

Get ready for MSc Environmental Health

The Environmental Health programme team are waiting to welcome you as you begin your journey learning/learning with us to becoming an Environmental Health Practitioner.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday **9th October 2025** at **10am** for the start of our induction on **Frenchay Campus, Bristol**.

The MSc Environmental Health Programme team:



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Master's level is different to undergraduate study in two main ways.

1. Student led learning - Taking responsibility for your own learning

You will need to spend significant time managing your own learning by engaging with resources we provide and those you find yourself. You will need to study for at least 15 hours each week in addition to time in the classroom

2. Criticality - Thinking for yourself and beyond

Learning at master's level requires you to think independently and present your ideas as a coherent argument. You need to consider all viewpoints; going beyond straightforward description to being analytical, evaluative and reflective. This is an essential skill to enable success as a competent practitioner. We don't expect you to be able to do this from Day 1; comprehensive support and direction to learning resources will be provided but personal development of this skill set can only be achieved by your own effort.

Watch this [video](#) which shows how a UWE students developed these skills and further learning [resources](#) can be found her

Teaching Start

Your [timetable](#) will be available via MYUWE (login required) once you have completed the registration process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Key Dates

Induction

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th October 2025

Full time students teaching and learning (attendance) on Thursdays and Fridays.

Teaching block 1 – Thursday 16th October – Friday 12th December 2025

Teaching block 2 – Thursday 5th February 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Professional practice portfolio days

Thursday and Friday 14th-15th May 2026

Thursday and Friday 21st and 22nd May 2026

Part time student Year 1

Teaching block 1 Friday 17th October 2025 – Friday 12th December 2025

Teaching block 2 Friday 6th February 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026

You will also need to attend Frenchay campus for:

- The food practical assessment during the week commencing **20th April 2026**

The main assessment times are during **January 2025** and **April-May-June 2026**.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about registration, and the start of teaching, on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more. [Frenchay campus](#), you download the app store "UWE navigator".

Registration

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can register. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Registration for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Registration](#) website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive your login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

Understand your programme now

Make sure you know what you have signed up for [Watch this 30 min video on the programme here](#) and [review the programme website](#) page

Start your learning

If you have not recently studied in higher education in the UK, spend some time to prepare by taking the [25-minute interactive tutorial](#) to make the most of your academic studies at UWE. This information will give you an indication of what to expect from studying at UWE.

We recommend that you start to become familiar with Environmental Health by looking at the [CIEH](#) website where you can find the latest policy and media information on what is happening specific issues relating to Environmental Health) in the UK related to professional development and how to become a member (of the CIEH.

Read around environmental health

To achieve a high level of professional success you need think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to develop these skills and prepare for studying, read around current environmental health issues before you arrive. Explore the web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you when you become an environmental health student.

Important books to look at now (most are available in the library as e – books)

Routledge Focus on Environmental Health - many relevant titles in this book series

Environmental Health and Housing Issues for Public Health
By Jill Stewart, Zena Lynch

Invisible Killer, The: [The Rising Global Threat of Air Pollution - and How We Can Fight Back](#)

[Research Methods for Public Health - Mclean et al](#)

[Managing for Health and Safety](#) (2013) The Health and Safety Executive, London

[Introduction to Health and Safety](#) (2021) Hughes, P., and Ferrett. E., 7th ed. Oxon:

Routledge.

[Clays Environmental Health](#)

Here is a range of engaging open access media resources

- [Chartered Institute of Environmental Health](#) (CIEH) - well worth looking at for your own perspectives and CIEH Policy, etc.
- [UK Environmental Health Research Network](#) – one of the few dedicated websites for promoting research, publication and evidence-based environmental health
- [The international federation of environmental health](#), seeks to disseminate knowledge concerning environmental health and promote co-operation between countries
- [Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland](#), known as REHIS, promote the advancement of Environmental Health
- [National Environmental Health Association](#)
- [Unchecked UK](#)
- [RIAMS](#)
- [What is Environmental health? 18 minute you tube video](#)
- [Global Environmental Health workforce 30-minute podcast](#)
- [Food Standards Agency](#) (FSA) - a lot of good information relating to food hygiene and safety, Food Safety Strategy, allergens labelling, etc.
- [Health and Safety Executive](#) (HSE) - an essential resource for Health and Safety learning and practice that will be used throughout the module.
- [UK Health Security Agency](#)
- [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities](#)

[World Health Organisation](#) (WHO) - covering a broad spectrum of issues, the WHO came into being in 1948. Some very good information.

[WHO Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Work to do before you start

This will help us to understand your academic level and point you towards appropriate support, if you need it.

There are two pieces of writing to complete;

1. A journal about your favourite film or book that critically analyses, evaluates and reflects on its merits and flaws. You should avoid description (250 words).
2. A proposal on how you intend to manage independent study of 15 hours a week; include your thoughts how you will take responsibility for your own learning, your preferred learning style and what you anticipate may be challenging (250 words).

Bring these with you on Thursday 9th October 2025.

Be prepared

Access support

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification**.

International students

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact your Programme Leader:

Ellis Turner via email at Ellis.Turner@uwe.ac.uk +44 (0) 117 32 86951

Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

Careers

Most UK Env. Health employers require a UK driving however some urban and City councils allow more sustainable alternatives. Obtaining a UK driving licence maybe necessary if you wish to work in the UK for a local government Environmental Health team.

To work as an EHP with the official title of Registered Environmental Health Practitioner You will need to register with the UK Env. Health Professional body (CIEH) after graduating normally within 2 years.

To do this practical experience is needed to draft written portfolio of case studies, often through employment or placements with EH teams. UWE can help support graduates with some regional placements. After submission of your written portfolio to the CIEH a professional interview is held by the CIEH. More information can be found on the [CIEH website](#).

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