

Postgraduate Admissions Statement for MSc Epidemiology



Awards available; MSc.

This Admissions Statement applies to applications submitted for entry to the programme between 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020.

It should be read in association with the [University Admissions Principles and Procedures](#) for Postgraduate programmes and the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

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Application deadline

Application deadlines can be found on the individual programme page within the [University course finder](#)

Admissions criteria

Academic requirements	To be considered for admission to this programme, applicants are required to hold/achieve a minimum of an upper second-class honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject including (but not limited to) medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, pharmacy, biological sciences, statistics, mathematics, psychology. Additionally, evidence of numeracy skills is required (e.g. A-level Mathematics or Statistics - C or higher- or a module with a good mark in previous university degree, normally with a minimum of 60%) (or UK equivalent for students with a non-UK degree) Preference will be given to candidates with excellent academic results in their undergraduate degree and demonstrated interest in epidemiology or public health through work experience, volunteering or research.
	For information on international equivalent qualifications, please refer to our International Office website .
English language requirements	Profile B
	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the University's English Language Requirements Policy prior to registration on to this programme.

Application process

Online application form

Applicants should complete the online application form, uploading all required documents directly. Further information is available on our [guidance for online applications page](#)

Applications will not be considered until **all** required documents have been uploaded. If you have already submitted an application, you can upload additional documents into the 'Post-submission uploads' section of the application form. Paper documents received by post, or electronic documents received by email, are only considered in exceptional circumstances.

Required and optional documents

✓	Two academic references (minimum):	References should be submitted electronically by the referee, using the online reference form. Alternatively, scanned copies of the original reference document(s) can be uploaded by the applicant. If you graduated more than two years ago, or if professional experience is relevant to the application, professional references will be accepted in lieu of one academic reference. At least one referee should be familiar with the applicant's academic work. References supplied with a personal contact email address will be accepted in exceptional circumstances, which must be explained within the reference. All references must be written, signed and dated on official letter headed paper from the referee's organisation. They must include the referee's full contact details, i.e. postal address, telephone number and organisation email address and must be dated within the last two years. A reference template is available to show the required format.
✓	Degree certificate(s)	From first and subsequent degrees. We require colour scans of original documents and certified translations of documents issued in any language other than English.
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✓	Personal statement:	Personal statements should highlight the motivation for applying for the course, and any relevant experience and/or skills.
✓	Programme specific personal statement requirements	Clearly indicate the chosen evidence of numeracy (A-level Mathematics or Statistics or equivalent, or an undergraduate degree module, including subject/title).
✓	English language certificates/other evidence	All applicants are required to have reached the required profile level of English language as specified by the University's English Language Requirements Policy
✓	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CVs might include details of other relevant work experience and qualifications to support an application.
	Certificate for A-level Mathematics or	Please submit this document if this constitutes the chosen evidence of numeracy. This is not required if you have submitted

	Statistics (or equivalent)	an academic transcript of a first degree, showing a minimum of 60% for a mathematics or statistics subject (or UK equivalent for students with a non-UK degree).
Optional Documents A level certificate could be optional if not provided in transcript		

Selection process

Assessment of applications

All applicants are considered in line with the University's [Admissions Principles and Procedures Policy](#) and [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy](#). Once a complete application has been submitted with all required supporting documents, it is considered by at least two members of staff using the following criteria:

- Qualifications/grades at the time of applying
- Motivation for applying (as outlined in the personal statement)
- Work experience
- Academic references

Interviews

Interviews do not form part of the selection process, although we sometimes contact candidates to further clarify their application.

Decisions

Applicants will be notified by email when a decision has been made and decision letters will be available to view and print by logging into the application. If there is a deadline by which applicants must accept an offer of admission or pay a deposit, this will be stated in the offer letter.

Offers

Offers will typically be made in line with the academic requirements set out above.

Offers made may be conditional or unconditional. An unconditional offer will be made to applicants who have already met the conditions and provided evidence that conditions have been met. Where academic or language requirements have not yet been fulfilled, applicants will receive a conditional offer outlining the requirements that must be met.

If an applicant is not selected to receive an offer for the course to which they have originally applied, we may offer the opportunity to be considered for an alternative programme in a related subject area. In such cases applicants will receive an email notification providing any alternative course options and asking whether they wish to be considered for these. It may be necessary for applicants to submit additional documentation in order for the application to be fully considered for an alternative programme. Details of the documentation required can be found in the admissions statement for the relevant programme.

Deferrals

This programme does not normally allow deferrals unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please contact epidemiology-msc@bristol.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of deferring your start date.

Additional information

Extenuating circumstances

If your education has been significantly disrupted through health or personal problems, disability or specific difficulties within your studies, you can submit an [extenuating circumstances](#) form as part of your application.

The information provided will be treated confidentially and will help us to assess your academic performance fairly considering your circumstances.

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)

An ATAS certificate is not required for this programme.

Visa

International students coming to the UK to study full-time may need to apply for a student visa. [Tier 4 student visa guidance notes](#) are available on the University website.

Fees and Deposits

Fees

Annual tuition fee for 2020/21 if available on the relevant [prospectus entry](#) for this programme.

Deposits

International self-funded students accepting a place on a taught postgraduate programme are required to pay a deposit of £1500. Further information is available on [how to pay programme deposits](#). Further information will also be provided in the offer letter to successful applicants. The deposit is non-transferable and non-refundable except under the circumstances outlined in the [International Deposits Refund Policy](#).

Sponsored Students

Sponsored students are not required to pay the deposit but will need to upload a copy of their sponsorship letter using the 'Post Submission Uploads' section of the online application.