

MPH Degree with Specialization in Health and Social Behavior

Curriculum Requirements Fall 2008

Requirements are subject to change.

Unit requirements: Two-Year MPH students complete a minimum of 48 units of coursework over four academic semesters and one summer. The *minimum enrollment requirement* for **all** UC Berkeley graduate students who are not yet advanced to doctoral candidacy is **12 units** per academic semester. All courses in which the student is enrolled will count in this total of 12 units, including special studies courses, individual studies courses, and courses on preparation for teaching as a GSI (300-level). The 300-level courses are to be counted toward the unit minimum only in their first semester taken.

Grading: Required courses must be taken for letter grades, except the Public Health Field Placement, which is taken on a Satisfactory (S)/Unsatisfactory (U) basis. Recommended courses and free electives can be taken for either letter or S/U grading, except Preparation for Public Health Practice, which is to be taken on a S/U basis.

School wide Requirements

PH 142	Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health	Fall	4 units
PH 200C ¹	Public Health Core Breadth Seminar	Fall	3 units
PH 250A ²	Epidemiologic Methods I	Fall	3 units
PH 297 ³	Public Health Field Placement	Summer	3 units

Please consult the School of Public Health Handbook for approved alternate courses or exemption exams for PH 142 or PH 250A. You would take another course to fulfill the unit count if you test out of either course, but your choice is not limited to the alternate course list, giving you more elective options.

Program Requirements

HSB Seminar

PH 292.1 ¹	Introduction to HSB Seminar	Fall	1 unit
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HSB Theory

PH 203A ¹	Theories of Health and Social Behavior	Fall	3 units
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Research Methods. *At least one course chosen from the following:*

PH 219A	Advanced Methods: Qualitative Research	Spring	3 units
PH 219C	Community-Based Participatory Research in Public Health	Spring	3-4 units
PH 219D	Social and Behavioral Research: Intro. to Survey Research Methods	Fall	3 units

Program Planning and Evaluation. *Both of the following courses:*

PH 205	Program Planning, Development and Evaluation	Spring	3 units
PH 218B	Evaluation of Health and Social Programs	Spring	3 units

¹ To be taken in the first Fall Semester.

² An added epidemiology course is recommended for those interested in research and/or evaluation.

³ Though the field placement is completed over the Summer, you will register for it in the second Fall Semester.

HSB Curriculum Requirements, continued

HSB Electives. *At least 6 units of HSB electives are required, chosen from the following.* Please consult with your advisor and check each semester's offerings for course availability.

PH C129	The Aging Human Brain	Fall	3 units
PH 201E	Public Health Interventions: Theory, Practice, and Research	Spring	2-3 units
PH 201F	Community-Based Research and Interventions to Promote Health	Fall	3 units
PH 202B	Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Health Status and Behavior	Spring	3 units
PH 204A	Mass Communications in Public Health	Fall	3 units
PH 204D	Community Organizing and Community Building for Health	Fall	3-4 units
PH 204E	Multicultural Competence in Public Health	Fall	3 units
PH 210C	Needs Assessment in Maternal and Child Health	Fall	3 units
PH 211	Health and Human Rights	Spring	3 units
PH 213A	Family Planning, Population Change and Health	Fall	3units
PH 216A	Biological Embedding of Social Factors	Fall	2 units
PH 217C	Aging and Public Health	Fall	3 units
PH C217D	Biological and Public Health Aspects of Alzheimer's Disease	Spring	3 units
PH 219E	Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Public Health	Spring	3 units
PH 220D	Health Policy Advocacy	Fall	3 units
PH 252A	Applied Sampling and Survey Design and Analysis	Fall	3 units
PH 253D	Behavior and Policy Science in HIV Treatment and Prevention	Fall	3 units
PH 255A	Social Epidemiology	Spring	3 units
PH 255C	Mental Health and Psychopathology	Fall	3 units
PH 292.3 ¹	Introduction to Public Health Law	Fall	1 unit
PH 298.32	Culture, Public Health Practice, and Eliminating Health Disparities	Spring	3 units
PH 298.53	Methods in Social Epidemiology	Spring	2 units

¹ PH 292.3 is a five week seminar intended to introduce students to the basic legal principles that apply to public health practice.