CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

› Master degree (5 years of university education, equivalent to 300 credits)
› Open to medical doctors, nurses and other paramedical, social sciences professionals involved in public health, public health researchers, decision makers and executives...

MORE INFORMATION

› Registration:
  Application on ULB website only
  Deadline:
  – Non-EU students: end of April
  – EU students: end of September

› Duration:
  Full-time courses during one academic year (mid-September to end of June)

› Location:
  Belgium, Brussels
  – Shared between the three campus (ULB, UCL and Mons), mainly at the School of Public Health (ULB)
  – Our universities are located in the heart of Europe, less than 2h from Paris, Amsterdam, London and Cologne. Brussels city offers all the advantages of a capital and the quality of life of a large and lively town.

› For all information, visit:
  http://www.ulb.ac.be/facs/esp/specmethodo.html

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This course aims to strengthen the links between academic research and applied topics such as health programmes and health systems management. It gives graduates knowledge and skills to undertake public health research as well as to provide leadership and technical support in public health programmes and policy, particularly in middle and low income countries.

TRAINING CONTENT

This 60 Credits programme, which covers different methodological aspects, is composed of a compulsory part (50 credits) and an optional part (10 to 25 credits among the 30 credits proposed).

Compulsory part:
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Qualitative methods and contextual factors in public health
- Health economics and quality management
- Planning and health system research and management
- Operational research and south lectures
- Integrated exercise (epidemiology & biostatistics)

Optional teaching units are related to:
- Health survey protocol, health examination surveys
- Advanced methods in biostatistics and epidemiology
- The WHO strategy for incorporation of traditional medicine in healthcare
- Special research questions in public health
- Special research question in emergency situations
- Interdisciplinary seminars in translational medicine

Courses are taught exclusively in English.

Evaluations are based on sitting exams, personal and in-group works throughout the year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates enter careers in global health and national health policy and planning, academic and operational research, advisory roles in governments and international agencies.

This one-year Master enables health professionals to specialize in the understanding of diseases and of their determinants (epidemiology and biostatistics), organization and policy, systems and health services management (health economics, human relation management, quality and risk management, health planning and operational research) as well as the development of social approaches to health. Transversal skills will be developed such as research methodology, scientific writing and capitalization of public health actions.

SPECIFIC FEATURES

- Inter-university program organized by:
  - Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), École de Santé Publique (coordinator)
  - Université catholique de Louvain (UCL), Faculté de santé publique
  - Université de Mons (UMONS), Faculté Warocqué d’Économie et de Gestion & Faculté de médecine et pharmacie
- Partnership agreement with the University of Liverpool (lecture on qualitative methods).
- Lectures given by invited experts, especially from low and middle income countries.
- Students from various countries and diverse backgrounds.
- Opportunities to follow local conferences and seminars.