

**PROGRAMME
SPECIFICATION**

1. Applies to all new and returning students on all stages of the programme commencing in: <i>N.B. This is irrespective of the original year of entry on the programme.</i>	2026												
2. Degree Granting Body	University of London												
3. Awarding institution	The Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London)												
4. Teaching institution	The Royal Veterinary College (University of London) in partnership with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London)												
5. Programme accredited by	N/A												
6. Name and title	Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science in One Health: ecosystems, humans and animals (PG Dip OH) / (MSc OH)												
7. Intermediate and Subsidiary Award(s)	Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in One Health: ecosystems, humans and animals (PG Cert OH) / (PG Dip OH)												
8. Course Management Team	Course Directors: Dr Pablo Alarcon (Royal Veterinary College) Prof Sian Clarke (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)												
9. Level of Final Award	Level 7 See Office for Students (OfS) Sector-recognised standards												
10. Date of First Intake	2013												
11. Frequency of Intake	Annually in September												
12. Duration and Mode(s) of Study	Full time - one academic year, or part-time - two academic years Face to face. Location: On-campus (RVC and LSHTM)												
13. Registration Period (<i>must be in line with the General Regulations for Study and Award</i>)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Full Time</th> <th colspan="2">Part Time</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Minimum</th> <th>Maximum</th> <th>Minimum</th> <th>Maximum</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12 months</td> <td>36 months</td> <td>24 months</td> <td>48 months</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Full Time		Part Time		Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	12 months	36 months	24 months	48 months
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14. Timing of Examination Board meetings	Annually in July and September												
15. Date of Last Periodic Review	17 th October 2019												
16. Date of Next Periodic Review	2025 or 2026 tbc												
17. Language of study and assessment	English												
18. Entry Requirements	https://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/one-health#tab-entry-requirements												
19. UCAS code	N/A												
20. HECoS Code	100942 - Veterinary Public Health												

21. Relevant QAA subject benchmark	N/A
22. Other External Reference Points	
Quality Assurance Agency, The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies, 2014 Office for Students (OfS) Sector-recognised standards	
23. Aims of programme	
To provide a comprehensive foundation in the principles and applications of One Health as they apply to infectious diseases and other consequences of the interactions between ecosystems, humans and animals.	
24. Overall Programme Level Learning Outcomes - the programme offers opportunities for students to achieve and demonstrate the following learning outcomes. Learning outcomes should be specified for all intermediate awards as well as for the terminal award.	
On successful completion of the MSc One Health (and Diploma) students will be able to:	Modules in which each learning outcome will be developed and assessed:
Interpret the One Health concept and what it may mean in different contexts	Foundations of One Health
Apply a One Health approach to complex disease issues using systems thinking, a trans-disciplinary approach, and apply concepts in order to address multi-faceted problems	Foundations of One Health One Health: Situation Analysis and Systems Thinking
Demonstrate learning and understanding of disease ecology, evolution and emergence, and the drivers of and impact of disease (social, economic, biological, demographic, ecological); Evaluate disease control and prevention options	Principles of Epidemiology and Surveillance Infectious Disease Emergence and Control Economics of One Health Medical Anthropology and Public Health Module 8
Demonstrate the necessary cognitive skills (such as planning, logic and reasoning, comprehension) and scientific skills, including critically reviewing scientific literature, and design and analysis of laboratory and/or field studies	All modules
Demonstrate, and continue to develop key skills such as application of scientific knowledge to real world issues in One Health, communication and networking skills, information gathering, statistical numeracy, problem solving and integration of knowledge, ethics and values	Research Skills and statistical analysis One Health: Situation Analysis and Systems Thinking Module 8
On successful completion of the MSc course, students will additionally be able to:	
Carry out an independent research project, write the results in the form of a journal article and defend their project orally	Research Project
25. Teaching/learning methods	
Approximate total number of hours	
Lectures and directed learning (on-campus and digital)	460-480
Tutorials	5
26. Assessment methods	
Percentage of total assessment load	
Coursework	For MSc: 67% For PG Dip: 100%

Written Exams	A variety for assessment methods will be used in different modules. These includes written exams, submission of essays and individual or group poster/oral presentation.
Research Project	For MSc: 33% For PG Dip: 0%
27. Feedback	
Describe how and when students will receive feedback, individually or collectively, on their progress in the course overall.	
<p>Most modules have a formative assessment, appropriately aligned with Module learning objectives. Formative assessment activities are designed to enable students to assess their progress and help them identify and plan their further learning needs: dialogue between the student and their tutor/lecturers and peers together with discussion in the classroom, provides individualised feedback to help reinforce good practice and importantly, help show where and how work can be improved. Each module has a specific RVC Learn page signposting students to where individual and group feedback opportunities occur.</p> <p>Students are guided by tutors providing both pastoral and academic input. Timetabled mixed PGT group tutorials (~5 per year) offer a combination of generic Masters level 7 skills and pastoral support. Mixed tutorials offer a regular opportunity for students across different courses to interact and share experiences, providing an environment for peer support networks to develop.</p>	
28. Work Placement Requirements or Opportunities	No requirements
29. Student Support	http://www.rvc.ac.uk/study/support-for-students and https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/studentservices
30. Assessment	
Assessment and Award Regulations https://www.rvc.ac.uk/about/the-rvc/academic-quality-regulations-procedures	

31. Programme structures and requirements, levels, modules, credits and awards

NB: Please be aware that the RVC will not deliver any module or part of a programme if circumstances have changed to threaten its quality or viability. This information is accurate at the time of publication, but such offerings may change after a student has started the programme.

Stage 1 (Year One) Credit and Awards	Details
Total Credit to be studied at this stage	120 at Level 7
Optional modules required in addition to compulsory modules at this stage	15
Award available for completion of the Stage	Postgraduate Certificate for any 60 credits, Postgraduate Diploma for any 120 Credits

Stage 1 Compulsory Studies and Optional Modules

Year	Term	Delivery Institution	Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credit Value	Status for Award	Prerequisites
1	1	RVC		Module 1 Foundations of One Health	7	15	Compulsory	
1	1	RVC		Module 2 Principles of Epidemiology and Surveillance	7	15	Compulsory	
1	1	RVC		Module 3 Research Skills and statistical analysis	7	15	Compulsory	
1	1	LSHTM		Module 4 Infectious Disease Emergence and Control	7	15	Compulsory	
1	2	RVC		Module 5 Economics of One Health	7	15	Compulsory	
1	2	RVC		Module 6 One Health: Situation Analysis and Systems Thinking	7	15	Compulsory	
1	2	LSHTM		Module 7 Medical Anthropology and Public Health	7	15	Compulsory	

And a choice of ONE of the following four 15 credit elective modules:

1	2	LSHTM		Module 8 Environmental Epidemiology	7	15	Optional	
1	2	LSHTM		Module 8 Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	7	15	Optional	
1	2	LSHTM		Module 8 Globalisation & Health	7	15	Optional	

1	2	LSHTM		Module 8 Vector Biology and Vector - Parasite Interactions	7	15	Optional	
1	2	RVC		Module 8 Spatial Analysis in Epidemiology	7	15	Optional	

Stage 2 Credit and Awards	Details
Total Credit to be studied at this stage	60 at Level 7
There are no optional modules at this stage	
Award available for completion of the Stage	MSc for 180 credits

Stage 2 Compulsory Modules								
Year	Term	Delivery Institution	Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credit Value	Status for Award	Prerequisites
1		RVC		Research Project	7	60 (54 credits for Literature review and Research project, and 6 credits for Oral Examination)	Compulsory for MSc; not required for PG Diploma	120 level 7 taught credits (from appropriate modules)

Version Number	Amended by	Date
1.0	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	06/02/2020
1.1	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	17/06/2020
1.2	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	27/08/2020
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1.6	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	16.05.2022
1.7	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	09.12.2022
1.8	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	02.02.2023
1.9	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	30.03.2023

2.0	Academic Quality Manager (RVC)	04.08.2023
2.1	Course Director (RVC)	27.11.2023
2.2	Co-Course Directors	11.03.2024