



Medical anthropology studies health, illness and healing from a **cross-cultural** perspective. One of anthropology's most rapidly growing subdisciplines, it explores both traditional performative healing and the impact of the latest medical technologies.



The **Postgraduate Programme in the Anthropology of Health & Illness** gets students engaged with the field's **distinctive approach to health and healing**. It takes students away from the idea that there is only one standardized 'best practice' and shows them the astounding **diversity** of therapeutic methods, ideas of disease causation, healer personalities and spaces for healing. It explores how anthropologists can get **involved** in international health projects while also maintaining a **critical stance**.

Edinburgh is an **internationally distinguished** centre for medical anthropology and **one of the largest in the UK**. It gives specialist training in medical anthropology for both **social scientists** and for **health practitioners**. Its intellectual vibrancy draws from the **dialogue** between the medical and social sciences.

The PG Programme offers **two streams**: a taught *MSc Anthropology of Health & Illness* and an *MSc by Research in the Sociology & Anthropology of Health & Illness*. The **taught MSc** is best suited for students who have no prior experience in medical anthropology. The **MSc by Research** is designed as the first year of study for students aiming to do PhD-level research afterwards. Both MSc degrees can be studied either full-time (12 months) or part-time (24 months).

Students in both MSc streams take two **core courses**: Anthropology of Health and Healing and Anthropology & International Health. Students in the **taught MSc** take another four courses, selected freely from the social sciences and the wider University. Students in the **MSc by Research** take a range of ESRC-recognized **research training courses** offered by the Graduate School, which prepare them for their own fieldwork project. **Coursework** lasts from September to March. From April to August, students conduct a supervised reading course and write a 15,000 word **dissertation**.



Graduates of the Programme have an **advanced understanding of medical anthropology**. They analyze health and healing from a **global and cross-cultural perspective**. They take an anthropological approach to health care challenges, both **internationally and in the UK**.

Recent graduates of the Programme went on to work for **international organizations** and for **health think tanks**; won admission to some of the world's most prestigious **Medical Schools**; or continued to study for a **PhD**.

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