



## What do I need to get in?

You will find our most up to date entry requirements at:  
[www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/entry-requirements](http://www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/entry-requirements).

## How do I apply?

Find further information about the programme at  
[www.ed.ac.uk/health-social-science/MA](http://www.ed.ac.uk/health-social-science/MA) and  
apply online via the UCAS website [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)  
(Course code: 2D45)

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**80 per cent**  
of our students graduate  
with either a 1st or  
2:1 degree

### Coronavirus update: April 2020

We intend to begin the 2020-21 academic year as usual in September. This brochure reflects these intentions. We will let you know of any changes, and confirm start dates in our pre-arrival communications.

## Undergraduate opportunity



## MA (Honours) Health, Science and Society

This new degree at the University of Edinburgh offers you a unique opportunity to build a robust understanding of the area of health, illness and the social arrangements for care, studying in a world-class academic environment.

# What is Health, Science and Society about?

The MA (Honours) Health, Science and Society offers an interdisciplinary and integrative approach to explore the relationship between health, illness and care in diverse social, political and cultural contexts. You will engage with three broad themes - societies and communities; individuals and experience; and healthcare, social care and professional development - building a sound understanding of individuals' and communities' roles in health outcomes.

## Why study Health, Science and Society at Edinburgh?

The study of health, illness and the social arrangements for care is of critical importance both nationally and internationally. Gross inequalities in the experience of health and access to care systems and resources is both topical and a matter of enduring human interest. This programme applies a variety of disciplinary perspectives, analysing the social, political and cultural forces that bear upon the experience of health and care. Our core courses are supported by a range of health-related option courses available across the University.

You will study within the School of Health in Social Science at the University of Edinburgh, an internationally renowned and vibrant institution. Teaching staff will come from a range of disciplines and bring diverse experience (including health

professional experience) and expertise to enrich and support the interdisciplinary nature of the subject matter. The programme also offers two community engagement option courses which open up pathways to new skills, work experience and community-based learning that will enhance your employability.

## What are the career prospects?

The degree should support careers in community services, the voluntary sector, health services management, policy and research, health journalism, health education, patient advocacy, public health and health promotion. It also equips you for further study, either towards professional accreditation (e.g. in counselling, social work or teaching) or entry onto masters programmes to extend subject specialisms and research competency.

The University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked one of the world's top 50 universities.\*

\* QS World University Rankings 2017/18

## Year by year...

### Year 1

You will study two compulsory courses. *Mapping Health and Illness across Societies* introduces and explores the social causes of health and illness and their impact on different communities. *Identity and Experience in Health and Society* shifts attention to individuals, and takes a more personal approach to the experience of health and disability. You will also take four other courses, which will enable you to pursue another subject and broaden the subject material you study.

### Year 2

The second year also has two compulsory courses. *Contemporary Issues in Health and Wellbeing* builds on the first year courses to introduce current key issues of local and global importance. In the second half of the year, the themes of identity and diversity will be revisited and you will be introduced to the complexity of language use in *Language and Communication in Health and Society*. The four remaining courses to complete your second year are selected on the same basis as for your first year.

### Year 3

The third and fourth years of the degree are the honours years, and you will take three core courses in each year. In the third year these are *Understanding and Investigation: Methods for Health Research*, which develops your research and enquiry skills and prepares you for your dissertation; *Ethical Values and Challenges in Care*, which examines compassion and the complexity of ethical challenges in the caring professions; and *Psychological Perspectives on Health and Care*, which advances understanding of the theories and practice of health and mental health from a psychological perspective, following the natural life span of individuals. The year is completed with three option courses.

### Year 4

In the fourth year, your honours dissertation counts as a double course, and you will also study *Health Management and Management of Health*, which centres on the dynamic policy and systems environment of health management. *Positive Health for Communities and Individuals* explores neighbourhoods as places in which we play out our lives, identifying positive and negative impacts on health and mental wellbeing. This final year is completed with two option courses.

The programme also runs 3 option courses of its own across the years: Learning from the Lives of Others; Nature, Greenspace and Health; and Health, Bodies and Embodiment.

