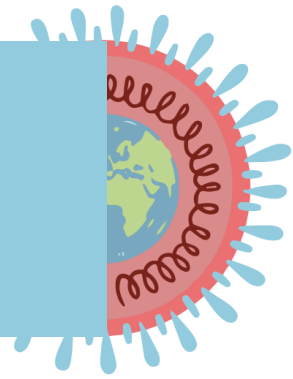


# From Cholera to COVID-19

## A Global History of Epidemics

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Drawing from our contemporary experiences of COVID-19 this unit looks back into the history of global pandemics and enables students to understand how and why different countries have responded to infectious disease outbreaks in different ways.

This unit covers the global history of epidemics, starting from the global pandemic of Cholera in the nineteenth century across Asia, Africa, Europe and America to the contemporary experiences of COVID-19 and Ebola. It brings together insights from a variety of disciplines including history, medicine, public health, cultural studies and beyond.

It also helps students to understand the wider social, cultural, economic, political and historical forces that lead to epidemic disease. You will investigate why some countries and communities are relatively free from epidemics while others continue to suffer from them. We will identify the larger structural factors, such as the economy, trade, labour movements, gender and class that lead to epidemics and see that disease is often caused by global inequality and poverty.

### **Assessment:**

#### **HSTM20031 and UCIL20331 (10 Credits)**

Short essay – 1500 words (50%)

2-hr online exam (50%)

#### **HSTM20081 and UCIL20081 (20 Credits)**

Short essay – 1500 words (25%)

Project essay – 3500 words on a topic of your choosing (50%)

2-hr online exam (25%)

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