MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

Program Director  K.H. Mead

The master of science in health policy (MS) degree program is designed to prepare students to enter academic or research careers in health policy. The program prepares candidates for subsequent doctoral study or for research roles in health-delivery systems, regulatory and other government agencies, or university settings. The program emphasizes individual study design and allows students to focus their training in particular areas of health policy such as long-term care policy, maternal and child health policy, and health services research and policy. The MS is also suitable as a terminal degree for students, such as physicians in fellowship training, who wish to gain research skills.

Visit the program website (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/health-policy-management/ms/http://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/health-policy-ms) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 48 credits, including 31 to 33 credits in required courses (including thesis) and 15 to 17 in elective courses.

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<td>PUBH 6002</td>
<td>Biostatistical Applications for Public Health</td>
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<td>Principles and Practices of Epidemiology</td>
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<td>PUBH 6242 &amp; PUBH 6243</td>
<td>Clinical Epidemiology and Public Health: Reading the Research</td>
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<td>PUBH 6013</td>
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<td>PUBH 6305</td>
<td>Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care</td>
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or PUBH 6335 Public Health and Law

PUBH 6340 Health Economics and Finance

PUBH 6345 Health Policy Research Design

Advanced health policy analysis selective

PUBH 6320 Advanced Health Policy Analysis

Or one of the following:

EMSE 6740 Systems Thinking and Policy Modeling I

PPPA 6016 Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation

PUBH 6399 Topics in Health Policy (Cost Benefit Analysis ONLY)

PUBH 6247 Design of Health Studies

PUBH 6249 Use of Statistical Packages: Data Management and Data Analysis

PUBH 6411 Global Health Qualitative Research Methods

PUBH 6501 Program Evaluation

PUBH 6530 Qualitative Methods in Health Promotion

PUBH 6533 Design and Conduct of Community Health Surveys

PUBH 8417 Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis

PUBH 8419 Measurement in Public Health and Health Services

Health services management selective

One of the following:

HSML 6204 Quality and Performance Improvement

HSML 6209 Health Services Finance

HSML 6210 Health Services Financial Applications

HSML 6213 Health Services, Marketing, and Planning

HSML 6216 Human Resources Management and Organizational Behavior

HSML 6231 Management of Acute Care Hospitals

HSML 6237 Managing the Skilled Nursing Facility

HSML 6238 Ambulatory Care Management

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**Electives (15 to 17 credits)**

Any SPH graduate courses

**Graduation Requirements**

1. Graduate Credit Requirement: 48
2. Course Requirements: Successful completion of the core and elective courses, including completion of the Master’s Thesis, are required.
3. Grade Point Requirement: A 3.0 (B average) overall grade point average is required.
4. Time Limit Requirement: The degree must be completed within five years.
5. Transfer Credit Policy: Up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree may be transferred to the MS. Credits must have been earned from an accredited institution in the last 3 years with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.