

## GRADUATE PROGRAM IN HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

### TWO-YEAR MASTER'S DEGREE

Unit requirements. Two-year MPH students are required to complete a minimum of 48 units of coursework over four academic semesters and one summer. The minimum unit enrollment is 12 units per academic semester. Courses on preparation for teaching as a GSI (300-level courses) are not counted toward the unit minimum.

Grading. Required courses must be taken for letter grades except for the field placement and PH 291A, which are taken on a S/U basis. Public Health 291, 297, and 299 courses are exempted from the maximum S/U unit limit of no more than one-third of your total coursework. Electives may be taken for letter or S/U grading.

Section numbers. Please be aware that section numbers of some courses may change each semester, particularly those courses in the PH 298 series.

#### Schoolwide Requirements (15 units)

PH 142	Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health	Fall	4 units
PH 200C	Public Health Core Breadth Seminar	Fall	3 units
PH 250A	Epidemiologic Methods I	Fall	3 units
PH 297 <sup>1</sup>	Public Health Field Placement	Summer	3 units

#### HPM Program Required Courses (26 units)

##### *Policy Implementation*

PH 220	Health Policy Decision-Making	Fall	3 units
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##### *Management and Organization*

PH 223C	Strategic Management and the Organization of Health Services	Spring	3 units
PH XXX	Health Care Marketing	Fall	2 units

##### *Microeconomics of Health Care*

One of the two following courses:<sup>2</sup>

PH 226A	Health Economics	Fall	3 units
PH 226B	Microeconomics of Health Care Policy	Fall	3 units

##### *Statistical Methods*

PH 231A	Analytic Methods for Health Policy and Management	Spring	3 units
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##### *Professional Development*

PH 223D	Foundations of Health Policy and Management	Fall	2 units
PH 291A	PH Practice Preparation: What Can You Do with an MPH?	Fall	1 unit
PH 291A	PH Practice Preparation: Professional Development Workshop Series	Spring	1 unit

##### *Health Law*

One of the two following courses:

PH 225	Legal Basis for Health	Spring	3 units
PH 229	Public Health and the Law	Fall	3 units

##### *Health Finance*

One of the two following courses:<sup>3</sup>

PH 227A	Health Care Finance	Spring	3 units
PH 227B	Advanced Health Care Finance	Fall	2 units

##### *Capstone*

PH 223E	Capstone Seminar in Health Policy and Management	Spring	2 units
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<sup>1</sup> HPM students may add an optional field placement in their second Fall Semester.

<sup>2</sup> PH 226A and 226B are offered in alternative Fall Semesters. PH 226B is an advanced course requiring a master's-level or second-level undergraduate microeconomics prerequisite or consent of instructor.

<sup>3</sup> PH 227A or 227B fulfill the same requirement. PH 227B is an advanced course requiring a master's-level finance prerequisite or consent of instructor.

## HPM Two-Year Example Schedule

As you plan your course of study, many resources are available, including your academic advisor, other faculty, the MPH Program Director and the HPM MPH Student Affairs Officer. You may wish to discuss course sequencing in relation to your field placement interests with the Field Program Supervisor. Be sure to verify that a course is being taught in a given semester as changes are sometimes made to accommodate faculty sabbaticals or other events.

### FIRST YEAR

#### Fall Semester

PH 142	Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health	4 units
PH 200C	Public Health Core Breadth Seminar	3 units
PH 223D	Foundations of Health Policy and Management	2 units
PH 226A <sup>1</sup>	Health Economics	3 units
PH 250A	Epidemiologic Methods I	3 units
PH 291A	PH Practice Preparation: What Can You Do with an MPH?	1 unit

#### Spring Semester

PH 223C	Strategic Management and the Organization of Health Services	3 units
PH 225 <sup>2</sup>	Legal Basis for Health	3 units
PH 227A <sup>3</sup>	Health Care Finance	3 units
PH 231A	Analytic Methods for Health Policy and Management	3 units
PH 291A	PH Practice Preparation: Professional Development Workshop Series	1 unit
XXX	Elective	XXX

**SUMMER** Field Placement. Though the field placement is completed over the summer, you will enroll into PH 297 in your second Fall Semester.

### SECOND YEAR

#### Fall Semester

PH 220	Health Policy Decision-Making	3 units
PH 226B <sup>1</sup>	Microeconomics of Health Care Policy	3 units
PH 227B <sup>3</sup>	Advanced Health Care Finance	2 units
PH 229 <sup>2</sup>	Public Health and the Law	3 units
PH 297	Summer Field Placement enrollment	3 units
PH XXX	Health Care Marketing	2 units
<b>or</b> PH 297.2	Optional Field Placement	8 units

#### Spring Semester

PH 200D	Applied Public Health: Putting Theory into Practice	2 units
PH 223E	Capstone Seminar in Health Policy and Management	2 units
XXX	Electives	XXX

<sup>1</sup> PH 226A and 226B are offered in alternative Fall Semesters, and fulfill the same requirement. PH 226B is an advanced course requiring a master's-level or second-level undergraduate microeconomics prerequisite or consent of instructor.

<sup>2</sup> PH 225 (Spring) or PH 229 (Fall) fulfill the same requirement. You may take both, and count one as an elective.

<sup>3</sup> PH 227A (Spring) or PH 227B (Fall) fulfill the same requirement. PH 227B is an advanced course requiring a master's-level finance prerequisite or consent of instructor.

## Electives (for all HPM degree tracks)

Electives may be chosen from anywhere in the school or university, but are to be approved by your academic advisor. Please check each semester for new courses and for course availability.

The following electives are recommended for students interested in the areas of management and/or policy. You may wish to favor management or policy, or balance the two.

### Management

PH 205	Program Planning, Development and Evaluation	Spring
PH 223B	Cases in Health Management	Fall
PH 224A	Health Care Organizations and Environments	Spring
PH 243C	Information Systems in Public Health	Spring
PH 298.2	Health Care Quality: Measurement and Improvement	Fall
PH 298.24	Fundamentals of Leadership for Public Health Professionals	Fall & Spring
PH 298.25	Effective Public Health Negotiations	Spring
PP 269	Public Budgeting	Spring
MBA 209F	Fundamentals of Business	Spring

### Policy

PH 220D	Health Policy Advocacy	Fall
PH 222A	Health Care Technology Policy	Fall
PH 223A	Introduction to the Health Care System	Fall
PH 225	Legal Basis for Health	Spring
PH 226C	Public Health and the Economy	Spring
PH 226D	Global Health Economics	Fall
PH 229	Public Health and the Law	Fall
PH 271E	Science and Policy for Health and Environment	Spring
PH 298.28	Environmental Health Policy	Spring
PH 298.67	International Health Policy	Spring

## Field Placement

The field placement is a Schoolwide requirement and considered a critical component of the HPM curriculum. Jeff Oxendine is the Health Policy and Management Field Program Supervisor and the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice. He may be reached at 642-2414 or [oxendine@berkeley.edu](mailto:oxendine@berkeley.edu), and his office is located in 141-F University Hall.

The Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) at the School of Public Health provides students with a wide range of internship opportunities and will work with each student to ensure placement at the most appropriate site. It is possible to set up your own internship in close consultation with your Field Program Supervisor. An internship overview and placement statistics are found at the CPHP website. The career services link provides access to potential placements and includes part-time, GSR, and career positions.

All internships are educationally focused experiences rather than simply jobs. You must submit an internship agreement with learning objectives, have a preceptor, be supervised and submit midterm and final products.

Though you complete your field placement over the summer, you enroll into PH 297 to earn field placement units in the Fall Semester of the second year. Field placement units are taken on a S/U basis and are excluded from the maximum S/U unit limit of no more than one-third of your total coursework.

HPM students may add an optional full-time or part-time placement in their second Fall Semester, continuing their summer placement or beginning a new one. Students doing a full-time Fall placement are credited with 8 units, which assumes that they are working full time and taking no more than one additional course on campus. Students doing a part-time Fall placement receive up to 3 units based on the ratio of their internship hours to the 480-hour summer placement term. Students who want to do a Fall placement should consult with the Field Program Supervisor for their number of units. Your faculty advisor is to approve Fall internship registration, as you must *not be missing a required course* which would delay graduation.

## Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination is a Schoolwide requirement completed in the Spring Semester of the second year with written and oral components. Students prepare for and complete this requirement in the Capstone Seminar in Health Policy and Management, PH 223E. Projects typically take the form of a policy analysis, a strategic plan, or a business plan. For the plans, students are expected to work with a client organization.