

Information for applicants to the Extreme Medicine course

Our priority is to keep you safe and ensure your experience on the course is as stimulating and rewarding as you expected. We're planning for flexibility and for resilience in our approach so that whatever the year throws at us all we will be providing students with the best possible opportunity to learn.

There are a few things that we are currently taking into consideration in our planning for 2020:

- The unique nature of course; with residential teaching in authentic environments means a shift to online learning is not feasible as a wholesale change of delivery
- When the relaxation of social distancing enforcement will start to happen so that we are able to run normal residential modules
- Restrictions to travel outside of UK / outside of EU area OR constraints of quarantine on return

We are hopeful that by Spring 2021 we will be able to run our residentials and that we should be able to return relatively normal activity for the 21/22 academic year.

In the meantime, it is more likely that our UK-based residential courses will run instead of overseas courses (especially those outside the EU travel zone). It is also more likely that modules due to take place later in the academic year (Spring 2021) will run than those in Autumn or early Winter 2020.

Apart from the dissertation project module for 60 credits there are three modules that are compulsory for anyone sitting the full MSc qualification:

HPDM100 Core Concepts (30 credits)

Scheduled for 25– 29 October 2020 in the UK with an option to reschedule to March 2021 if required.

HPDM070 Disaster and Humanitarian Relief Theory (15 credits – online course)

As an online module this is self-paced and available all year with assessments typically submitted in Spring 2021.

HPDM102 Human Factors and Situational Awareness (15 credits).

Scheduled for 9-11 April 2021 in the UK.

The remaining academic credits 60 credits would typically come from taking four optional modules worth 15 credits each on offer in the Extreme Medicine portfolio.

The structure of the course allows modules to be taken in any order. Ordinarily we strongly recommend you sitting the **Core Concepts** module before taking any other special environment modules. However, for 2020 we will allow greater flexibility and allow students the option of taking special environment modules in the November 2020 to March 2021 window if the Core Concepts module has to be deferred to March 2021.

Choosing your optional modules does not guarantee they can run and doing so incurs much greater risk of disruption with overseas modules, especially those outside the EU travel area.

You do have the option of making up credits from some of the online modules from the wider postgraduate portfolio in the College of Medicine and Health. A research methodology module will be highly recommended in the new academic intake for 2021 and will provide helpful academic background to inform your dissertation work. There are leadership, project implementation and sport and exercise medicine modules on offer that are highly relevant. We are in the process of accelerating the development of two other online modules specifically for Extreme Medicine on the topics of Expedition dentistry and Trauma that should become available over the course of the academic year.

We'll continue to update this as we plan for 2020.

Your safety, and the safety of all our staff and students, is our highest priority.