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Postgraduate programmes in

Global Environment and Sustainability

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1 Stimulating and engaging programme content

The programme equips students with a comprehensive understanding of key global environmental topics and provides opportunities to participate in critical thinking and problem-solving tasks, training a cohort of future global sustainability practitioners and researchers.

2 Progress to a master's qualification

If you do not meet the requirements for direct entry to the MSc, you can apply via the Performance Based Admissions (PBA) route. Students on the PBA route may transfer to the MSc on successful completion of one module.

3 Study flexibly, at your own pace

The online MSc Global Environment and Sustainability programme can be studied from anywhere in the world. The flexible programme design enables you to fit your studies around your schedule.

4 Opportunities to take your career further

The programme provides career development opportunities for a wide range of individuals, including those with practical experience in environmental management and sustainability who are seeking to further develop their theoretical understandings in environmental sustainability.

5 A mark of excellence

Earn an internationally recognised qualification from University of London. The University has a track record of teaching, innovation and research dating back 160 years.

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white hard hat and a bright yellow safety vest over a white long-sleeved shirt, is seen from the back. She is holding a white tablet computer in her right hand. The background is a blurred industrial setting with a large, dark, cylindrical structure on the left and other industrial elements on the right. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

“In a fast changing environment of worldwide access to higher education, a University of London degree continues to offer a guarantee of quality, value and intellectual rigour.”

Professor Wendy Thomson
Vice-Chancellor,
University of London

Your prestigious University of London qualification

About your qualification

When you graduate with a degree, diploma or certificate from the University of London you will receive two important documents – your Final Diploma (the parchment you receive on graduation) and a Diploma Supplement.

The Final Diploma

- Indicates that you were registered with the University of London and awarded a University of London degree, diploma or certificate.
- Gives the name of Birkbeck, University of London as the member institution that developed the syllabus and provided assessment.
- Features the University of London crest and the Vice-Chancellor's signature.

The Diploma Supplement

- Describes the nature, level and content of the programme you successfully completed.
- Includes the transcript of courses taken, marks achieved and overall classification.
- States the role of Birkbeck, University of London and the method of study.

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Key dates

Applications and
registration open:

28 June 2021

Applications close:

13 September 2021

Registrations close:

27 September 2021

Programme starts:

11 October 2021

A University of London degree from anywhere in the world



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Programme Director

It is clear that urgent action is needed to address multiple global environmental problems: climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution and waste, and unsustainable water and energy resource use. What are the best ways to address these problems effectively? How can this be done in a fair and equitable way, taking into account the needs of the most vulnerable? What are the roles of different societal groups in addressing environmental threats and transforming to a more sustainable society?

Through an interdisciplinary and holistic approach, the postgraduate programmes in Global Environment and Sustainability equip students with the necessary skills to deal with the complex environmental challenges facing society and to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Led

by researchers active in environmental sustainability, the programmes examine changes, problems and solutions across local and global scales, and welcome students' diverse and unique insights through peer-to-peer learning. The programmes offer flexibility and intellectual rigour for motivated students from a broad range of backgrounds to go on to apply practice-relevant environmental knowledge in their professional lives: so whether students work in the public, private, third sectors, or continue with research, they will have the understanding and skills needed to make real-world change.

A trusted name in global education

The University of London is one of the world's leading universities, internationally recognised for its high academic standards. This reputation is based on the outstanding teaching and research of our 17 Member Institutions.

Among former students are six Nobel Prize winners, including Nelson Mandela and Charles Kao, a pioneer in the development of fibre-optics. Graduates have made and continue to make significant contributions worldwide.

London made global

Founded in 1836, the University of London is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the UK and is internationally regarded as a centre of academic excellence. In 1858, we made our degrees available to study anywhere in the world.

Today, we have more than 50,000 students in over 180 countries, studying for 100-plus degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Delivered by experts in the field

Academic direction for the programme is from Birkbeck, University of London, which was founded in 1823 and joined the University of London in 1920.

Over 90% of Birkbeck academics are research-active across a range of disciplines and regularly contribute to public debate and publish in leading academic journals.

You'll learn from highly experienced professionals and practitioners, combining academic excellence with industry-related knowledge and expertise.

A programme with global relevance

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the scale and urgency of crises that face society as a result of environmental degradation. This programme supports students to develop skills and contribute to increased social and ecological resilience to current and future threats.

The MSc Global Environment and Sustainability degree offers students modules covering pressing global contemporary environmental problems, including climate change and environmental hazards, global food systems and health, water and energy resources, waste and pollution and biodiversity, biosecurity and conservation.

Students will engage with real-world practical examples to examine drivers, concepts, and contested ideas related to environmental problems in diverse global, national and local contexts. Providing students with a holistic and interdisciplinary understanding of the causes and consequences of these urgent environmental issues, this degree will examine how environmental sustainability policy and management can effectively contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Through a substantial independent research project, students will develop in-depth knowledge in a particular specialist area of interest.



By studying this programme, students will:

- be able to critically evaluate the complex drivers and consequences of global environmental problems for different societal groups, applying academic concepts and theories
- develop in-depth knowledge in particular specialist areas of environment and sustainability through designing and executing a substantial independent research project
- gain critical and creative thinking skills and the ability to apply theory to practice

- be able to assess the effectiveness, equity and trade-offs of different sustainability goals and policies at global, regional and local levels and over time.

In some countries, qualifications earned by distance and flexible learning may not be recognised by certain authorities or regulators for the purposes of public sector employment or further study. We advise you to explore the local recognition status before you register.

How you study

The MSc Global Environment and Sustainability is offered fully online and allows you the opportunity to fit your studies flexibly around your schedule. You can choose to study individual modules on a pay-as-you-go basis and build up your qualification at your own pace.

There is no requirement to have a bachelor's degree in a related subject area to join the MSc programme. This programme is targeted at career minded individuals who wish to develop their professional skills with master's level understanding and skills applied to careers in business, environmental management, local government, policy work, and in environmental groups and charities.

Each module is taught over a 20 week session.

Programme structure

The MSc Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

Five core modules (30 credits each)

One project module (30 credits)

The PGDip Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

Four modules (30 credits each)

The PGCert Global Environment and Sustainability consists of:

Two modules (30 credits each)

All of the modules from the MSc Global Environment and Sustainability, excluding the independent research project are available to study on a stand-alone basis, subject to module availability.

For further information on available modules, please visit:
london.ac.uk/environment



Online support

The programme is delivered online and there is no requirement to come to the UK as part of your studies. Our flexible online programme allows you to work around your own schedule and leads to a globally-recognised qualification.

When you register, we will create your Student Portal account. You can then access your University of London email account and other key resources including:

- The Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), which offers online learning support, access to the student café and discussion areas, and other study materials.
- **The Student Guide** provides information which is common to all students and gives guidance on a range of issues relating to your study experience.

- The Online Library provides over 100 million academic electronic items comprising E-books, E-journals, conference proceedings etc. In addition, students can request items which are not held in the library via the Inter-Library loans service with the British Library.
- Senate House Library provides free reference access for all registered distance and flexible learning students.

Tutor support

All students receive online academic support while studying this programme. Tutors introduce the modules, respond to queries, monitor discussions and provide guidance on assessments.

Study materials

All essential resources, activities, videos, discussions and support are provided through the VLE. This allows you to fit your studies around your work commitments. There is no need to purchase additional textbooks.

Time commitment

The flexible approach to learning allows students to complete the MSc in a minimum of two years (subject to module availability) to a maximum of five years.

You can study at your own pace, adjusting the intensity of learning to suit your needs.

Entrance requirements and further information

Entry requirements for the MSc, PGDip and PGCert

Entry route 1 – Direct Entry

Applicants will need a bachelor's degree which is considered at least comparable to a UK second class honours degree or a postgraduate qualification from an institution acceptable to the University.

Directly related professional work experience and/or directly related professional qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Entry route 2 – Performance Based Admissions Route

If applicants do not meet the requirements for Direct Entry, they can apply for the MSc via the Performance Based Admissions (PBA) route. To qualify for entrance via the PBA route, applicants will need a bachelor's degree or aegrotat (certificate) from an institution acceptable to the University.

Students on the PBA route may transfer to the MSc on successful completion of one module (30 credits).

Entrance requirements for stand-alone individual modules

To qualify to register for a stand-alone individual module, applicants will need a bachelor's degree or aegrotat (certificate) from an institution acceptable to the University.

English language requirements

You must satisfy the English language requirements for the programme. For more information on the requirements please visit: london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply/english-requirements

If you do not meet the English language proficiency requirements but believe that you can demonstrate the requisite proficiency, the University may, at its discretion, consider your application.

Computer requirements

The University of London sets minimum basic computer requirements because your study resources are accessed via the Student Portal and it is vital that you can access this regularly.

For this programme, you will need regular access to a computer with an internet connection to use the University of London's online resources and systems. A webcam

may be required in the event that online timed assessments (if offered) are proctored, and in such a case, it is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to a webcam.

For more information about specific software requirements, please visit: london.ac.uk/applications/how-apply/computer-requirements

How to apply

Please refer to the MSc Global Environment and Sustainability webpages for details on how to apply: london.ac.uk/environment

Fees

The total fee payable to the University of London for 2021–2022 will be published on our website once confirmed. On average, fees incur a five per cent year-on-year increase. For the latest information on programme fees, please visit: london.ac.uk/fees

Please note: student fees shown on our website are net of any local VAT, Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any other sales tax payable by the student in their country of residence. Where the University is required to add VAT, GST or any other sales tax at the local statutory rate, this will be added to the fees shown during the payment process. For students resident in the UK, our fees are exempt from VAT.



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