

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH POLICY AND SYSTEMS

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The mission of GW's master of public health (MPH) in global health policy and systems is to prepare future global health professionals to conceptualize, implement, and evaluate health policy and systems solutions in response to complex global challenges. Such skills empower students to address the priorities and needs of national and transnational stakeholders while contributing to improving global health outcomes.

The MPH in global health policy and systems seeks to describe the actors, institutions, and interests that give rise to the global health architecture and explain how such actors, institutions, and interests interact to create global health outcomes. The program also aims to explain why nation-states, intergovernmental organizations, supranational institutions, global corporate and non-state actors, and global issue networks interact and contribute to the emergence of global patterns of health and disease.

This program offers a number of courses on two themes: global health policy and global health systems. The former is focused on acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for developing effective and sustainable health policies and interventions in global health settings. The latter focuses on explaining the performance of health systems and designing transformative changes in global health settings, with a priority on primary healthcare systems.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 45 credits, including 19 credits in core courses (including the culminating experience), 16 credits in program-specific courses, 4 credits in selective courses, and 6 credits in electives courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
Core courses		
PUBH 6000	MPH Applied Practice Experience	
PUBH 6002	Biostatistical Applications for Public Health	
PUBH 6003	Principles and Practices of Epidemiology	
PUBH 6007	Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health	
PUBH 6009	Fundamentals of Public Health Program Evaluation	
PUBH 6011	Environmental and Biological Foundations of Public Health	

PUBH 6012	Fundamentals of Health Policy
PUBH 6021	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership I
PUBH 6022	Essentials of Public Health Practice and Leadership II
PUBH 6418	Global Health Culminating Experience I
PUBH 6419	Global Health Culminating Experience II
PUBH 6023	Interprofessional Education Experience
Program-specific courses	
PUBH 6400	Global Health Frameworks
PUBH 6447	Global Health Policy Analysis
PUBH 6412	Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
PUBH 6416	Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs
or PUBH 6423	Ethics in Public Health Practice and Policy
PUBH 6417	Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice
PUBH 6441	Global Health Organizations and Regulations
PUBH 6450	Global Health Diplomacy
PUBH 6045	National and Global Public Health Systems
PUBH 6047	Systematic Reviews to Synthesize Evidence in Public Health Practice

Selectives

Two courses, one from each of the following sets. Alternative courses may be taken with prior permission of the advisor.

PUBH 6442	Comparative Global Health Systems
or PUBH 6355	Comparative Health Policy
PUBH 6440	Global Health Economics ¹
or PUBH 6399	Topics in Health Policy
or PUBH 6466	Health Financing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

(Note: PUBH 6399 counts toward this requirement only when taken in the topic Cost-Benefit Analysis in Healthcare.)

Electives

6 credits in elective courses. These may be taken from the list below or they may be other courses approved by the advisor.

ECON 6284	Survey of International Macroeconomics and Finance Theory and Policy
IAFF 6138	Special Topics in International Development Studies (Gender, Disaster and Policy) ¹
IAFF 6158	Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy (Policy of Science, Technology and Development) ¹
IAFF 6198	Special Topics in International Economic Policy (International Trade and Investment Policy) ¹
IAFF 6502 or IAFF 6503	Professional Skills I ² Professional Skills II
ORSC 6224	Persuasion and Negotiation
PMGT 6404	Principled Political Leadership
PPPA 6056	Regulatory Comment Clinic
PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management
PUBH 6262	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
PUBH 6410	Global Health Study Design
PUBH 6411	Global Health Qualitative Research Methods
PUBH 6435	Global Health Program Development and Implementation
PUBH 6436	Global Health Program Management and Leadership
PUBH 6475	Theory Building in Health Systems Research
PUBH 6480	Public Health in Humanitarian Settings
PUBH 6482	International Food and Nutrition Policy
PUBH 6486	Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases
PUBH 6492	Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases
PUBH 6575	Communication Skills for Public Health Professionals

¹For IAFF 6138, IAFF 6158, IAFF 6198, and PUBH 6399, only the specific topics listed above count toward program requirements.

²For IAFF 6502 and IAFF 6503 see the Milken Institute SPH program guide for preapproved topics.