Masters in Public Health (MPH) online chat session

This CityChat session is for applicants interested in studying our Masters in Public Health (MPH) course. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other applicants.

Hi everyone, and welcome! My name is China Mills and I’m the Programme Director for the Masters in Public Health. Happy to answer any questions you might have about the programme.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our Masters in Public Health (MPH) course. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session, we may also share videos, polls or documents related to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to one of our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. Please make sure you say which course you have applied to when you post your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Hi! I’m so excited about beginning my MPH at City. I was wondering if you could explain a little bit about the dissertation process? How do students go about finding a supervisor? And how much control do we have over the research question we choose?

I’m so excited you’ll be joining us! Great question. For the dissertation you can very much choose your own topic, with guidance from your supervisor. You can choose to present this in a number of different ways - a systematic review; a critical synthesis; a piece of empirical research. This allows you to research a topic that you’re interested in and passionate about and to choose the kind of research you’d most like to do. Re: choosing a supervisor, currently students are provided with a booklet that lists all the available supervisors and their areas of expertise. You are then asked to rank your preferred choices. Some supervisors have ready made projects they’d like students to work on but most just have areas that they are happy to supervise.

Do you recommend that students look for internships/opportunities within the public health domain whilst pursuing their MPH? Or is the course work too demanding to accommodate that?

We would absolutely recommend this, and are currently aiming to introduce some competitive internship opportunities from September. This year a number of students found their own internships, including carrying out research work with researchers at the School of Health Sciences, and we also provided some internships (carrying out research for an international social rights organisation).

How large are the class sizes approximately? How many students are enrolled for the September 2020 start date?

It's still too early to say how many will be on the programme from this September but usually there are about 25-30 students on the programme (some full and some part-time). Class sizes can also vary depending on what elective modules you choose etc, but are generally somewhere between 20-40 students. Personally, I find this a really nice number of people for group work and discussion.
Are there a lot of group assessments and projects or is it more individual based?

There's a quite a mix. Some modules have group presentations as one component of the assignment, and then individual essays and reports as the second component. The Epidemiology module has an exam, but most modules mainly use coursework.

Hi my name is [name] I just wanted to say hi and that I am very excited to be starting the MPH in September 2020.

Do international students find it challenging to obtain work positions in the UK after completing their MPH?

I think this can depend on lots of different things (which country people are coming from, the nature of the visa, specific policy at different times etc), so it's a little heard to say. More generally though our students have gone onto do a range of work, including international work for NGOs, and for organisations like the UN and WHO. Some take on research positions either with private companies or public organisations. Others work in the NHS. Others go onto do PhD. So a really exciting range.

Well I am really excited to see where my time at City University will take me! Thank you so much for answering all my questions China it was really helpful. I hope to see you in the fall :)

Well I'm very excited to meet you, as I'm sure all of our teaching team will be, and thanks for your questions.

This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today's chat. If you have any questions, please email openquiries@city.ac.uk