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Important Information and Additional Costs to Consider when Choosing your Course

Course Title: MBA Management with Health Economics and Finance

Desirable Experience & Skills

While no specific prior professional experience is required, applicants will benefit from possessing some of the following experience, skills, and attributes:

- An interest in healthcare, health systems, business management, and the challenges facing healthcare organisations globally.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to work effectively with individuals from diverse cultural, professional, and educational backgrounds.
- Analytical and problem-solving abilities, particularly when evaluating complex organisational, financial, operational, or data-driven issues.
- An interest in healthcare economics and finance, within health and social care settings.
- The ability to work independently, manage time effectively, and balance competing priorities.
- Teamworking and collaborative skills, including the ability to contribute constructively to group discussions, projects, and professional networks.
- A willingness to engage with quantitative and qualitative information to support evidence-based decision-making.
- Cultural awareness and a global outlook, particularly valuable for students seeking to understand healthcare management practices across different countries and healthcare systems.
- Adaptability, resilience, and a commitment to continuous professional and personal development.
- Previous experience in healthcare, social care, business, public services, data analysis, finance, logistics, or related sectors may be advantageous but is not essential.

Professional, Statutory & Regulatory Body (PSRB) Requirements

Not currently applicable.

Admission Professional Requirements

Before enrolling you must fully declare on the forms provided during the admissions process:

- Unfiltered criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings. For further information on unfiltered offences please see the Disclosure and Barring Service website.
- Involvement in disciplinary proceedings during paid or voluntary employment or within education establishments.
- Involvement with safeguarding proceedings, social services or related organisations.
- Enrolment on a health or social work professional course at another University.

Occupational Health Requirements

You must undertake occupational health screening to determine your suitability to undertake the course. At Health Sciences University, offers are subject to satisfactory screening in terms of your health and welfare before the start of your course. This is to ensure that you are physically and mentally suited to a career in health. If you have any concerns about your medical suitability, you are advised to discuss this with your General Practitioner (GP) or local healthcare provider.

Occupational health screening is not required for Health Business School students as they do not undertake clinical placements

Immunisation Requirements

Health Sciences University has unique multidisciplinary clinics which attract a variety of clinicians and patients, and we actively seek new opportunities for students off campus within the NHS and private sector to enrich their clinical learning. Whilst this presents great opportunities for students, there is a risk of contracting an infection whilst on placement and vaccination helps to reduce this risk to both yourself and the public. Further information please view the webpage: https://www.hsu.ac.uk/study/apply/how-to-apply/occupational-health-requirements/

Applicants must meet the costs of this check (approx. £22) and any subsequent immunisations that are required, price list will be sent with pre-clearance information.

This is not required by Health Business School students except where placements are undertaken within clinical facilities that make this a mandatory requirement.

Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service Checks

You must undertake an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) criminal record check once you have accepted the offer of a place on the course and prior to enrolment week.

If you have lived outside of the UK for more than six consecutive months in the last five years you must provide an overseas criminal record check.

If your DBS Enhanced Disclosure certificate contains any recorded information you must present this to the Admissions and Immigration Compliance Manager.

Disability Support

We strongly recommend that you tell us about any long-term health conditions, learning difficulty or disability you may have. This is so we can assess whether we can deliver the course in such a way

that you can meet the course requirements and take part without disadvantage both in university and on placement.

You may also wish to read our Student Services pages

https://www.hsu.ac.uk/student-life/services/student-services/

You are encouraged to discuss any concerns about any long-term health conditions, learning difficulty or disability you may have with us before making an application for the course or accepting an offer of a place so that we can discuss with you how reasonable adjustments can be made to enable you to study on the course, however we can only make adjustments where this will not interfere with your ability to demonstrate that you have met the learning outcomes for the course, and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs).

For more information, please contact studentservices@hsu.ac.uk

Placement Requirements

All students on the **MBA Management with Health Economics and Finance,** course must complete a 3-month work-based learning component as part of the 15-month programme.

Students will choose one of the following options:

- *3-month External Professional Practice Placement*
- *3-month School-Based Live-Brief Project Consultancy Work*

Students choosing the External Professional Practice Placement option will incur an *additional estimated cost of £1,500*. HSU may facilitate access to competitive placement opportunities, including with international organisations; however, placement opportunities are not guaranteed.

Students are required to maintain a logbook and reflective journal throughout the work-based learning period. Academic tutors will conduct regular progress reviews and, where applicable, liaise with placement providers to monitor attendance, engagement, and performance.

Students must comply with the attendance, professional conduct, health and safety, confidentiality, and dress code requirements of the host organisation or project setting. Any absence must be reported promptly and may need to be made up where appropriate.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the work-based learning component, including attendance and required documentation, may affect successful completion of the associated unit and overall course award.

While the external placement practice is not currently linked to a specific Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) placement-hour requirement, students undertaking external placements must comply with any professional standards, policies, and regulatory requirements applicable to the placement provider and sector in which they are working.

Other Important Information

- A minimum of two (2) full working days a week is expected to fully undertake an external professional placement. This is equivalent to 15 hours of work minimum per week commitment.

- For school-based live consultancy project work, students will be expected to be on campus one full workday equivalent to 7 hours weekly contact hours for the duration of the unit. This will be supplemented by independent group work activities and meetings that feeds into the required assessment for the unit.

- The expectation is to be appropriately dressed for the organisational setting and environment within which the external professional placement is to be undertaken and model good behaviour and any other applicable additions to this is expected.

- Discussing concerns about the above with the University prior to applying for the course is essential, and where the concerns relate to issues covered by the Equality Act 2010 (such as religion, disability, gender reassignment) discussing reasonable adjustments where this will not interfere with the student's ability to demonstrate that they have met the learning outcomes for the course and meet the requirements of relevant Professional Statutory and Regulatory Bodies (PSRBs) is required.

- The requirement of students to declare any criminal records and changes in their criminal record as soon as they occur, i.e., if they have been cautioned, reprimanded, warned, charged or convicted in relation to any criminal activity.

- Typical attendance expectations, e.g., and when students will have classes (e.g., between 9am and 5pm, Mon – Friday), including assessment and resit periods is communicated to students when starting on the relevant course.

- Attendance and engagement requirements for theory, practical and placement sessions and how this is monitored and managed, including supporting students struggling to engage, is available and linked to the University's Academic Engagement Policy.

- Pass marks required for all units at level 7, whether students must attempt and pass all assessments, progression requirements are communicated to the students at the start of the course and unit. Where an academic regulations variance applies to the course, this is also made accessible to students at the beginning of the course.

Accommodation

The University does not provide accommodation to students. Students are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements while enrolled at the Health Sciences University.

The Student Services team can offer advice and assistance in finding private rented accommodation in the area.

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Additional Costs

Below are additional costs you will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete your course. You will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Course Fee.

Essential Costs

Please note that this are estimated costs and may include other costs at the time of placement that is not currently accounted for on the list.

- Costs for travelling to and from the University and any placements.
- Accommodation costs whilst studying at the University or attending placements.
- Photocopying and printing costs.
- DBS Check costs.
- Health costs.
- Visa costs may also be required for placement options within international organisations.
- UK-Compatible Laptop device: You are required to own a tablet or computer/laptop for your personal use, as this will enhance your learning by giving them immediate access to our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), as well as ensure you can access and engagement with knowledge acquisition and application activities on your course.

Recommended Costs

- It is recommended you have a good quality Broadband internet connection when studying at home.

Optional Costs

- Teaching materials are made available in electronic format on the Virtual Learning Environment. If you wish to have a printed copy you may print these materials at your own cost.

- Core texts are available in the library but there are limited numbers, and most students buy some, but not necessarily all, textbooks.

- We are unable to offer any storage facilities for personal belongings of students, except for a limited number of lockers. You can rent a locker from the Health Sciences University Students' Union (HSUSU) on payment of a single fee of £10.

- There may be other costs for activities which will enhance your time here but are not directly related to your course. For example, there is an annual fee (currently £70) to join our gym (gym membership is a requirement to join some HSUSU/Health Sciences University sports societies). Some HSUSU-organised social events and activities organised through HSUSU Societies will be at an additional cost.

- On successful completion of the course, you have the option to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2023 the hire cost was £38. There are no other charges

to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable per head, you will be advised of the price before you graduate.

- Students choosing the External Professional Practice Placement option will incur *an additional estimated cost of £1,500.*

- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents, there will be a fee payable as set out below:

    - Transcript (per academic year): £10
    - Degree Certificate: £40
    - Diploma Supplement: £10
    - IRMER certificate: £25