

MPH PROGRAM PLAN - HEALTH POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

Name: _____ UID: _____
 E-mail: _____ Program of Study: MPH in Health Policy Analysis & Eval
 Faculty Advisor: _____ # Required Hours: 45
 Admitted: _____ LAST Enrolled: _____ Expected Graduation: _____

Every semester, students must submit to the graduate program coordinator an advisor-approved plan for completing the MPH Program. Students and advisors should retain a copy of the plan. Students will NOT be cleared to register without the program plan.

**Date of Program Plan
 Currently on File:**

ADVISOR: Your initials and date here indicate your approval of the coursework plan below, **and** your permission to clear for registration

→ **Initials:** _____
 → **Date:** _____

All MPH in Health Policy students will complete the following three modules:

Module 1: MPH Integrated Core Courses (6 courses = 14 credits)

Semester plan	Prefix	Title	Credit	Grade	Semester taken	Comments, Notes
Fall – year 1	SPHL 601	Foundations of Public Health	1			
Fall – year 1	SPHL 602	Applied Data: Epidemiology & Biostatistics	4			
Fall – year 1	SPHL 603	Applied Data Laboratory	1			
Spring – year 1	SPHL 610	Program Planning, Development and Evaluation	5			
Spring – year 1	SPHL 611	Public Health Ethics	1			
Fall – year 2	SPHL 620	Leadership and Policy Analysis	2			
NEED 14 CREDITS			TOTAL CREDITS TAKEN	14		

Module 2: Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation Cognate courses (8 courses = 24 Credits)

Semester plan	Prefix	Title	Credit	Grade	Semester taken	Comments, Notes
Fall – year 1	HLSA 601	Introduction to Health Services (Required)	3			
Fall (<i>online</i>)	HLSA 702	Politics and Policy of Health	3			
Fall	HLSA 720	Health Law and Ethics	3			
Spring	HLSA 721	Demographic Data for Health Policy Analysis	3			
Fall	HLSA 711	Healthcare Economics and Analysis	3			
Fall	HLSA 775	Public Health Research Methods	3			
Fall	HLSA 611	Introduction to Health Equity	3			
Fall	HLTH 776	Community Health Program Evaluation	3			
Spring	HLSA 777	Field Experience in Program Evaluation	3			
Spring	HLSA 723	Policy Analysis and Advocacy	3			
Fall	HLSA 750	Health Information Management Systems	3			
Spring	HLSA 740	Strategy, Marketing and Finance	3			
Elective course from HLSA, SPH, other schools at UMD, UMB or consortium*			Up to 6			
NEED 24 CREDITS			TOTAL CREDITS TAKEN			

Module 3: Internship and Capstone (or Thesis) (7 credits)

Semester plan	Prefix	Title	Credit	Grade	Semester taken	Comments, Notes
Sum/Fall - year 2	HLSA 778	Internship	4			
Spring - year 2	HLSA 786	Capstone Project (or HLSA 799 Thesis)**	3			
NEED 7 CREDITS			TOTAL CREDITS TAKEN			

Total MPH Core Courses (Module 1)	14 credits
Total Cognate Courses (Module 2)	24 credits
Total Internship/Capstone Courses (Module 3)	7 credits
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR MPH in HEALTH POLICY	45 credits

* Requires advisor's approval.

** Students completing a thesis (6 credits) instead of a capstone project (3 credits) can select one fewer elective cognate course to compensate for the 3 additional thesis credits.

The elective courses in the MPH cognate area are selected by the student and approved by the advisor so that the MPH competencies are met.

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Example course sequencing for MPH in Health Policy Analysis & Evaluation

Semester	Course (Module)	Credits
Fall – year 1	SPHL601 (C)	1
	SPHL602 (C)	4
	SPHL603 (C)	1
	HLSA601 (P)	3
	HLSA702 (P)	3
Spring – year 1	SPHL610 (C)	5
	SPHL611 (C)	1
	HLSA723 (P)	3
	HLSA721 (P)	3
Summer – year 1 or Fall - year 2	HLSA778 (I)	4 (variable)
Fall – year 2	SPHL620 (C)	2
	HLSA711 (P)	3
	HLSA775 (P)	3
Spring – year 2	HLSA777 (P)	3
	HLSA720 (P)	3
	HLSA 786 (I)	3
	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>45</i>

Module Key: MPH Core (C), Policy (P), Internship/Capstone (I)

MPH in Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation: Student learning outcomes will be evaluated with specific assessments mapped to specific courses, as mandated by the CEPH accreditation requirements. The following list represents the competencies for the MPH degree specifically:

MPH Health Policy Analysis and Evaluation	Courses
Apply systems thinking, health policy theory, and analytical skills to address public health problems.	HLSA601, HLSA702, HLSA723, SPHL601, SPHL610, SPHL620
Evaluate the main components of the organization and delivery of healthcare and their impact on population health.	HLSA601, HLSA775, SPHL610, SPHL601
Analyze the role of power, influence, and evidence in the political and policy process at the federal, state, and local level	HLSA601, HLSA702, SPHL610, SPHL620
Apply appropriate methods to evaluate and analyze policies or programs.	HLSA601, HLSA775, SPHL602, SPHL603, SPHL610, SPHL620
Effectively communicate complex health care and public health issues to the lay public, policymakers, stakeholders, and other decision-makers using appropriate channels and technologies to effect positive change.	SPHL601, SPHL610, SPHL620, HLSA601, HLSA702, HLSA723