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1 General Information	
Study programme & Degree (if applicable: undergraduate studies/degree/institution)	Health Policy, Planning and Financing Master of Science
Weblink	https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/courses/masters-degrees/health-policy-planning-financing
University	LSHTM/LSE
City / Country	London, UK
Semesters / Years	1 year
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?	-	
What must be considered in preparation for the study programme?	-	
How is the application process? Is there a deadline for the application?	Rolling application process without deadline.	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> CV/ resumé <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommendation letter	TOEFL Test References by previous supervisors.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> enrolment fee <input type="checkbox"/> others	I paid around 15.000 but after Brexit the tuition fee increased to £26,232.
How do you finance your study programme (abroad)?	Scholarship	
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?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Studienstiftung/German Academic Scholarship Foundation. - Covered 10.000 € of tuition fees and 300€/month of living expenses 	
Do you have insights into jobs for students?	-	
How would you rate the cost of living in your city (in comparison to specific cities in your country?)	London is quite expensive, particularly the rents.	
Based on your experience, how much should someone calculate for accommodation/ food/ public transportation/ wifi?	1500-2000€/month, depending on the type of accommodation.	
Are there other costs that need to be considered? (e.g., vaccinations, insurances, visa, travel costs)	Health insurance for the stay abroad.	

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3 Studying	
Why did you decide to study at that university? - What appealed to you most? - What does it offer what others don't?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combination of two universities with different specializations; infectiology/public health (LSHTM) and economics and political science (LSE) - Great variety of choice between modules.
Which modules did you take? (brief overview) Which modules did you like/ were special at that university?	<p>LSHTM:</p> <p>Basic Epidemiology, Statistical Methods in Epidemiology, Health Policy, Process and Power, Evaluation of Public Health Interventions (+)</p> <p>LSE:</p> <p>Health Economics, Financing Health Care (+) Health Care Economic Evaluation (+) Global Health Security</p>
How would you rate the workload/ amount of self-studying/ group work, etc.? How were the lecturers/ teaching style? What was new for you? What did you have to get used to?	The workload was relatively high since it is 92.5 ECTS in 1 year. Mostly self-studying, some group works. Mostly good teachers teaching the lectures, however seminars were often held by less experienced junior professionals.
Are there any specialisation areas in your programme? Which did you choose?	I think the different modules that can be chosen belong to three different tracks: (1) Finance and Economics (2) Statistics and Epidemiology, (3) Global Health Issues (Conflict/Environment and Health, Global Health Security)
To which extent were international and global topics discussed/ part of the study programme? Which topics were the most interesting/ you liked most?	<p>Almost all is related to global health or differences between the health systems of different countries.</p> <p>I focused on methodology and liked learning STATA. Moreover, it is useful to learn more about differences in financing health systems around the globe.</p>

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Where is the campus located? Is the campus spread throughout the city? Is it easy to arrive?	In central London, easy to arrive, LSHTM and LSE in walking distance to each other.
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4 Living	
Briefly describe your daily life. How is your study-work-life-balance?	Studying HPPF is almost like a fulltime job.
How do you experience the city/country and people/fellow students? How is the atmosphere?	Nice atmosphere but I left London after a couple of weeks when all classes were switched to an online format because of COVID
What did you learn for yourself personally and culturally? [e.g. an event / situation which was eye-opening / insightful / enlightening]	Never sign a 1 year contract for a room in times of a pandemic..
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? 	-
What do you have to consider about public transport? What is important? What is different? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most used transportation? 	I mostly used Santander Bikes to get to the university

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there semester/ student tickets? 	
<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? 	-

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>I would recommend the study programme to anyone who is interested in Financing/Economics of Health or methodology in (global) health research.</p> <p>I liked the packed and intense 1-year approach.</p>
<p>How did you experience the organisation and support at your university?</p> <p>Is there any special support for international students?</p>	<p>Overall, LSE was much better organized than LSHTM.</p> <p>Even though they had to switch from face-to-face to online during the term, it went very smoothly with the online moodle platform.</p>
<p>What are your personal experiences about living in the host city/ country?</p> <p>What broadened your mind? Have you left your comfort zone? Have you changed your mindset? If yes, in which way?</p>	<p>London is a big, multicultural city. However, my experiences in London are restricted to a couple of weeks before the programme changed to an online format due to the pandemic. I decided to head back home but could not end the contract of my accommodation as this was a private student accommodation provider. Therefore, I would recommend the accommodations provided/hosted by one of the two universities.</p>

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6 Recommendation	
Do you have other tips for studying the programme & living in the host city/country?	I would recommend the accommodations provided/hosted by one of the two universities instead of private student accommodation providers like Urbanest.
Do you have contact persons or information for support: - student supports - international office - accommodation service - etc.	-
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