Public health addresses complex issues such as climate change, sedentary lifestyles and obesity, cancer prevention, access to affordable health care, mental health, substance abuse and many other issues that impact our lives every day. At the University of Maryland School of Public Health, we approach these and other public health challenges through an interdisciplinary lens to reduce the risk of premature death and disease and promote health equity.

Ranked 22nd among all schools of public health by U.S. News & World Report, we are a dynamic and growing school located at one of the nation’s top-ranked public research universities.

With more than 2,800 students in 25 different academic programs, our school prepares students to tackle longstanding and emerging public health issues and make meaningful contributions to the health and welfare of individuals and society. While many schools of public health in the country are limited to graduate education, our large and diverse undergraduate student body brings energy and unique perspectives to our school, and contributes to our initiatives and commitment to advance a better state of health in Maryland and beyond.

More than 160 faculty members in six academic units conduct research, teach and mentor students and partner with communities to promote health, prevent illness and injury, advance health equity and create policies designed to enhance health across the lifespan.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

RANKED
8
Best Value College
Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine

RANKED
15
Most Innovative School
U.S. News & World Report

RANKED
22
Public Research Institution
U.S. News & World Report
The Research

Our research spans from the cellular to the societal level and is making a difference in critical areas, from understanding climate change's impact on health, to physical activity's benefits to aging brains, to preventing cancer through community-based interventions, and much more.

Our school's heritage dates back more than a century, and is built upon strong expertise in kinesiology, as well as family science and behavioral and community health. Our school applies these strengths and all the other traditional public health disciplines - including environmental health, epidemiology and biostatistics, and health services - to translate research into healthy policies and strategies to promote and prolong health throughout the lifespan.

Strategic Research Themes

- Optimizing health across the lifespan
- Reducing health disparities and achieving health equity
- Promoting health and preventing disease through improved health literacy
- Improving global health and mitigating health impacts of climate change

The Academic Programs

Our academic programs provide unmatched opportunities to work across disciplines and prepare students for careers in public health research or practice. Our students learn from award-winning teachers and mentors, and benefit from unparalleled access to unique research and internship opportunities.

Graduate Degree Programs

MASTER OF ARTS
- Kinesiology

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Concentrations include:
- Behavioral and Community Health
- Biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Environmental Health Sciences
- Health Equity
- Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation
- Physical Activity
- Public Health Practice and Policy

MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
MASTER OF SCIENCE
- Couple and Family Therapy

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
Programs in:
- Behavioral and Community Health
- Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
- Epidemiology
- Family Science
- Maternal and Child Health
- Health Services
- Kinesiology
- Toxicology
- Environmental Health

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
- Global Health
- Gerontology
- Principles of Public Health

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
The school offers Bachelor of Science degrees in:
- Community Health
- Family Science
- Kinesiology
- Public Health Science
  (offered on both the College Park and Shady Grove campuses).

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SPH AT A GLANCE

TOTAL STUDENT BODY: 2,820
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 2,414
GRADUATE STUDENTS: 406
M.P.H. STUDENTS: 207
OTHER MASTER'S STUDENTS: 55
DOCTORAL STUDENTS: 144

55% STUDENTS OF COLOR
25+ DEGREES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
164 FACULTY MEMBERS
48 STAFF
RESEARCH DOLLARS: $17 MILLION 2018
RANKED 22 Best Graduate Schools
U.S. News & World Report