

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

MSc Environmental Health (10253320)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 180

Admission requirements

Subject to the stipulations of the General Regulations, a four-year bachelor's degree is required, or an honours degree, or in the case of a three-year bachelor's degree, also applicable practical (work) experience as prescribed by the University, plus any other additional work deemed necessary by the head of department: With the proviso that the head of department will have the discretion to decide whether the prerequisite qualification, or the qualification plus work experience would be acceptable for admission to the proposed field of study.

Additional requirements

All MSc students must register for, and attend (TNM 800) Applied research methodology 800 satisfactorily. (Exemption may be granted if the module has already been passed for the BScHons degree.) Also consult General Regulations.

Other programme-specific information

Subject to the stipulations of the General Regulations, the Chairperson of the School may, in consultation with the head of department, approve a fixed limited extension of the period on the grounds of extraordinary circumstances.

Examinations and pass requirements

- i. The minimum pass mark for a module is 50%.
- ii. The prescribed modules must be passed independently of each other.
- iii. Second examinations in the modules are arranged by the head of department, within a period of time specified by him or her.
- iv. No second examinations will be granted in modules in which less than 40% has been obtained. Instead, the module must be repeated in its entirety.
- v. Only with the approval of the Chairperson of the School, on the recommendation of the head of department, will a student be allowed to continue his or her studies after having failed two modules (or the same module twice).

Research information

Research protocol

After registration, a student is required to submit a complete research protocol regarding the proposed

dissertation to the Academic Advisory Committee and if necessary, also to the Ethics Committee for approval.

Dissertation

A dissertation on an approved research project must be passed in addition to the coursework. The stipulations of the General Regulations regarding the preparation and submission, the technical editing and the résumé of the dissertation apply.

A systematic literature review (Cochrane type) on an approved subject, which is undertaken in such a manner that bias is minimised, may be presented as an alternative to the dissertation for awarding the MSc degree, provided that the module CLI 870 Principles of clinical epidemiology has been successfully completed. It requires, inter alia, a research protocol with clearly formulated objectives and methods. Inclusion and exclusion methods for the study must be determined. Where applicable, the data must be summarised (meta analysis), with applicable statistical methods.

Pass with distinction

The average mark of the modules, weighted in respect of the number of credits acquired for each individual module, will be the final mark (%) of the coursework.

The degree is conferred with distinction on a student who obtains an average mark of at least 75% in the coursework, as well as a final mark of at least 75% for the dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 240

Core modules

Scientific writing 871 (HMS 871)

Module credits	5.00
Contact time	16 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Learning in public health 870 (PHM 870)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This is the first (one-week) module at the beginning of the year focusing on learning. At the end of this week, you will have a much better understanding of what you actually want to achieve in public health and what you need to learn to get there. You will probably also have changed your views on learning: from individual surface learning and memorization, to valuing deep learning often in a group context. Finally, you will have achieved the ability to use the ever-increasing knowledge in health, philosophy, and ethics that are generated on the internet to your own best advantage.

Applied research methodology 800 (TNM 800)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	BOS 870
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only

Dissertation: Environmental health 890 (EHM 890)

Module credits	180.00
-----------------------	--------



Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 240

Core modules

Scientific writing 871 (HMS 871)

Module credits	5.00
Contact time	16 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Learning in public health 870 (PHM 870)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 seminar per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week, 1 other contact session per week, 1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This is the first (one-week) module at the beginning of the year focusing on learning. At the end of this week, you will have a much better understanding of what you actually want to achieve in public health and what you need to learn to get there. You will probably also have changed your views on learning: from individual surface learning and memorization, to valuing deep learning often in a group context. Finally, you will have achieved the ability to use the ever-increasing knowledge in health, philosophy, and ethics that are generated on the internet to your own best advantage.

Applied research methodology 800 (TNM 800)

Module credits	5.00
Prerequisites	BOS 870
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	School of Health Syst & Public
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

*Attendance module only

Dissertation: Environmental health 890 (EHM 890)

Module credits	180.00
-----------------------	--------

Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Health Sciences Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.