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1 General Information	
Study programme & Degree (if applicable: undergraduate studies/degree/institution)	Master's in Public Health (MPH)
Weblink	https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/medicine/public-health-masters/
University	Imperial College London
City / Country	London, UK
Semesters / Years	1 year-full time
Study / semester abroad	<input type="checkbox"/> mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> optional
Language of instruction	English

2 Preparations / Organizational Aspects	
When did you start to prepare for the study programme?	Preparation started in November the year before the programme started.
What must be considered in preparation for the study programme?	English language requirement, motivational letter, two (academic) reference letters
How is the application process? Is there a deadline for the application?	Online application through the Imperial website; date of the deadline varies, but is usually early in the year of the start of the programme.
2a Documents	
Which documents were needed for the application / country entry? How/Where did you get them?	<input type="checkbox"/> report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> language certificate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> motivational letter <input type="checkbox"/> CV/ resumé <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommendation letter

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	<input type="checkbox"/> insurances <input type="checkbox"/> visa <input type="checkbox"/> vaccines	
2b Financial Aspects		
Are there costs related to the study programme? How much are they?	<input type="checkbox"/> semester contribution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tuition fee <input type="checkbox"/> enrolment fee <input type="checkbox"/> others	
How do you finance your study programme (abroad)?	Government loan and savings	
Do you get financial support? (e.g. scholarship, BAföG, etc.) - From which institution do you get the financial support? - How much do you get (optional)? Do you have any tips / experiences for application?	KfW Studienkredit for international studies: 9000€ Tips: DAAD-Auslandstipendium, apply early!	
Do you have insights into jobs for students?	No	
How would you rate the cost of living in your city (in comparison to specific cities in your country?)	High	
Based on your experience, how much should someone calculate for accommodation/ food/ public transportation/ wifi?	I calculated 1.300€/month for living, rent, transport in London.	
Are there other costs that need to be considered? (e.g., vaccinations, insurances, visa, travel costs)	Since Brexit there are additional costs (e.g. charge for the NHS) which did not apply in the year I completed my programme.	

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3 Studying	
<p>Why did you decide to study at that university?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What appealed to you most? - What does it offer what others don't? 	<p>Imperial is one of the leading, prestigious universities in the world; it has a high reputation for technology and medicine; I was mostly interested in the innovation, health tech surrounding and research possibilities.</p>
<p>Which modules did you take? (brief overview)</p> <p>Which modules did you like/ were special at that university?</p>	<p>Statistics, epidemiology, foundations of public health practice, health economics, health innovation, digital health, health policy, systems and finance.</p> <p>The innovation, digital health modules were something I only found at Imperial compared to other schools.</p>
<p>How would you rate the workload/ amount of self-studying/ group work, etc.?</p> <p>How were the lecturers/ teaching style? What was new for you? What did you have to get used to?</p>	<p>Due to the pandemic, the whole course was online. We used coursera as a learning platform and regular zoom sessions to discuss the content.</p> <p>The content was never really difficult, but a lot to work through. There we long reading lists, homework, group projects.</p>
<p>Are there any specialisation areas in your programme? Which did you choose?</p>	<p>There are two streams: global health and health systems. Within and across the streams you can choose from a lot of different modules. I listed the modules I chose above.</p>
<p>To which extent were international and global topics discussed/ part of the study programme?</p> <p>Which topics were the most interesting/ you liked most?</p>	<p>There was a high amount of international, global health topics discussed. To me, the most interesting were global health innovation and some of the courses in global health challenges (climate change, migration, ..)</p>
<p>Where is the campus located? Is the campus spread throughout the city? Is it easy to arrive?</p>	<p>The campus is located at St. Marys hospital in Paddington London. Due to the pandemic, I was only able to go the library there.</p>

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4 Living	
Briefly describe your daily life. How is your study-work-life-balance?	Due to the pandemic I spent a lot of time with the course work as there was little to do otherwise. I participated in hackathons, other university challenges on the side.
How do you experience the city/country and people/fellow students? How is the atmosphere?	Studying mostly from home, I often felt quite isolated from the course and fellow students. I spent most of my time with my flatmates who were all British and a lot of fun to hang out with.
What did you learn for yourself personally and culturally? [e.g. an event / situation which was eye-opening / insightful / enlightening]	
Do you have any tips for leisure activities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does someone have to see? - Are there college sports at university? - Are there any student events to connect (e.g. coffee break, etc.)? - Are there any (regional) cultural events? 	There are lots of societies and clubs at Imperial which all seemed fun but unfortunately (due to the pandemic) I was never able to participate in.
What do you have to consider about public transport? What is important? What is different? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most used transportation? - Are there semester/student tickets? 	Public transport in London is expensive and there are no student tickets. I would recommend getting a bike.

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<p>What do you need (not) to pack/ prepare?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is life-saving in the host city/ country? - What do you regret (not) bringing? - Do you have any tips for preparation? 	
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5 Reflection	
<p>What is your personal experience about your study programme? Would you recommend the study programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What did you especially like? - What did you not like? 	<p>Despite the situation of the pandemic and online learning I really enjoyed the course and would always recommend it from the study-experience/content perspective. I especially enjoyed the health tech / innovation focus.</p> <p>Since the tuition fees were raised since Brexit, I am however not sure if the course is still worth the money. Personally, I would only do it if I got external funding.</p>
<p>How did you experience the organisation and support at your university? Is there any special support for international students?</p>	<p>Support was good, we all got a personal tutor and had regular meetings, the staff was super helpful and the module leaders always reachable.</p>
<p>What are your personal experiences about living in the host city/ country? What broadened your mind? Have you left your comfort zone? Have you changed your mindset? If yes, in which way?</p>	

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6 Recommendation	
Do you have other tips for studying the programme & living in the host city/ country?	
Do you have contact persons or information for support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - student supports - international office - accommodation service - etc. 	All contact can be found on the website linked above
Your name, contact information (highly appreciated, but not mandatory)	