

**Institute of Public Health
Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme
Written Assignments Mark Sheet**

Student Name: Student No:	Name of Marker: Date:
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Dimension	Mark Each Dimension Out of 20	Comments to the Student
Abstract conforms to best practice for scientific writing. Choice of topic is relevant and appropriate, choice is justified. Aims and objectives are clear.		
Review of literature (what is known) is detailed, up-to-date and critical (not just descriptive). Good selection of most relevant papers, properly cited and referenced.		
Methods are clearly described including data sources, statistical methods or other public health tools. Results, discussion, interpretation and conclusions are clear.		
Paper is substantial and of publishable quality. Length is 5000-6000 words, checked for spelling and grammar, font, line-spacing and formatting appropriate for a scientific paper. Tables and figures properly labeled. Cut and paste should be penalized. References should be properly cited.		
Do conclusions and recommendations follow logically from the results and discussion? Overall has the candidate demonstrated public health knowledge, understanding and skills? Has he/she integrated aspects of learning and shown a critical approach?		
Total (100)		

UAEU Grading System: 90-100:A:4.00; 87-89:A-:3.70; 84-86:B+:3.30, 80-83:B:3.00; 77-79:B-:2.70; 74-76:C+:2.30; 70-73:C:2.00; 00-69:F:0.00

Written Assignments

During the course students will complete three substantial written assignments.

These will provide an opportunity to pursue a specific area of public health in depth and to demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired during the taught part of the course.

The final assignment will require the student to demonstrate that he/she can integrate the various strands of learning acquired during the course to provide a substantial and worthwhile contribution to public health understanding.

The written assignment

Each of the three assignments will be valued at two credit hours.

Each should be between 5000 and 6000 words (excluding references, tables and figures).

The assignment should involve the student reading extensively around the chosen subject and acquiring and practicing skills such as computing or statistical methods.

The assignments must have a **critical** approach. Descriptive essays or merely citing research findings are not sufficient at Master's level. Candidates are encouraged to cover a limited topic in depth rather than a broad area shallowly. Assignments should address the public health implications of the topic chosen, not just technical aspects.

Assignments should be of publishable quality. They should be checked for spelling and grammar. References should be properly cited using either Vancouver or Harvard styles. Appropriate font style and size and line spacing should be used. Figures and tables should be appropriately labeled. Poor formatting and "cutting and pasting" will be penalized.

The structure of the assignment should conform to best practice, in particular:

- Literature reviews should be detailed and up-to-date
- The methods used should be clearly described.
- An abstract should be included.
- Justification, interpretation, conclusions and recommendations should be clearly stated.