Get ready for MSc Public Health

Welcome to the MSc Public Health at UWE Bristol! We hope you are looking forward to joining us soon. As your Programme Leader, I'd like to warmly welcome you to the programme and to the University on behalf of the School of Health and Social Wellbeing. We hope you will enjoy your time with us, and we very much look forward to meeting you and supporting you during your time at UWE.

In the meantime, you can meet current and past students, alumni and academic staff on Facebook and you can find out more about our current research activities by visiting the Centre for Public Health and Wellbeing page on LinkedIn.

Amy Beardmore
Programme Leader

Before you start

We look forward to welcoming you to campus in the week commencing 21 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website for more details.

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

Preparing and arrival
You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block 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.

Enrolment
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 enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment 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.

Engage with your programme

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

Here are some of our recommended titles for you to view and read, to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- Concepts of Health: What does being Healthy mean to you?
- McClean, S., Bray, I., de Viggiani, N., Bird, E. and Pilkington, P. (2019) *Research Methods for Public Health.* London: SAGE Publication. You do not need to buy this text as it is available for free online for students. However, if you want your own copy then you can order it at Amazon UK. This a core text for the programme.
- The Health Foundation website
- What Makes Us Healthy? Understanding the Social Determinants of Health

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 in 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.

You will benefit from a laptop, particularly if your access to on-campus facilities is limited. 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 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**.

Specialist applications used on the course include: **Nvivo for Qualitative Data Analysis and SPSS for Statistical Analysis**. These applications work on Windows and Mac devices but not on tablets or Chromebooks.

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 programme, please contact me: **Amy Beardmore** via email at Amy2.Beardmore@uwe.ac.uk

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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.

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