7			

\* HSC8007 is not running in 2023/24

\*\* HSC8056 is not available to the following programmes: MSc Global Public Health 5231F/P and 5242P and Postgraduate Diploma in Global Public Health 3500F/P.

- (r) Optional modules must be approved by the Degree Programme Director and must not exceed the University regulations in relation to credit splits across semesters i.e. no more than 70 credits per semester.
- (s) All taught modules are available for study as standalone CPD under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) Regulations 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) The Masters degree, the Postgraduate Diploma and the Postgraduate Certificate are awarded as follows:

- a. 50 – 59 Pass
  - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
  - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.
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- i. For the award of Masters with Distinction candidates must also have passed all modules on the first occasion without the need for resits, and have achieved an overall mark of 70 or greater in the Dissertation component of the degree programme.
  - ii. For the award of Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate with Distinction candidates must also have passed all modules on the first occasion without the need for resits.
  - iii. For the award of Masters with Merit candidates must also have either passed all modules on the first occasion without a need for resits, or have no more than 20 credits of modules passed by resits, and have achieved an overall mark of 60 or greater in the Dissertation component of the degree programme.
  - iv. For the award of Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate with Merit candidates must also have either passed all modules on the first occasion without a need for resits, or have no more than 20 credits of modules passed by resits.

(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. Candidates studying the Postgraduate Diploma may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 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 Public Health suite of programmes 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 Public Health suite of programmes 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.