

# Master of Political Science Health Challenges and Policies Studies

Master of Law, Business, Management/ Social Science  
Political Science Honours  
Health Challenges and Policies Studies

*In partnership with the Medicine Faculty at JMU, Science Po Lyon and Vetagrosup Lyon*

*The Health Challenges and Policies course is part of the Social Science PhD School (ED 483) and supported by the UMR 5206 Triangle Laboratory*

## Objectives

The Master of Health Challenges and Policies focuses on analysing health practices and policies **incorporating inter-disciplinary fields with the realities of the ever-changing professional and research world.**

It is designed for students from diverse backgrounds to teach them the skills they need to understand the **complexity of social and political challenges involved in the health fields.**

- > It enables political science or social science students to work in various business sectors dealing with health issues and even work in related high-demand roles of observation, expertise, mediation, leadership and network building.
- > It is designed to give medical students and health professionals the analysis skills they need to understand the social contexts in which they work and how these contexts can affect their practice of medicine.
- > This Master's course is available to future vets and farmers and designed to improve their ability to design and analyse public policies.

## Who's it for?

### Entry requirements

The Master of Health Challenges and Policies is available to

- > Students with a degree in social science from a French university (political science, sociology, anthropology, history, education sciences, psychology, information and communication, geography, law)
- > Medical students (bachelor 2/3: undergraduate or joint degree), interns
- > Students who have completed the 3rd year at Sciences Po Lyon (joint degree)
- > Health professionals (doctors, health executives, psychologists, paramedics).
- > Students from the French School of Veterinary Services

Access to the Master of Health Challenges and Policies is based on the teaching board's review of application forms. Students can enrol straight onto the M2 course under the same conditions.

Enrolment is available for higher education and continuing education.

Apply for the master

- > [Prepare your Master application](#)
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## What's next?

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### Prospects

- > Careers in central administration, agencies, public or parapublic bodies, territorial collectivities, charities, networks, NGOs
- > Research managers, project managers
- > Public sector consultants in consultancy firms
- > PhD

## Course

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The Master 1 and Master 2 follow the same plan:

- > **Module 1 is devoted to basic teaching:** Public policies; Political sociology: figures, knowledge and institutions; Medical sociology; International organisations and health crisis management; History of the battle against epidemics; Comparative social politics; Chronic illnesses, treatments and medical professions; Health system organisation; Public health and social inequality; Anthropology of illness; Health vs. instability; The foundations and challenges of evidence-based medicine (EBM).
- > **Module 2 involves work focusing on research.** It is designed to train students in researching social science and supporting them in research work that results in writing a case study in M1 and writing a science article in M2.  
In terms of this work, pair work (students in medicine and students in other subjects) is encouraged.
- > **Module 3 provides advanced training** to teach more specialist skills (master class, mental health, science and society, health law and geography etc.), modern language study or preparation for work experience (research manager in the health sector etc.).

[Teaching plan Class summary](#)

## Teaching method

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### Training schedule

The course runs from mid-September to June.

Some of the classes in module 3 may be taught in a short and intensive cycle for a few days in the second semester.

The Master's timetable is designed to suit the JMU medical students' university degree.

## Teaching staff

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The course is taught by staff made up of specialists in social science (political science, sociology and anthropology) and medicine.