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 per academic semester is 12 units. Courses on preparation for teaching as a GSI (300-level courses) and lower-division undergraduate courses do not count toward your 48 total units, though they do count toward your semester 12-unit minimum.

Grading. Required courses must be taken for letter grades except for the field placement, Public Health Practice coursework, and PH 291A, which are taken on an S/U basis. You must get at B- or better in the PH200 series. 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 either letter or S/U grading. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to graduate.

Courses. Please check the online schedule at http://schedule.berkeley.edu each semester for new courses and course availability. Course control numbers for enrollment change every semester.

School-wide Requirements (14 units)

- PH 142 Introduction to Probability and Statistics in Biology and Public Health  Fall 4 units
- PH 200C-2 & 3 Public Health Core Breath Seminars  Fall/Spring 4 units
- PH 250A Epidemiologic Methods I  Fall 3 units
- PH 2971 Public Health Field Placement  Summer 3 units

HPM Program Required Courses (23 units)

Policy Implementation
- PH 220 Health Policy Decision-Making  Fall 3 units

Management and Organization
One of the two following courses:
- PH 223C Strategic Management and the Organization of Health Services  Spring 3 units
- PH 224A Health Care Organizations and Management  Spring 3 units

Microeconomics of Health Care
One of the two following courses:
- 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

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
- PH 225 Legal Basis for Health  Spring 3 units

Health Finance
- PH 227A Health Care Finance  Fall 3 units

Capstone
- PH 223E Capstone Seminar in Health Policy and Management  Spring 2 units

1 HPM students may add an optional field placement in their second Fall Semester.
2 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.
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 Field Supervisor. You may wish to consider course sequencing in relation to your field placement interests. 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**

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**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**

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\textsuperscript{2} PH 223C or PH 224A (both Spring) fulfill the same requirement. You may take both, and count one as an elective.
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 in the areas of management and/or policy -- you may wish to favor either one or balance the two.

**Management**

- PH 205 Program Planning, Development and Evaluation   Spring
- PH 223C Strategic Management and the Organization of Health Services   Spring
- PH 224A Health Care Organizations and Management   Spring
- PH 243C Information Systems in Public Health   Spring
- PH 225 Legal Basis for Health   Spring
- PH 290 Health Care Quality: Measurement and Improvement   Fall
- PH 290 Leadership for Public Health Professionals   Spring
- PH 223F Effective Public Health Negotiations   Spring
- PP 269 Public Budgeting   Fall
- MBA 209F Fundamentals of Business   Spring
- MBA 296 Innovations in Health Care   Spring

**Policy**

- PH 220D Health Policy Advocacy   Fall
- PH 220E Global Health Policy   Spring
- PH 220F Healthcare Workforce and Public Policy   Fall (alt w/226D)
- PH 220G Environmental Health Policy   Fall
- PH 221 Mental Health Policies, Programs and Services   Spring
- PH 221B Understanding and Overcoming Health Care Disparities   Fall
- PH 222A Health Care Technology Policy   Fall
- PH 223A Introduction to the Health Care System   Fall
- PH 226C Public Health and the Economy   Spring
- PH 226D Global Health Economics   Fall
- PH 271E Science and Policy for Health and Environment   Spring
- PH 290 Politics, Policy and Practice in Public Health   Spring

**Field Placement**

The field placement is a School-wide 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.

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. All internships are educationally focused experiences rather than simply jobs. You will be submitting an internship agreement with learning objectives, have a preceptor, be supervised, and submit midterm and final products. 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 SPH job web site link provides access to potential placements and includes part-time, GSI, GSR, and career positions. 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 4 additional units 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, rounded up to the nearest unit (e.g., 10 hrs work/week X 15 weeks of work = 150 hrs/480 hrs = .31 X 3 units = .93 or 1 unit). Your faculty advisor is to approve Fall internship registration, as you cannot be missing a required course which would delay your graduation.

**Comprehensive Examination**

The comprehensive examination is a School-wide 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. Projects typically take the form of a policy analysis/evaluation, a strategic plan, or a business plan. For the plans, students are expected to work with a client organization.