MASTER OF SCIENCE IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH POLICY

The Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Health Policy 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 (for example, long-term care policy, maternal and child health policy, and health services research and policy). The M.S. is also suitable as a terminal degree for students, such as physicians in fellowship training, who wish to gain research skills.

REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements
All MS-Health Policy students take 32-33 core credits and 15-16 elective credits. The 48-credit requirement includes a Master’s Thesis. Students may emphasize either public health or health services policy as they develop their course of study with their advisor.

Program Requirements

Public health core requirements (12 credits):

- PUBH 6002 Biostatistical Applic for PubH
- PUBH 6003 Prin & Practice/Epidemiology
- PUBH 6006 Mgt & Policy Approaches to PH
- PUBH 6242 ClinicalEpid&Decision Analysis and Topics:ClinicalEpi&DecAnalysis

Program-specific requirements (20-21 credits):

- PUBH 6013 Master’s Thesis
- PUBH 6305 Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
- PUBH 6310 Statistical Analysis in Health Policy
- PUBH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PUBH 6330 Health Services and Law
- PUBH 6340 Health Economics and Finance
- PUBH 6345 Health Policy Research Design

Advanced health policy analysis requirement:

- PUBH 6320 Advanced Health Policy Analysis

Or one of the following:

- EMSE 6740 Systems Thinking and Policy Modeling I
- PPPA 6015 Benefit-Cost Analysis
- PPPA 6016 Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation
- PUBH 6247 Design of Health Studies
- PUBH 6249 StatPackages/DataMgt&DataAnlys
- PUBH 6411 Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
- PUBH 6501 Program Evaluation
- PUBH 6530 Qual Methods/Hlth Promotion
- PUBH 6533 Design of Comm Health Surveys
- PUBH 8417 Qualitative Research Methods & Analysis
- PUBH 8419 Measurement in Public Health & Health Services

Electives (15-16 credits):

Any SPH graduate course

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.