

# Module Specification



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GENERAL INFORMATION	
<b>Module name</b>	<b>Contemporary Demographic Trends and Issues</b>
<b>Module code</b>	DEM203
<b>Module Organiser(s)</b>	To be confirmed
<b>Contact email</b>	<p>The LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are run in collaboration with the University of London International Programmes. Enquiries may be made via their Student Advice Centre at: <a href="http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/contact-us">www.londoninternational.ac.uk/contact-us</a>.</p> <p>(Enquiries from face-to-face i.e. London-based LSHTM MSc or research students regarding study of DL modules should be emailed to <a href="mailto:distance@lshtm.ac.uk">distance@lshtm.ac.uk</a>.)</p>
<b>Home Faculty</b>	<p>Faculty of Epidemiology and Population Health London School of Hygiene &amp; Tropical Medicine <a href="http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/eph/">http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/eph/</a></p>
<b>Level</b>	This module is at Level 7 (postgraduate Masters level) of the QAA <a href="#">Framework for Higher Education Qualifications</a> in England, Wales & Northern Ireland (FHEQ)
<b>Credit</b>	LSHTM award 15 credits on successful completion of this module.
<b>Accreditation</b>	Not currently accredited by any other body.
<b>Keywords</b>	Demography; Economic development; Sociology (incl. socio-cultural aspects); Mobility; migration; Gender & health; Climate; International; global.
AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND AUDIENCE	
<b>Overall aim</b>	To build upon topics introduced in DEM102 Population Studies, and provide a deeper understanding of the key debates in demography in order to critically evaluate the policy implications of demographic change worldwide.
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>	<p>By the end of this module, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articulate the main theoretical frameworks for understanding a range of demographic trends</li> <li>• Evaluate the relevance of these theories for understanding past and future populations</li> <li>• Outline the main inter-linkages between processes of economic, demographic and environmental change, including the causes and consequences of global warming</li> <li>• Assess the demographic significance and relationship to economic development of international migration and of urbanisation in the less developed world</li> <li>• Critically evaluate some of the consequences of the global trend of population ageing</li> <li>• Assess how the study of these demographic issues can be used to inform health and social policy across the globe.</li> </ul>

<b>Target audience</b>	<i>Contemporary Demographic Trends and Issues</i> is an elective module for all students on the DL PG Diploma/MSc Demography and Health programmes.
<b>CONTENT</b>	
<b>Session content</b>	The module will include sessions addressing the following topics: Session 1 Population and development Session 2 Population and the environment Session 3 Migration and urbanization Session 4 Population, poverty and health Session 5 Population policy, past and present Session 6 Key issues in reproductive health Session 7 Migration, ethnicity and identity Session 8 Demographic ageing and its consequences Session 9 The long reach of childhood: health and the life programme.
<b>TEACHING, LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT</b>	
<b>Study resources provided or required</b>	The following materials are provided to students after registration for this module when the online learning site, Moodle, opens in October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief guide to studying the module.</li> <li>• The main learning materials (sessions listed above, provided on Moodle).</li> <li>• A reading list including details of both required and optional reading and links to selected papers.</li> <li>• A list of useful websites.</li> </ul> The School's Moodle site allows students to access a range of materials, including those listed above; participate in module-specific discussion forums and Collaborate sessions, and access the LSHTM online library resources.
<b>Teaching and learning methods</b>	Learning is self-directed against a detailed set of learning objectives using the materials provided. The key learning methods are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading and reflecting on the CAL (computer-assisted learning) materials which introduce, explain and apply the principles and methods covered in the module.</li> <li>• Reading and reflecting on provided materials which support the learning in the CAL sessions. This may include making use of the LSHTM online library resources.</li> <li>• Accessing academic support which is available from the module tutors through the web-based discussion forums and real-time sessions (using Blackboard Collaborate) in which students are encouraged to participate.</li> <li>• Completing formative assignment(s) and reflecting on written feedback from module tutors.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment details</b>	Formal assessment of this module includes an assessed assignment (30%) and an unseen written examination (70%) with 15 minutes reading/planning time. If students fail the module overall, they are allowed one further attempt at the failed element (assignment or examination).
<b>Assessment dates</b>	Assignments for this module can be submitted only once annually, no later than 31 March and must be submitted via the online Assignment Management System.  Unseen written examinations for DL modules are held once a year, in June (including resits). Examinations are normally taken in a student's country of residence, in one of over 650 examination centres worldwide (arranged mainly through Ministries of Education or the British Council). A list of examination

	<p>centres can be found at <a href="http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/community-support-resources/current-students/examinations/examination-centres">www.londoninternational.ac.uk/community-support-resources/current-students/examinations/examination-centres</a>.</p> <p>A local fee will be payable direct to the examination centre. This fee is in addition to the programme/module fee and is set by, and paid directly to, the individual examination centres. The level of local examination centre fees varies across the world and neither the University of London International Programmes nor the LSHTM have any control over the fee amount.</p> <p>For students who are required to re-sit, or granted a deferral or new attempt at the written examination, the next examination date will normally be the following June.</p>
<b>Language of study and assessment</b>	English (please see 'English language requirements' below regarding the standard required for entry).
<b>TIMING AND MODE OF STUDY</b>	
<b>Duration</b>	<p>Students may start their studies once they have access to Moodle (usually from 1 October) and work through the material until the start of the June examinations (although assessment submission deadlines which are earlier than this must be observed).</p> <p>Students registering after September should note that introductory messages, and some online activities (for example Moodle discussions and/or real-time welcome sessions) may have already taken place before they get access to Moodle. All such messages and recordings (where applicable) will be available to access throughout the study year.</p>
<b>Dates</b>	Tutorial support for this module is available from the beginning of October through to the examination in June.
<b>Mode of study</b>	By distance learning.
<b>Learning time</b>	<p>The notional learning time for the module totals 150 hours, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Directed self-study</b> (reading and working through the provided module material) ≈ 80 hours</li> <li>• <b>Self-directed learning</b> (general reading around the subject, library, Moodle discussion forums) ≈ 30 hours</li> <li>• <b>Assessment, review and revision</b> ≈ 40 hours.</li> </ul>
<b>APPLICATION, ADMISSION AND FEES</b>	
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	<b>Those wishing to study this module must have already studied and passed DEM102 Population Studies prior to studying this module.</b> They must also have regular access to the internet to access the module study materials, participate in module-specific discussions on Moodle, benefit from online library facilities and submit assignments.
<b>English language requirements</b>	A strong command of the English language is necessary to benefit from studying the module. Applicants whose first language is not English or whose prior university studies have not been conducted wholly in English must fulfil LSHTM's <a href="#">English language requirements</a> , with an acceptable score in an approved test taken in the two years prior to entry. Applicants may be asked to take a test even if the standard conditions have been met.
<b>Student numbers</b>	This is a new module. The number of students actively studying this module is expected to be 5-10 students in the first year.

<b>Student selection</b>	This module is an elective for students registered for the DL PG Diploma/MSc Demography and Health programmes. This module is also open to LSHTM research degree students via the mixed mode study option.
<b>Fees</b>	The current schedule of fees can be viewed at <a href="http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/fees">www.londoninternational.ac.uk/fees</a> (click on the LSHTM course link).
<b>Scholarships</b>	Scholarships are not available for individual modules. Some potential <a href="#">sources of funding</a> are detailed on the LSHTM website.
<b>Admission deadlines</b>	<p>Applications for LSHTM distance learning programmes and modules are managed by the University of London International Programmes. To apply to take a formal award (i.e. PG Certificate, PG Diploma or MSc), click the relevant link at <a href="http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/lshtm/demography-health-msc-pg-dip-pg-cert">http://www.londoninternational.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/lshtm/demography-health-msc-pg-dip-pg-cert</a></p> <p>Key deadlines are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Application deadline: 31 August each year <i>(Please note: Applicants who submit applications on or after 1st June 2017 will be required to pay an application fee of £100 at the point of submission, which will be deducted from the balance of fees payable upon registration. If the application does not result in registration, the application fee will not be refunded. No application fee will apply to applications submitted on or before 31st May 2017.)</i></li> <li>➤ Registration deadline 30 September each year <i>(Please note that the academic year starts 1 October. If students are permitted to register after 1 October they should note that module welcome and Collaborate sessions held in October are recorded. Requests for extensions to assignment submission deadlines and applications for examination extenuating circumstance as a result of registering later than 1 October will not be considered.)</i></li> </ul> <p>(In-house LSHTM research students wishing to study this module should note information given in the mixed mode study option links for DrPH/research degree students at <a href="http://intra.lshtm.ac.uk/edu/researchdegrees/rdsupportframework/profdev/rd_mixedmodeinformation.pdf">http://intra.lshtm.ac.uk/edu/researchdegrees/rdsupportframework/profdev/rd_mixedmodeinformation.pdf</a>.)</p>
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