

ACADEMIC GUIDE
MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Department of International Health
The Johns Hopkins University
Bloomberg School of Public Health

**Contains Information for Students Entering
2006-2007**

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The Department reserves the right to change
program requirements or rules at any time.
Students will be notified of any changes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Academic Program Support Staff

There are several administrative staff and faculty members within the Department who help oversee and facilitate the academic programs. These individuals are available to help you navigate the program and the department. The following information is being provided to help you understand the roles of each of these individuals.

James (Jim) Tielsch (Associate Chair for Academic Programs): Dr. Tielsch is responsible for the management and oversight of all academic programs. In this role, he is also chair of the Curriculum & Credentials Committee, which sets and implements policies and procedures for department academic programs and monitors student progress.

Jennifer Shaffer (Academic Program Administrator): Jennifer oversees the operations of the academic programs in the department and works as the liaison between students, faculty, and administrative offices of both the department and the School. She is also responsible for managing the departmental admissions process, student recruitment activities, coordination of orientation and visit programs, departmental course support (TAs and administrative budgets), academic publications and web materials, course waivers, and staffing the departmental academic committees.

Carol Buckley (Academic Program Coordinator): Carol assists students with all academic issues related to registration, tracking of academic progress and meeting departmental requirements, departmental courses, departmental exams (such as comprehensive exams and thesis defenses), internship checklists, and graduation.

Faculty MHS Program Coordinators – within the Department, the various degree programs are broken down into specific areas of interest, known as program areas. International Health has four program areas. Each program area program has a faculty member who is the overall coordinator of that program area's MHS degree program. They are the general point persons for questions about the program area and degree information (including curriculum requirements, course selection, etc...). They act as a secondary/general advisor for students within their program areas, and can be sought out to answer questions in the advisor's absence or as an additional source of information.

Financial Managers and Payroll Coordinators – the Department has a central payroll office that is staffed by Tanya Falls and Allison Quarles. They handle the General Funds budget as well as any central departmental payroll/awards for students. In addition, each program area has its own financial manager who is responsible for the oversight of their area's budget and payroll activities. Students who plan to work within the department should see one of these individuals to fill out the appropriate paperwork and verify their eligibility for employment prior to their start date. If you are at all uncertain as to who you should see about these issues, contact either Tanya Falls or

Jennifer Shaffer for clarification.

Academic Committees

The Academic Program in the Department of International Health is governed by several committees designed to set policies and procedures relevant to the program(s) and ensure that these are fairly and clearly administered and enforced to protect the interests of students and the overall integrity of the program(s). These committees and their members are as follows:

CURRICULUM AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

James Tielsch, Chair
Jennifer Shaffer, Staff

Timothy Baker
Robert Black
Parul Christian
Laura Caulfield
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Doctoral Student Representative
MHS Student Representative

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David Peters
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Dr. P.H. COMMITTEE

David Peters, Chair
Carol Buckley, Staff

Timothy Baker
Mike Sweat
Mel Thorne
Brad Sack

Mathu Santosham
William Reinke
James Tielsch
Keith West

HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Peter Winch, Chair
Barbara Ewing, Staff

Gilbert Burnham
Joel Gittelsohn
Ruth Karron
Joanne Katz

Deanna Kerrigan
David Peters
Hugh Waters

Where noted, it is customary to have student representation on one or more of the

above committees. Student representatives are selected each year by the IH Student Group and will be requested to attend meetings and report back to the student group on a regular basis.

IH Student Group

The Department of International Health has a very active and organized student group. This group was formed to facilitate stronger communication and interaction between the Department (faculty and administrators) and the students, and works each year to plan and develop different opportunities aimed at achieving this goal. Participation by all IH students is welcomed and encouraged. For more information on the activities and functions of this group and to learn more about getting involved, please contact the current coordinator, Duza Baba (dbaba@jhsp.h.edu).

Student Space

Each program area within the Department has a limited number of offices allocated for student use. The program areas can assign these to students at their discretion. Please contact the faculty coordinator for your specific program area to inquire about the availability of space and how it is allocated to determine if you are eligible.

In addition, the Department maintains a student office on the 8th floor, room E8038. This room is available for use by all students currently enrolled in the Department. You may pick up a key from Carol Buckley, room E8516. The room is equipped with several computers, a printer, a scanner, a microwave, a refrigerator, and desk space. We encourage students to utilize this space as needed. Please help us in making it enjoyable for everyone by keeping it tidy and clean. We also ask that you return your key upon graduation or if you plan to be out in the field for an extended period of time.

Guidelines for Student Employment

Hours of Work and Overtime

Full-time students who work for Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health may work no more than 19 hours per week during periods of enrollment.

During periods of non-enrollment, (i.e., summer, spring break, etc.), student employees may work up to 40 hours per week. Students that work over 40 hours per week are required by the FLSA to receive overtime pay (time and a half pay).

For FICA TAX purposes, **"summer" begins on June 1st. At that time, students may work up to 40 hours per week.**

Direct Deposit

- **Semi-monthly Pay**

Student employees on semi-monthly payroll may elect direct deposit to any financial institution in the continental United States participating in the Automated Clearing House. Deposit takes a minimum of three pay periods to begin and must be for the full amount of net pay. Direct deposit forms can be downloaded from <http://www.controller.jhu.edu/uforms/c100.pdf> or secured from the Department of International Health's Human Resources & Payroll Office (Wolfe Street Bldg. E8521).

- **Weekly Pay**

Student employees on the weekly payroll may elect direct deposit with accounts at M&T Bank or Johns Hopkins Federal Credit Union.

Work-Study

Students employed under the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program during the 2006-2007 academic year may also be employed as Teaching Assistants during the same period of FWS employment. The Teaching Assistant employment status is the exception to the restricted crossover status related to FWS employment. If an employer wants to hire a student as a Teaching Assistant and the designated individual is also employed as a FWS student, then both the employer and the student should coordinate the crossover employment period with Katrice Houston (Student Payroll Assistant).

For additional information or specific inquiries, please contact Allison Quarles (443- 287-2192) or Tanya Falls (410-614-6259) in the Department of International Health's Human Resources & Payroll Office.

Policy on General Funds Course Support

The Department of International Health relies on the assistance of students to provide support for the teaching efforts of various courses throughout the year. The following policy has been developed to provide specific details about payment rates, procedures and allowable expenses, as well as to facilitate fairness and equity across the department with respect to student support as it relates to our courses. The policy applies to courses listed in the catalog, including distance education and off-site courses, but does not include summer and winter institutes.

Payment Rates

TA and administrative cost allocations are calculated for each academic year based on the below formula(s) using the prior year's enrollment data. Teaching Assistants are paid on a fee for service basis using these rates.

Teaching Assistant Cost Allowance

Class Size	TA Compensation 1 Credit	TA Compensation 2 Credits	TA Compensation 3 Credits	TA Compensation 4 Credits
0-15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-45	\$384.00	\$768.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,536.00
46-75	\$512.00	\$1,024.00	\$1,536.00	\$2,048.00
76+	\$640.00	\$1,280.00	\$1,920.00	\$2,560.00

Administrative Cost Allowance

Class Size	TA Compensation 1 Credit	TA Compensation 2 Credits	TA Compensation 3 Credits	TA Compensation 4 Credits
0-15	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	\$240.00
16-45	\$120.00	\$240.00	\$360.00	\$480.00
46-75	\$185.00	\$370.00	\$555.00	\$740.00
76+	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00

These rates of reimbursement are consistent with other departments of the School. Generally for course enrollments of 10-45 students, only one TA may be hired. For course enrollments of 46 students or more, two TAs may be hired.

Allowable expenditures from the TA budget include TA payments, travel costs, and honorariums only. All expenditures from the TA budget must be directed to Jennifer Shaffer (through the Financial Managers in each program area) for approval, tracking and processing. The TA allocation may not include discretionary items not pertaining to the course. The Department will retain any remaining unspent funds.

The administrative budgets are allocated directly to the program areas through General Funds and provide for such items as photocopying, textbook purchase, software packages, mailings and other supplies specific to the course. Use of these funds should be coordinated through the program areas' financial managers. Administrative costs may not include discretionary items not pertaining to the course.

We are aware that the guidelines above may not fit every course. Appeals for additional funding for a particular course may be made by submitting a request to the Department Curriculum & Credentials Committee through Jennifer Shaffer (E8518 or by email at jshaffer@jhsph.edu). Requests must be received **prior to the start of the course and/or prior to the hiring of any TA(s)**. Appeals will be reviewed on a case by case basis and are at the discretion of the Committee.

TA Responsibilities

Teaching Assistants can be requested to perform a variety of different activities for the course that they are supporting. All TA functions and hours must be determined prior to beginning any effort on behalf of the course by both the TA and the faculty instructor and will be documented in the TA Agreement (see below). Some possible functions of the TA are as follows:

- a. Grading written assignments and exams
- b. Working with and advising discussion groups on projects and other assignments
- c. Facilitating discussion group sessions
- d. Taking attendance
- e. Coordinating the distribution and collection of course materials
- f. Various other duties as requested

Student Eligibility & Payment Procedures

All students must meet certain eligibility requirements to be hired as a TA. These requirements are as follows:

- TAs must be current students enrolled in a degree program at JHSPH. Students who have completed their course requirements but have not yet graduated are still eligible to be TAs until such time as the School has conferred their degree.
- The individual must have successfully completed the course which they are supporting at JHSPH (or a similar course at another institution) prior to the term in which they will act as the TA.

The procedure for securing a TA to support your course is as follows:

1. Identify a TA (preferably one month prior to the start of the course)
2. Check eligibility status of TA w/ Jennifer Shaffer (send email w/ student's name & course they will be supporting)
3. Fill out and submit TA Agreement
4. Send TA to Jennifer Shaffer to fill out necessary payroll paperwork

The TA selected may begin working only **after**(*) the above steps have been completed. It is important to note the following:

- TA paperwork is processed at the beginning of the term so that payments can be dispersed while the course is in session.
- Prospective TAs may not begin ANY effort on behalf of an IH course until their eligibility status has been approved by the Academic Program Administrator.
- Faculty should submit the name of their TA to the Department (via Jennifer Shaffer) **one month prior to the start of the course** so that verification of the student's status can be confirmed and the necessary paperwork to begin payments can be processed in a timely manner. The TA and the instructor are also required to fill out and submit a signed Teaching Assistant Agreement at this time. This form details the TA's responsibilities and the amount of compensation. The TA agreement should be submitted to the Academic Program Administrator (Jennifer Shaffer).
- If not already in the payroll system, each student who is hired as a TA must also complete the appropriate payroll forms, including an I-9, W-4, Maryland State Tax form (MW507), and a New Hire Information Sheet. Please see the Academic Program Administrator for details on the procedures for obtaining and submitting these forms.

***Prospective TAs who fail to follow the above guidelines will be asked to discontinue their involvement with the course. Faculty who disregard the policy/procedures may jeopardize the availability of general funds support for the course in question.**

Contact Information

Any student or faculty member who has questions about a person's eligibility or this policy in general should contact Jennifer Shaffer for clarification. Jennifer can be reached by phone at; (410) 955-3734, by email at jshaffer@jhsph.edu, or in person in room E8518.

Teaching Assistant (TA) Agreement

Department of International Health

Course Number: _____ Term: _____ Year: _____

Course Title: _____

Name of Principal Instructor (Please Print): _____

Enrollment (# of students enrolled in course): _____

Teaching assistant responsibilities: (please list duties and total hours required for each)

Total Estimated Hours (per week or per term) _____

Total Compensation: \$ _____

Name of TA _____ Social Security #: _____

Signature of TA _____ Date _____

I, _____ (principal instructor), submit this form to begin payment to the student named for the above listed duties. I understand that should the student fail at any time to fulfill these duties as agreed upon, it is my responsibility to notify the payroll office immediately so that the appropriate action can be taken. I further understand that the scope of the work stated above should not be changed during the course of the term (i.e., additional hours/responsibilities added) unless those changes are first discussed and agreed upon with the TA and a revised form submitted to the Academic Program Office.

Signature of Principal Instructor

Print Last Name

Submitted to: _____ Date: _____

Academic Program Administrator

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH M.H.S. REQUIREMENTS

Each student is admitted into one of the four programs that have been approved for study leading to the Master of Health Science degree in International Health. The programs make it possible to specialize in: Social and Behavioral Interventions, Disease Control and Prevention, Health Systems Management, or Human Nutrition.

An academic advisor is assigned from the list of Advising Faculty in the student's program. The Program Coordinator provides general guidance and supervision over all students in each program.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 64 credits in formal coursework must be earned over a period of at least four academic quarters. Required and elective courses are described in the program-specific section of this book. During the first term of enrollment, students will register for one credit of Special Studies with their advisor in order to define specific educational objectives and to work out a program of study consonant with those objectives.

Waivers of requirements may be granted for credits earned in equivalent courses taken in this or another school. The waiver request must be based on coursework already taken which is similar in content, and documentation (i.e., a transcript and course syllabus) must be provided. In addition, the waiver request must be submitted at least one month prior to the beginning of the quarter in which the course is offered.

Requests for waivers for any course offered in the first quarter must be submitted no later than the end of the first day of classes. No requests for first quarter waivers will be considered after this time. In no case can more than half of the required program-specific credits be waived.

Students must be continuously registered until all requirements for the degree program have been satisfied. Failure to register for a quarter results in automatic withdrawal. A withdrawn student must be formally readmitted before resuming a program of study. Upon readmission, a student must be registered for a minimum of two consecutive terms prior to completing degree requirements.

Introduction to Online Learning

The School of Public Health offers courses in various formats, including a number of online classes. You may at some point want or need to register for a course online. In order to be eligible to take an online course, students must complete the **Introduction to Online Learning**, which is offered through the Distance Education Division of the

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. This non-credit mini course is a pre-requisite for all courses offered by this division and must be completed prior to the start of the term in which a student wishes to enroll in an online course. Since the School does not permit conditional and/or concurrent enrollment (that is, you must take the online course prior to enrolling in a distance education class), **we require all incoming students to take this non-credit course during the first term they enroll.** For course dates and enrollment information, please visit the Distance Education Division website at; <http://distance.jhsph.edu/oll/> .

Course Waivers

A student with prior pertinent training may request a waiver of specific course requirements upon enrollment. Waiver requests should be addressed to the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee (Dr. James Tielsch) and submitted to Jennifer Shaffer (E8518) at least one month prior to the beginning of the term in which the course takes place (or within the first week of the first term for students who are just matriculating) in order to give the Committee ample time to consider the request. Requests should include a short letter of explanation, which includes the name of the course the student is requesting to waive out of, as well as the name, description, and grade earned in the course which is being substituted. For best consideration, it is helpful if the student can provide a copy of the syllabus from the course taken. Once a waiver request is approved, a record of its approval will be noted in the students file on their tracking form. Please note that approval of a waiver request does not reduce the number of credits a student is required to earn in their degree program.

Leave of Absence

Any requests for a change in status must be made in writing to the Department through the Academic Program Coordinator (Carol Buckley). Once Carol receives a written request for a change in status (i.e., leave of absence), she will provide the student with the requisite form which must then be signed by the student's advisor and other applicable persons and submitted to the Registrar's Office for final approval.

Academic Advising

Masters degree programs in the Department of International Health are a mixture of didactic coursework, independent reading, research/practice experience and the preparation of a culminating document. As the program progresses, there are many decisions to be made regarding which courses and experience will address a student's educational objectives. To assist with navigating this process, each student is assigned an academic faculty advisor who has the responsibility of serving as a guide and mentor. While these programs seem to be tightly scripted by the Department and School, it is the Department's view that graduate degree programs must be owned by the student with the faculty acting as guides in the student's own development as a

scholar and practitioner. This section is intended to guide the student and the faculty member in making the advisor-advisee relationship as successful as possible.

This section has three goals:

- to describe the Department's advising philosophy;
- to provide answers to questions that students frequently ask;
- to provide guidance on how the student and advisor can interact most effectively.

The suggestions in this section are derived from the experience of faculty who have worked with students for many years and from students who themselves have been guided by these faculty members. The document is dynamic and needs input from students and advisors as they use it. Please submit comments and concerns to the Academic Coordinator.

Advising Philosophy, Department of International Health

The primary purpose of the academic advising process is to assist students in the development and implementation of a meaningful and appropriate plan for their graduate education and future career. This purpose is driven by a set of core values:

1. Advisors are responsible to the students they advise.
 - Advising is an integral part of the educational process with both students and advisors benefiting from the relationship.
 - Regular student-advisor communication allows advisors to maximize the student's ability to develop life-long learning skills and for the advisor to act as an advocate for the student.
 - Advisors must recognize the diversity of student backgrounds and the opportunities provided by this diversity for maximizing educational achievement.
 - Advisors are responsible for connecting students with others in the academic community who can, when appropriate, assist in the advising process.
2. Advisors are responsible to the institution.
 - As faculty, advisors are responsible for maintaining the academic standards and reputation of the Department, School, and University. This implies a focus on academic excellence for the students they advise.
 - Advisors must comply with the policies and procedures established by the Department, School and University for the didactic, exploratory, and research portions of a graduate student's educational experience.
3. Advisors are responsible to the community of higher education.
 - Advisors must uphold the values of academic and intellectual freedom that characterize the university environment in the United States.

- As faculty, advisors are responsible for the training of the next generation of academic leaders in education, research, practice, and service.
4. Advisors are responsible to the public health community.
- As faculty in a School of Public Health, advisors are committed to improving the health and well being of populations everywhere in the world through education, research, practice and service.

The Advisor-Advisee Relationship

All students in the Department are assigned a faculty advisor who is a full-time member of the advising faculty in their program area. In addition, **the MHS Academic Coordinator for their program also serves as a back-up advisor to students.** The advisor has the responsibility of assisting the student in designing an academic program that meets the student's goals within the requirements of the University, School and Department. Additionally, the advisor serves to direct the student to appropriate resources and research opportunities. The advisor should be the first point of contact in resolving academic problems. Advising students is an integral part of every faculty member's responsibilities. Thus, the student should not feel that he/she is imposing by asking for advice. Faculty members expect to be available to students, although the students should be respectful of the faculty's time by scheduling and respecting appointments. This is especially true in our department where research and practice responsibilities of the faculty require them to travel a significant portion of their time.

The responsibility for arranging meetings with their advisor lies with the student.

Students should not expect advisors to seek them out for required appointments. The student bears the responsibility of consulting the advisor when necessary and arranging periodic appointments, even if there are no specific problems.

In general, advisors and advisees should communicate at least once per term, preferably more often. Course registrations must be approved by the advisor at the beginning of each term. The student is required to schedule a meeting in order to assure that the advisor has reviewed the student's schedule and to plan any special studies projects or thesis research as needed with the advisor before the registration period deadline. If due to travel or scheduling difficulties, such communication cannot be conducted before the registration period deadline, students should receive approval for course registration from their MHS Program Coordinator.

RESPONSIBILITIES: ADVISOR

- To assist in determining the advisee's educational goals and needs at the start of the program.
- To serve as an educational and/or professional mentor for the student.

- To maintain awareness of and sensitivity to the level of compatibility between the student advisee and him/herself in terms of academic, professional, and personal interests.
- To facilitate a change of advisor if deemed appropriate to the student.
- To monitor the advisee's overall academic program and be sensitive to signs of academic difficulty.
- To be sensitive to cultural, medical, legal, housing, visa, language, financial, or other personal problems experienced by the advisee and to be understanding, and supportive. The Department has a sizable portion of foreign students coming from diverse pre-professional and professional educational backgrounds. As such, they have diverse needs and experience in managing a US-based graduate education program.
- To meet regularly with the student and to identify a mechanism for advising while traveling either through email or by identifying a back-up advisor for periods of extended travel.

RESPONSIBILITIES: ADVISEE

- To arrange to meet with the advisor at least once each term.
- To comply with registration and administrative deadlines.
- To identify and develop professional career goals and interests.
- To understand administrative policies and procedures and be familiar with the requirements for their program as described in the *Academic Guide*.
- To maintain the academic checklist and review it at meetings with the advisor.
- To complete an Advisor Evaluation Form twice during the academic year, once at the end of 2nd term and again at the end of 4th term.

CHANGE OF ADVISOR

For a variety of reasons, most often related to participation in faculty research for thesis work, a student or a faculty member may wish to have the student change advisors. Faculty wishing to initiate a change should discuss this with the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee. Faculty will need to submit a report of the student's progress at the time of this request. Student initiated changes of advisor are made without penalty and are a common occurrence. Students should write a letter of request to the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee to change from one faculty member to another. Both faculty members must agree.

STUDENTS MAY EXPECT THE FOLLOWING FROM THEIR ADVISORS:

- Advisor’s approval on course registrations, course changes, pass/fail agreements, waiver requests, and on all petitions to the Curriculum and Credentials Committee.
- At least one meeting per term with the advisor.
- Oversight of the student’s overall academic program and sensitivity to any academic difficulties.
- Knowledge of and interest in the student’s career objectives.
- Review of required and recommended courses for the program area. Assistance in designing a plan for the fulfillment of required courses and assistance with planning the course schedule for the year.

MHS Students:

The guidelines below are the absolute minimum interactions students and advisors should expect. Many of our students and faculty meet much more frequently and often become life-long colleagues as a result of the mentoring experience.

Year One: First Term	Check off Activities
Minimum of two meetings – advisor may choose to meet once with all advisees, then once with individual advisees	#1 _____ #2 _____
Identify professional goals and educational objectives	
Review competencies, departmental requirements, develop a written plan of courses and experiences to meet the student’s educational goals	
Review administrative deadlines	
Identify other people and resources of which students should be aware	

Year One: Second Term	Check off Activities
One Meeting	
Review first term transcript	
Monitor student’s progress, evaluate, discuss first term grades	
Provide feedback on first term courses	
Begin discussion of possible internship opportunities	
Follow up on plan set out in first term	
Complete registration forms for third and fourth terms	

Year One: Third Term	Check off Activities
One Meeting	
Monitor student’s progress; evaluate; discuss second term grades	
Provide feedback on second term courses	
Continue discussion on internship opportunities	

Discuss preparation for comprehensive examination, student study groups	
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Year One: Fourth Term	Check off Activities
One or two meetings:	
Review 3 rd term transcript	
Monitor student's progress; evaluate; discuss third term grades	
Provide feedback on third term courses	
Encourage participation in study groups for comprehensive examination	
Finalize plans for internship	
Students should begin working with the Career Services Office for post graduation employment or further education	

Year Two: Internship Period	Check off Activities
Regular communication via email or in-person	
Discuss MHS essay preparation	
Submit outline of MHS essay	
Submit first draft of essay for review	
Continue discussions regarding post graduation employment or further education	
Complete final version of essay and turn-in	

Student Feedback on Advisor Performance

The Department Chair reviews all faculty performance on an annual basis. This review assesses the career track of each faculty member as a part of the faculty mentoring role played by the Chair. In order to provide the most accurate information on faculty performance, the Chair needs information on all aspects of the faculties' roles including student advising. As a part of this process, we have initiated a formal advisor evaluation process that includes input from students. The provision of honest information is required of all students twice per year and these advisor ratings are handled with complete anonymity. At the completion of the 2nd and 4th terms each year, all students complete an Academic Advisor Evaluation Form (attached) and submit this form to the departmental Academic Coordinator (Jennifer Shaffer).

Academic Advisor Evaluation Form

This form is to be completed and turned into the Departmental Academic Coordinator twice per year, at the end of 2nd and 4th terms. Honest evaluations of advisor performance are an integral part of faculty annual performance evaluation by the Department Chair. Under no circumstances will individual student responses to this evaluation be identified to the faculty member.

Student Information

Program Area: _____
(DPC, HN, HS, SBI, DPH)

Degree Program: _____
(MHS, PhD, DPH)

Evaluation Period: _____
(2nd or 4th term)

Academic year: _____ - _____
(e.g. 06-07)

Advisor Information

Name of Advisor: _____

1) Over the past two terms, how satisfied are you with the advice from the following people?

	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Faculty Program Coordinator</u>
Very Satisfied	_____	_____
Somewhat Satisfied	_____	_____
Neutral	_____	_____
Somewhat Dissatisfied	_____	_____
Very Dissatisfied	_____	_____

2) Do you feel the following people are concerned with your progress?

	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Faculty Program Coordinator</u>
Yes, Definitely	_____	_____
Yes, Probably	_____	_____
Unsure	_____	_____
Probably Not	_____	_____
Definitely Not	_____	_____

3) On average in the past 2 terms, how often did you meet in person with the following people each term?

Advisor: _____ per term

Program Coordinator: _____ per term

4) Over the past two terms, how often have you just dropped in for a discussion with:

Advisor: ____ ____ per term Program Coordinator: ____ ____ per term

5) Over the past two terms, have you had trouble meeting with either of the following people? For example, have they broken appointments or been unresponsive in scheduling a meeting?

	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Faculty Program Coordinator</u>
Yes, Problem	____	____
Unsure	____	____
No Problem	____	____

6) Over the past two terms, have you and each of the following people established a satisfactory method for advising by email when the faculty member is traveling?

	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Faculty Program Coordinator</u>
Yes, Satisfactory	____	____
Unsure	____	____
No, Unsatisfactory	____	____

7) Do you feel that you and your advisor share common areas of interest?

Yes, Similar Interests	____
Unsure	____
No, Dissimilar Interests	____

8) Do you feel you would be better served by a different advisor?

Yes,	____	If Yes: Why: _____
Unsure	____	_____
No	____	_____

Standards of Academic Performance

Letter grades must be earned in all courses used to satisfy requirements. Please note that courses may be counted **only once** in fulfilling requirements. Students must receive satisfactory grades of C or higher in all required courses and continuously maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.50 in order to remain a degree candidate in good standing. Any student who receives a "D" or "F" in a required course must repeat the course and achieve at least a "C". Anyone not meeting these standards will be placed on probationary status pending action by the Department Committee on Curriculum and Credentials. That Committee will either recommend immediate termination from the degree program or will establish the minimum conditions to be fulfilled in order to return to the "good standing" status and avoid termination. In case conditions are imposed, the Committee will specify the maximum time allowed for satisfaction of the conditions.

Departmental Written Comprehensive Examination

Satisfactory performance is required on a written comprehensive examination. The exam is offered twice annually, in the winter (usually late January-early February) and again in the summer (after the 4th term). **The date for the 2007 summer exam is May 24, 2007.** The student should plan to take the exam when coursework is essentially completed, since questions will cover all required fields of study. Because of the infrequent offering, however, the student may choose to take the exam somewhat before the final completion of coursework. While the exam may be taken whenever the student and advisor feel prepared, the timing does not affect the breadth and depth of coverage of the course material. Although most of the material for the exam is covered in specific courses, it must be understood that graduate education involves much more than the accumulation of specific course credits. Thus, students are responsible for the material, regardless of the particular curriculum followed.

A minimum overall passing grade of 70 is required. Those scoring below this level may re-take the entire examination at its next semi-annual offering. Only one re-examination is permitted. Students failing twice are terminated from the MHS program.

Practicum

Description: In addition to completing the requisite coursework, students must gain practical experience in the application of the principles and methods learned. Often the experience is acquired through field placement in a work setting that may be the route to permanent employment, though such long-term implications are by no means essential. Alternatively, the student may undertake within the School environment the investigation and analysis of a significant issue related to health of underserved

populations. The latter undertaking would usually involve the synthesis and appraisal of existing information from the field that has not yet been fully exploited. **In order to take on an assignment that does not require a period of fieldwork, the student must show evidence of adequate prior field experience.**

Length of Time: The practicum must be of at least two academic quarters duration, during which a minimum of 32 credits is earned. A field placement or other experience could extend over a longer period of up to one year, during which time the student could register part-time for credits that ultimately total at least 32.

Identification of Practicum Activity: Students should spend some time considering what types of practicum they would learn from and enjoy and exploring potential opportunities. The practicum can be completed in a variety of settings, either domestically or internationally. Students can work with Hopkins field sites, NGOs, and within government agencies to fulfill the requirement. This wide range of options allows students to seek out that which will best suit their needs and interests, and there are many resources within the School to assist students with the process. These include the Office of Career Services (for resume assistance), the Department Internship Resource and Research Guide, the Faculty Coordinator of the student's program area, and the student's advisor to name a few. At minimum, students should meet with their advisor at the beginning of the process to get ideas and develop a plan for securing their practicum. However, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to identify and secure the opportunity that will be most rewarding to them based on their interests and career goals.

Practicum Proposal: Once an appropriate practicum is selected, the student should prepare a 1-5 page double-spaced document that provides a general description of what he/she will be doing during the practicum, the duration and location of the practicum, the organization with whom they will be working, and the name of the mentor who will supervise them. The document should be given to the student's academic advisor and to the MHS academic program coordinator, each of whom must approve the proposed practicum in writing or by email. The approved document should then be given or sent by the student to the Academic Coordinator. Communication with the advisor must be maintained during the practicum period.

Peace Corps Master's International Option

We are pleased to announce the inauguration of the MHS/MI Program at Johns Hopkins University, which joins dozens of other universities around the country in offering a masters degree program coordinated with Peace Corps service.

The MI Program is designed for students interested in working with the Peace Corps to fulfill the practicum requirement of the MHS Program. The academic requirements for

this program are the same as for the MHS program, but instead of completing a two-term internship through the School of Public Health, students would fulfill their internship with a 2-year Peace Corps volunteer assignment that is complementary to the skills and training that they received at the School.

Following the normal MHS Program schedule, students in this program will complete nine months of coursework at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, take a comprehensive examination, and then enter Peace Corps, undergoing 2-3 months of initial language, culture, and project orientation, and then complete two years of service. Students register for 32 credits at any time during their Peace Corps service (although they should be registered in the term they complete their masters paper requirement), for which they receive an automatic 75% scholarship. After completion of an acceptable paper regarding their work, students have completed the requirements for the MHS.

For more information on the Peace Corps side of this program, please visit their website at: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=learn.whyvol.eduben.mastersint>.

For additional details on how to get involved with the MHS/MI Peace Corps program, please contact:

Dr. Lawrence Moulton, Professor

Email: lmoulton@jhsph.edu

Phone: 410-955-6370

Fax: 530-325-6867

M.H.S. Essay

An essential part of the practicum is production of an acceptable M.H.S. essay that provides a meaningful contribution to knowledge of health of underserved populations. The paper is not a thesis in that it need not contain original research findings for review by an academic committee. Rather, the objective of the paper is to provide tangible evidence of expertise on a specific applied topic of international health relevance.

Essay topics must be approved by the student's advisor based upon a short (3-5 page) summary proposal that should be prepared by the student before the end of the first year of the program. The paper itself will normally be between 30 and 50 pages (double-spaced). It is to be submitted to the faculty advisor **no later than the last class day of the Third Term of the academic year in which the student expects to graduate. However, to avoid additional registration, the essay must be submitted at least one month before the end of the term in which the student intends to complete all requirements.** At least four weeks must be allowed in order for the advisor to give the student feedback and for the student to have sufficient time to make any corrections by the end of the quarter. Later submission will require registration for a subsequent term. The advisor and another

faculty member designated by the MHS Academic Program Coordinator must be satisfied with its quality. A form for essay approval is attached.

Guidelines for the MHS Essay Content and Format

1. Discussions between student and advisor about the nature and topic of the MHS Essay should begin before the student leaves for his/her practicum. This will enable the student to conduct relevant literature search early since some field placements do not offer easy access to the internet. Examples of types of essays include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Descriptive case study papers on the work of the agency and experiences where the student is placed.
 - b. A critical and comparative literature review of programs and interventions similar to those where the student is working.
 - c. Original research where the student collects and analyzes his/her own data as part of the practicum.
 - d. Secondary analysis of data collected by the agency.
2. At least 2 months prior to turning in the final version of the MHS essay, the student must submit an outline of the essay for approval of the advisor. There is frequently some back and forth on this outline.
3. **At least four weeks prior to the end of the term in which the student plans to complete the program**; the student must submit a complete rough draft of their essay to their advisor for first review. Students are encouraged to submit their essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays. Once first edits are done, submit the revised essay to the identified second reader with a minimum of 2 weeks to review.
4. If the student will conduct data collection as part of the practicum/essay, appropriate institutional/country approval must be obtained for all such data collection; at a minimum this means obtaining local IRB approval and JHBSPH Committee on Human Research approval. The student will need to work with their advisor to be sure that such an approval is obtained in a timely manner. Note that the process of obtaining JHBSPH CHR approval is more challenging when the student is in the field. CHR will NOT approve a project AFTER the data have been collected. Therefore, if a project may require data collection, the student should aim to complete the CHR approval process prior to leaving Baltimore.
5. In general, students are expected to write a concise, cohesive essay. In many cases it is related to the topic that the student was involved in during their practicum. The student must demonstrate command of the literature in the area of that topic/issue. An alternative approach, especially if the student has written reports of scientific research for publication in the peer-reviewed literature during their time as a student, to use such manuscripts as the MHS Essay with additional text as appropriate to provide context.

6. The end result is more than just a review of the literature. It should be placed in context, be a contribution that synthesizes the relevant literature on their topic, and addresses current approaches to the problem in the field as well as the experiences of the student.
7. This should not be a report of the student's internship experience. It is not a diary of their practicum experience nor only a data report (although selected data may be incorporated for illustrative purposes).
8. MHS essay length: **The essay should be approximately 30-50 double spaced including any appendices.** This is approximately equivalent to two course term papers. Appendices can include maps, graphs, tables, training manuals, manuals of operations, software products or other documents to support your essay. If this is intended for publication, it should meet the journal specification.
9. **This is a written assignment**, but the format of the essay can take many different forms, depending on the type of practicum and the products required by the practicum mentor. See example format below.
10. The student and advisor should identify an appropriate second reader for the essay at about 2 months prior to turning in the final version of the essay. Any member of JHU faculty can serve as a second reader including those with adjunct appointments as may be the case of a mentor at the internship site.
11. If the student intends to complete all requirements in the 2nd or 3rd term of the second year: in order to avoid additional registration, it is required that the draft essay be submitted to the advisor and 2nd reader at least FOUR weeks prior to the end of the term. Students are encouraged to submit the draft essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays.
12. If the student intends to complete all requirements in the 4th term of the second year: in order to graduate in May, it is required that the draft essay be submitted to the advisor and 2nd reader at least SIX weeks prior to the end of the term (because the final essay has to be submitted to the departmental academic coordinator 2 weeks prior to the end of 4th term). Students are encouraged to submit the draft essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays.
13. A final version must be submitted to the academic coordinator of both the program AND the department in both electronic and printed versions, as a copy is kept in the permanent file.

Below is a sample outline for the MHS essay, although not all internships will fit

into this format

- a. **Table of Contents** with page numbers
- b. **An introduction or executive summary** which explains the paper as a whole and include information about their role in the internship and how it relates to this topic. Why is the student writing about this and what did they do in their internship related to this topic. This is sometimes also presented as a summary in an abstract form with a preface to describe the student's specific role in the project. (generally 2-4 pages)
- c. A **solid background section** which gives a literature review of the topic/topics covered in the essay. Pay particular attention to proper sourcing of information in the background section. For a research study, the student would provide the objectives or study overview along with any specific aims.
- d. **A methods section** that describes the program (for programmatic internships) or the research (if research was a component of the internship). In this section, the student describes the larger context of the project, but highlight's aspects of the project that reflect their role during the internship. This section may also include maps and other graphical illustrations of the population or the epidemiology of the disease.
- e. **A results and analysis section**
 - a. If the essay relates to a research project, present selected results that apply to your essay topic.
 - b. If the essay related to a professional practice project, it is a section where the results of an intervention or program evaluation would be discussed.
- f. **Public Health implications of the project.** What are the public health implications of your essay? What are the student's recommendations about advancing the program or research? What next steps are needed and what direction will or should the project go in the future.
- g. **References:** our essay should be well referenced. References can come from a variety of sources (books, websites, reports and peer review journals).
- h. **Appendices:** Appendices can include anything from consent forms, instruments, summary table, timeline, photos, maps etc.

Time to Completion of Requirements

Students are expected to complete all requirements for the degree within two years of matriculation. Delays for reason will be considered, but in no case may the time in the program exceed four years, regardless of the residence status of the student (other than leave of absence).

SHPH-SAIS Dual Degree Candidates

Students in the dual degree program will have a year at SAIS counted as their internship for the M.H.S. This year will normally follow the year of coursework at the School of Public Health, but in individual cases consideration will be given to retroactive counting of time at SAIS toward the internship period. **However, dual degree candidacy does not remove the requirement of a Masters Essay.** This can serve simultaneously to satisfy requirements at SAIS.

Transfers

MHS to MPH: If after beginning the program a student desires admission to the MPH program by transfer, the student must make this request in writing through the Associate Chair for Academic Programs to the Director of the MPH Program and submit it to the Admissions Office. The request must include a supporting letter from the student's advisor.

MHS to MHS: If after beginning the MHS program a student wishes to change program area, the student must request the change in writing and have it endorsed by the MHS Program Coordinators of the current and future program area. The request then needs to be endorsed by the Associate Chair for Academic Programs. It is important to note that these types of transfers are very rare, due to the capacity of the programs and the sequencing of courses by program area.

MHS to PhD: Students in the MHS program who are interested in going on to a PhD program in the Department of International Health have two options, both of which require formally applying to the Department for admission to the PhD program. The first option is to complete the MHS degree and then entering the PhD program in September following the completion of the MHS practicum and turning in their MHS essay. Students that choose this option will need to complete an additional two terms of full-time residency after which they will have completed the PhD residency requirement and will be provided a 75% tuition scholarship by the Department. The second option is to transfer from the MHS program to the PhD program prior to completing the MHS degree. Such transfer requests will be considered by the Admissions Committee only

after at least two full terms as a MHS student. If accepted into the PhD program, the student's residency requirements will be considered to have started at the time of their entrance to the MHS program. They will not, however, receive the MHS degree.

MHS ESSAY APPROVAL FORM

Name of Student: _____

Essay Topic:

Advisor: _____
(signature) **(date)**

Second Reader: _____
(signature) **(date)**

***Signature denotes approval of essay**

Check List for Students

Background: As you prepare to take an overseas assignment you should take into account a few administrative, health, and safety issues before you leave the country. Keep in mind that when working overseas, even in the short-term, you need to be prepared before leaving the US in order to have a productive experience and avoid unnecessary health and safety risks. The Department of International Health has developed the attached checklist for you to complete prior to leaving the country to assist you in preparing for your assignment. **It is the responsibility of each student to complete and submit the completed checklist no later than one-week prior to your departure for all overseas assignments.** Copies of the checklist may be obtained from the Departmental Academic Coordinator. Here are a few recommendations for you when traveling overseas:

Administrative:

(1) TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION – You should assure that your travel documents are current and appropriate. Visas, if necessary, should be obtained well in advance of your travel. You can find out if a visa is required for the country you will be visiting by calling the embassy of that country (most are in Washington), or by checking the web sites of most embassies. The travel office in the basement of the Hygiene building has visa application forms for most countries, can make visa photographs (for a small fee). They also have a visa service which will process your visa for a fee. Use of the visa service can save considerable time and effort. If you have a problem with getting a visa you will often fare better if you then go yourself to the embassy to have the visa processed. This is especially true if you hold a non-US passport. Remember also that you may need a visa for transit through some countries. Also, a tourist visa is often all you will need, but a business visa may give you extra time in-country and help you avoid additional fees if multiple visits are required. Your advisor can help you obtain a letter to submit with your visa application if that is required. You should also be sure that your passport will be valid for the full time that you will be away. Most countries require that your passport be valid for 6 months from the date of departure. Finally, be sure that you have return airline tickets well in advance of your trip. Do not travel with a one-way ticket, as you may be restricted from entering the country upon arrival, and you may have difficulty securing airline tickets while away.

(2) UNIVERSITY APPROVALS – Assure that you have the requisite approvals from the University to initiate any overseas research. These include submission of the attached check list, approval from your thesis committee for dissertation research (must be signed before collecting data), approval from your advisor for your MHS internship, and approval from the Committee for Human Research (CHR) for collecting data for research projects. Forms for the CHR are available at the office on the 2nd floor. Remember that for student research your advisor is the Principal Investigator, and she/he must approve the research and sign the forms. The CHR committee meets monthly, and it can take several months to get all of the CHR approvals finalized, so plan ahead accordingly. You may also need to have approval from the NIH to conduct your research overseas. The Office of Protection of Research Risks (OPRR) is the

agency that grants such approvals. There is a special form that must be signed by dissertation committees for approval of thesis research. Post-hoc submission of these forms is not acceptable, and you run the risk of your research being deemed invalid, so you should take these precautions seriously. Conducting research on human subjects with out CHR approval is a serious breach of ethical conduct.

(3) HOST COUNTRY APPROVALS – Be sure that you have the necessary approvals from the host country to travel and conduct research. Many host country governments have agencies that must approve all foreign research projects. To check on this you should consult with your advisor, as well as with your host country collaborators. These approvals often take considerable time, so be sure to plan ahead. You should also be sure that the host-country collaborating agency has granted you approval. It is good to get this in writing. Be sure that they know the scope of your work in-country, your travel dates, where you will stay while there, and who they can contact if a problem develops. Take care to set your travel dates to accommodate your collaborators. If you are not sensitive to their schedules you run the risk of getting a low level of support while you are on travel status.

Health

(1) VACCINATIONS – Be sure that you have obtained relevant vaccinations prior to travel. To ascertain which vaccinations you need you should consult with a travel medicine specialist. There is a travel medicine clinic on campus, and many HMO (such as Kaiser) have travel medicine offices. You can also consult the CDC website for recommendations of appropriate vaccines. Many vaccinations these require a series of injections or oral medications, so plan ahead to assure that you are properly vaccinated. When traveling to areas with malaria you should secure a prescription for malaria prophylaxis medications. One of the most serious health risks you face is from malaria, and it can be lethal. Take such medications as recommended, and take the full course – which usually requires that you take them for a full four weeks upon your return. If you get a high fever, severe headache, or flu-like symptoms upon return from a malaria zone be sure to go to the doctor immediately, as this can be a sign of malaria. Prompt treatment is imperative to avoid serious health consequences. Other vaccinations that are often needed include tetanus, measles, polio, rabies, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B (especially if you are sexually active or work with biologic samples or blood), Japanese Encephalitis, and yellow fever. Note that entry into some countries requires a yellow fever vaccination, which must be recorded on a yellow form provided by the WHO. There are only certain places you can obtain these, so plan ahead. In some countries in Africa if you arrive without the yellow fever vaccination card you will be vaccinated upon entry, which carries some risk of contamination with unsterile equipment. Consult with a travel medicine specialist well before departing. **The student health plan offered by the School does not cover the cost of these immunizations.**

(2) INFECTIOUS DISEASES – Take care with what you eat and drink to avoid food-borne contamination. It is advisable that you consult the CDC website to get advice on how to avoid food and drink borne infections. You may also want to carry a supply of an antibiotic (such as ciprofloxacin), which your travel doctor can give you before you go.

Be sure to get instructions on when to take these, as well as how to take them. You should also be very careful with the water and drinks that you consume. It is advisable to drink bottled water in which you see the sealed bottle. Be careful of fruit juices which are often contaminated or which have had water added to them. Note also that table condiments, such as chili sauce, is also often a source of contamination. It is also very important that you take extreme care to avoid a sexually transmitted infection, including HIV. If you will be sexually active you should use a condom for all sexual contact, oral, vaginal, or anal. You may want to carry condoms with you as a source of condoms may be difficult to find. Take care that the condoms are stored correctly (not in heat) and that they are not expired. The best way to avoid a sexually transmitted disease is to avoid sexual contact.

(3) ACCIDENTS – this is probably the most likely health risk that you face, especially traffic accidents. Avoid traveling by car at night, especially on long-distance highways. When you travel by car use a seatbelt (even if others do not), and tell the driver to slow down if you feel unsafe. It is always much better to risk social embarrassment to avoid an accident, so do not be shy about asserting your desire to have a driver go more slowly. You may want to establish a maximum driving speed before you depart. You should also tell the driver to avoid passing (overtaking) if you feel that he/she is being unsafe. It is also advisable to carry a first aid kit. If an accident does occur seek medical care quickly. If you wait too long you risk serious health consequences. It is suggested that you get and read “When there Are No Doctors” before you travel. This is an excellent resource on travel health issues for developing countries. It is especially important that you avoid unsterile needles and syringes. In many cases you can request to purchase a new needle or syringe, or have someone with you do so. Note also that the US embassy maintains a list of medical providers in most countries. If you need medical care you may want to contact the embassy. You should also get word back to your advisor and family if an accident occurs.

(4) INSURANCE – you should check to be sure that your health insurance will cover you when you are overseas. You should also consider getting evacuation insurance (such as International SOS which has an inexpensive student policy). This type of insurance will assist you in seeking quality medical care, and in evacuating you should a serious problem arise.

(5) DENTAL – if you will be overseas for an extended time be sure to have a dental check up prior to leaving. You should avoid dental care in many developing countries.

(6) MEDICATIONS – be sure to carry an adequate supply of required medicines with you. You may not be able to get them while traveling.

Safety

(1) CRIME – crime is a serious problem for persons traveling. It is recommended that you not carry or display large amount of cash when traveling. Use a money belt to store

your money and valuables. Store valuables (including your airline tickets, credit cards, money, passport, and travelers checks) in the hotel safe, or other secure location if a safe is not available. Check with your local collaborators about risky situations and areas to avoid. If you are robbed do not resist – give them your money and valuables. It is always better to replace them than risk physical harm. Report such events to the police immediately. You should also make a photocopy of your passport and store it separate from your passport. This can be very helpful if you lose your passport. If you need to keep identification on you, use the photocopy of the passport with your drivers license. It is also helpful to make photocopies of your credit cards, passport, and travelers check receipts and leave them with someone you can contact back home. This will facilitate replacement if they are lost or stolen.

(2) **TERRORISM AND CIVIL CONFLICT** – check before you leave the country with the State Department (the website is a good location to do this) to see about safety in the country you are traveling to. Avoid countries and regions where there are travel advisories. Register with the US embassy (and/or your home embassy – if working on a US sponsored project do register with the US embassy) when you arrive. If you have any problems you should contact the embassy. This includes for problems with health, safety, or civil conflict. You should also contact your advisor and family if you have any problems. Use common sense in your dealings, and avoid association with persons who may place you at risk, or cause you to be a target for terrorism or police harassment.

(3) **CONTACT INFORMATION** – it is important that you leave your contact information with your family and your advisor. Also, be sure to leave your family's contact information with your advisor, and vice versa. If you need to be contacted while away it is important we know how to reach you. If you are out of town while away be sure to let your advisor and family know. It is quite common for students to leave town for trips and people at home are unable to reach them, generating significant worry and concern among your family and colleagues. Be considerate and let people know how to reach you. You should also leave behind the name and contact information of your colleagues you are working with, and let them know how to contact you when you are in-country in the event of an emergency. It is also worth the extra money to subscribe to an email service while you are away. It will likely save you money and time in the long run, as mail and phone calls can be expensive.

Final Note

Please take these common sense precautions seriously. With a little care and planning you can have a safe and enjoyable experience overseas. Realize that each country is unique and has special issues that should be attended to. Your advisor, and others who have traveled regularly to the country you are visiting, can help you plan for your trip accordingly. Note also that this list of recommendations is cursory and will not cover all

events that may occur. Plan ahead, be careful, follow the advice of colleagues, and do not be shy about advocating for your health and safety.

Check List for Students Traveling Abroad

Department of International Health

This check list must be completed and submitted to your advisor no later than one week prior to travel.

STUDENT NAME

DATE SUBMITTED

COUNTRY OF TRAVEL

DATES OF TRAVEL

ADVISOR

(1) Have you fully read the attached recommendations for student travel?

Yes

No

Administrative:

(1) Has Committee for Human Research approval been obtained?

Yes

No

Pending

Not Needed – provide explanation

(2) Have local collaborators approved your visit?

Yes (provide documentation)

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(3) Have you secured NIH (OPRR) approval for your research?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

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(4) Have you secured approval of your thesis committee for dissertation research, or your advisor, and at least one additional faculty member for MHS internships?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(5) Have you given the writeup for your internship to your MHS academic program coordinator and Carol Buckley as required?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(6) Do you currently hold round-trip airline tickets for the trip?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(7) How much cash and/or travelers check will you bring? Indicate how you will finance your travel, food and lodging.

(8) Do you have a visa for your trip?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(9) Is your passport valid for the period of your trip, and for the next six months?

Yes

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

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Health:

(1) Have you visited a travel medicine office or your physician to seek advice on health and vaccinations?

- Yes
- No
- Not Needed – provide explanation

(2) What vaccinations have you received in preparation for this trip?

(3) Are you traveling to a malaria zone?

- Yes
- No (indicate how you have checked on this).

If yes, have you secured a full supply of malaria medications?

(4) Do you have health insurance that will be valid for medical treatment in the country you are visiting while you are away?

- Yes
- No
- Not Needed – provide explanation

(5) Please list your medical insurance company, and list policy number:

(6) Do you have evacuation insurance (recommended but not required):

- Yes
- No
- Not Needed – provide explanation

(7) Do you have any special health problems that may affect you while traveling, or chronic health problems? List them and indicate how they may affect you while traveling, and how you will deal with related problems.

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(8) Are you required to be vaccinated for yellow fever for the country you are visiting?

Yes

No (indicate how you check on this)

If yes, indicate if you have a WHO Vaccination Stamp.

(9) Do you take medications regularly?

Yes

No

If yes, do you have an adequate supply for your trip?

Safety:

(1) Who should your advisor contact in the event of an emergency? List name, address, email (if available), phone:

(2) Indicate how your advisor can reach you in the event of an emergency. Provide address, email, fax, and phone:

(3) Provide the contact information for your collaborators in the host country. Give name address, email, fax, and phone:

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(4) Have you checked to see if there is a travel advisory for the country you will visit?

Yes (indicate how)

No

Not Needed – provide explanation

(5) If there is a travel advisory indicate nature of the advisory:

(6) Are there any special security issues for the country that you are traveling to that you are aware of?

Yes

No

If yes, describe:

(7) Have you been to this country before?

Yes

No

If yes, when?

Signature of Advisor _____ Date

Note to advisor: you should take time to go through this form with the student. Discuss administrative, health and safety issues with the student. If there is any significant doubt about the health and safety of this student you should contact the Program Director or Department chair to discuss if approval for travel should be granted. This form should be kept on file during the duration of the student's travel, and for 1 year after their return.

Internet Resources:

http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html – US State Department Travel Warnings by Country

<http://www.mosi-guard.com/> – information on malaria and how to protect yourself from infection.

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/> – CDC’s “Traveler’s Health” site. Useful information on health issues, and warnings by country.

<http://www.jhsph.edu/studentaffairs/chr/> – JHU Committee on Human Research site. Includes forms for applying for approval.

<http://www.internationalsos.com/> – low cost travel evacuation insurance company.

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/insure.htm> – website on various travel resources, and good review of available plans for evacuation insurance.

Report of Internship Activities
Department of International Health

Student Information

Student Name _____ Matriculation Date _____
Please Print Name Term/Year

Program Area _____ Email Address _____

Advisor's Name _____

Internship Information

Project Title (if applicable) _____

Description of Internship Project

Name of Sponsoring Organization/Project _____

Division within Organization (if applicable) _____

Organization Contact/Supervisor _____

Contact/Supervisor Email Address _____

Organization URL _____

Internship Location/Funding

City _____ State _____ Country: _____

Internship Start Date _____ End Date _____

Is the project funded? YES _____ NO _____ Type of Funding _____
(Example: Stipend, Living/Travel Costs, etc...)

Amount of Funding _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL
MHS Program Coordinator: Karen Charron

Requirements for Admission

Students in the program must have a bachelor's degree in health or biological sciences or statistics. An applicant with another undergraduate degree must have satisfactorily completed courses in mathematics; biology; and chemistry, physics, or another natural science.

Educational Objectives

Overall Program Goal

This program provides training for public health practitioners who will use epidemiologic, immunologic and/or laboratory and statistical methods to design, implement and/or evaluate disease control interventions for diseases of public health importance to underserved populations. Graduates will have a fundamental understanding of the pathogenesis, epidemiology, and control measures applicable to diseases of public health importance in disadvantaged populations. Interventions to be studied will be primarily biomedical (e.g. therapeutic or prophylactic drugs, vaccines or environmental modifications), although there may be a behavioral component to effective implementation of such interventions.

Special strengths of the program are infectious disease epidemiology (including emerging infections), vaccinology, and computational modeling and simulation of epidemics of infectious diseases. Students can acquire a broad understanding of the methods needed to design studies and gain hands-on experience in the design, conduct, and analysis of community and clinical trials and/or laboratory-based investigations. Subjects of investigation include the immunologic and biologic basis of responses to immunizations and other prophylactic or therapeutic interventions.

Students will be able to provide technical assistance to public health researchers and public health managers in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs to address public health problems facing underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

General Knowledge

Learning Objectives

- Describe the evolution of key approaches that have been applied in an attempt to address the major public health problems of underserved populations and to place these approaches in the context of general development, culture and health policies.
- Define the most important indicators of health status of underserved populations, identify databases and other sources of information for these indicators, and

describe how changes in these indicators reflect changes in the health status of populations.

- Describe the epidemiology, biology, pathophysiology, modes of transmission, and strategies for prevention and control of the major infectious diseases of public health importance to resource-poor environments. Be able to argue for the appropriateness of specific strategies for prevention and control in selected circumstances.
- Describe and evaluate successful management programs for health systems and or health services in developing countries.
- Identify major environmental health problems in the tropical areas of the world and discuss some solutions in detail with an emphasis on water and sanitation. Design a field project for an environmental control measure to reduce disease in a community.

Public Health Practice Skills Learning Objectives

- Identify the major problems of public health importance to underserved populations.
- Review and synthesize what is currently known about a problem of public health importance.
- Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem.
- Use data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem.
- Place the problem in its biological, cultural and behavioral context.
- Collaborate in the development of prevention and control plans for key public health problems.
- Collaborate in the development and implementation of evaluation plans for public health programs.

Research Skills Learning Objectives

- Review and critique the relevant literature on a research topic of public health importance.
- Describe the key study designs and state for which particular research questions these designs are most appropriate.
- Collaborate in the management of a research study, in monitoring its progress and in ensuring the quality of data collected.
- Produce a statistical analysis of the data collected during a research project, and provide a reasoned interpretation of the results.

Communications Learning Objectives

- Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings.

Advising Faculty

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Program Competencies

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Trace the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to address the major public health problems of underserved populations and to place these strategies in the context of general development, culture and health policies. Specific emphasis on infectious diseases and vaccines.	182.626	Tropical Environmental Health	X	X		X	
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
	221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies					
	182.626	Tropical Environmental Health					
	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application					
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	224.689	Foundations of Behavior Change Interventions in Developing Countries					
	410.616	Social and Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health					
	223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Program Seminar					
Define the most important indicators of health status of underserved populations, identify databases and other sources of information for these indicators, and describe how changes in these indicators reflect changes in health status of populations	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		X	
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods I					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					
	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
Describe the epidemiology, biology, pathophysiology, modes of transmission, and strategies for prevention and control of the major infectious diseases of public health importance to resource-poor environments. Be able to argue for the appropriateness of specific strategies for prevention and control in selected circumstances	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application	X	X		X	
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
	223.705	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods I					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					

	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
Describe and evaluate management programs for health systems and or health services in developing countries	551.608 551.601 551.603	Managing Non Governmental Organizations Managing Health Services Organizations Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management	X	X		X	
Identify major environmental health problems in tropical areas and discuss some solutions in detail with an emphasis on water and sanitation. Design a field project for an environmental control measure to reduce disease in a community	182.626 221.629	Tropical Environmental Health Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	X	X		X	

2. Identify problems of public health importance; analyze and synthesize relevant data; and develop and implement prevention, control, and evaluation plans

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities	Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation	
Identify the major problems of public health importance to underserved populations.	182.626 220.601 221.629 223.662 223.663 223.680	Tropical Environmental Health Introduction to International Health Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Vaccine Development and Application Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Global Disease Control Programs and Policies	X	X		X	X
Review and synthesize what is currently known about a problem of public health importance	182.626 220.601 221.629 223.662 223.663 223.680	Tropical Environmental Health Introduction to International Health Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Vaccine Development and Application Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Global Disease Control Programs and Policies	X	X		X	X
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem	220.601 223.664	Introduction to International Health Design and Conduct of Community Trials	X	X		X	

	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods I					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					
	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
Use data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	140.621-4 140.651-4 223.664 340.753	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Design and Conduct of Community Trials Epidemiologic Methods 3	X	X		X	
Place the problem in its biological, cultural and behavioral context	220.601 223.663 223.680 224.689	Introduction to International Health Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Global Disease Control Programs and Policies Foundations of Behavior Change Interventions in Developing Countries	X	X		X	X
	410.616	Social and Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health					
Collaborate in the development of prevention and control plans for key public health problems	220.601 223.663 223.664 223.680 223.810	Introduction to International Health Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Design and Conduct of Community Trials Global Disease Control Programs and Policies Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control	X	X	X	X	X
Collaborate in the development and implementation of evaluation plans for public health programs	223.664 223.680 223.810	Design and Conduct of Community Trials Global Disease Control Programs and Policies Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control	X	X	X	X	X

3. Evaluate and participant in field research or programs from conception of ideas through design, management, monitoring, data collection, and analysis

Specific Competencies

Learning Opportunities

Review and critique the relevant literature on a	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival
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Evaluation Opportunities

Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
X	X	X	X	

topic of interest	223.810	Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control					
	223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Program Seminar					
		Masters Essay					
Describe the key study designs and state for which particular research questions these designs are most appropriate	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	X	X	X	X	
	223.705	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice					
	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods I					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					
	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
Collaborate in the management of a research study, monitoring its progress and ensuring data quality	223.810	Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control	X		X	X	
Produce a statistical analysis of the data collected during a research project, and provide a reasoned interpretation of the results	140.621-4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV	X	X	X	X	
	140.651-4	Methods in Biostatistics I-IV					
	223.810	Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control					

			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
4. Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X	X	X	
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	223.810	Field Placement for Disease Prevention and Control					
		Masters Essay					

<u>REQUIREMENTS (must be taken for a letter grade):</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Cr</u>
<u>General</u>			
223.840	Special Studies: Educational Program Development	1	1
223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Seminar	1-4	1
	Introduction to Online Learning http://distance.ihsph.edu/oll	1	0
<u>International Health</u>			
220.601	Introduction to International Health	1	4
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies	4	4
<u>Quantitative</u>			
<u>Biostatistics (One of the following series)</u>			
140.621/4	Statistical Methods in Public Health <u>or</u>	1-4	16
140.651/4	Methods in Biostatistics	1-4	16
<u>Epidemiology</u>			
340.751	Epidemiologic Methods 1	1	5
340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2	2	5
340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3	3	5
<u>Environmental Health</u>			
182.626	Tropical Environmental Health <u>or</u>	2	2
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2
<u>Management Sciences</u>			
551.608	**Managing Non Governmental Organizations	3	3
551.603	**Fundamentals of budgeting and financial management <u>or</u>	2	3
551.603	Online Fundamentals of budgeting and financial management <u>or</u>	3	3
551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations <u>or</u>	1	4
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences</u>			
410.616.	Social and Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health	1	4
224.689	Foundations of Behavior Change Interventions in Dev Countries	2	4
<u>Vaccines:</u>			
223.662	Vaccine Development and Application	2	3

ENCOURAGED BUT OPTIONAL

Research Trial

223.664 Design and conduct of community trials 4 3

Infectious Disease:

223.682 Clinical Aspects of Tropical Disease 4 3

340.653 Epidemiologic inference in outbreak investigations⁴ 3

340.689 Research Methods in Sexually Transmitted Diseases 4 2

340.612 Epidemiologic Basis of Tuberculosis Control 4 2

340.646.81 Epidemiology and Public Health Impact of HIV and AIDS 2 4

Nutrition

222.649 International Nutrition **or** 4 3

222.647 Nutrition Epidemiology 3 3

Population/Family Planning

380.611 Fundamentals of Program Evaluation 3 4
(fits in second year schedule only)

380.600 Principles of Population Change 2 4

Research Ethics:

550.860 Research Ethics **or** 2 1

306.665 Research Ethics and Integrity: US and International Issues **or** 3 3

306.680 Ethical Issues in Human Subject Research **or** 4 2

306.655 Ethical issues in Public Health 3 3

Vaccines:

223.867 Vaccine Sciences and Policy Seminar 1-4 4

223.687 Vaccine Policy Issues 3 3

223.689 Biological Basis of Vaccine Development 4 3
(with some immunology background)

223.705 Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) 4 3

Data Management:

223.672 Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies 4 5

140.632 Introduction to the SAS Statistical Package 4 3

Sample Year 1 Schedule for DPC - MHS Program 2006-2008
(64 credits minimum)

1st Term

	Introduction to Online Learning	0 units
	http://distance.jhsph.edu/oll	
220.601	Introduction to International Health	4 units
340.751	EpidemiologyMethods 1	5 units
140.621	Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4 units
551.601 *	Managing Health Services Organizations	4 units
410.616.01 **	Social And Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health	4 units
223.840	Special Studies: Educational Pros. Development	1 unit
223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Seminar	1 unit
Total Required Units		15-19 units

2nd Term

340.752	Epidemiology Methods 2	5 units
140.622	Statistical Methods in Public Health	4 units
224.689 **	Foundations in Behavioral Change Interventions	4 units
223.662	Vaccine Development & Applications	3 units
551.603 *	Fundamentals of budgeting and financial	3 units
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies (EH. Option I)	2 units
223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Seminar	1 unit
Total Required Units		18 - 22 units

3rd Term

340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3	5 units
140.623	Statistical Methods in Public Health III	4 units
182.626	Tropical Environmental Health (EH. Option II)	2 units
223.663	Infectious Disease & Child Survival	3 units
551.603.81 *	Online Fundamentals of budgeting and financial	3 units
551.608 *	Managing Non Governmental Organizations	3 units
223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Seminar	1 unit
Total Required Units:		13 - 15 units
Plus Electives		4 - 8 + units

4th Term

223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policy	4 units
140.624	Statistical Methods in Public Health IV	4 units
223.860	Disease Prevention and Control Seminar	1 unit
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3 units (optional)
223.682	Clinical Aspects of Tropical Disease	3 units (optional)

Total Required Units:	9
Plus Electives	7 + units

- * Choose 1 management option
- ** Choose 1 behavioral course

HEALTH SYSTEMS

Program Coordinator: William Weiss

Requirements for Admission

Students must have a prior degree in biological or health sciences or alternatively in management or social sciences. Some prior international or health systems experience is highly desirable.

Educational Goals

Graduates of the program will possess core competencies as outlined below to play leadership roles in (a) health policy; (b) health planning, management, and evaluation; (c) public health education; (d) institution building; and (e) community development in a variety of settings, from community to national and international levels, and particularly to work in low and middle-income countries and with disadvantaged populations.

Core Health System Competencies

- Analyze the organization, structure and financing of a health service system
- Compare basic models of health delivery systems in different country settings
- Explain the major approaches to managing and improving health service organizations, including process improvement, strategic planning, and organizational design
- Apply social and behavioral concepts to improve the functioning of health service systems and agencies
- Prepare a basic plan budget for a health services agency that addresses personnel and other resource needs
- Identify components of health service quality and the means to improve these
- Develop a policy advocacy strategy that focuses on key health policy stakeholders
- Apply epidemiological and statistical tools in developing a health management information system and monitoring and evaluation procedures
- Design and implement culturally sensitive health education and behavior change programs

Advising Faculty

While students will have a designated adviser, they are encouraged to meet and discuss their interests with a variety of faculty members.

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Program Competencies

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations, approaches to the management and control of these disorders, and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Trace the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to address major public health problems of underserved populations and place them in the context of general development, culture and health policies	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.609	Comparative Health Systems				
	300.652	Politics of Health Policy				
Define the most important indicators of health status, identify information resources for these indicators, and describe how changes in these indicators reflect changes in the health status of populations	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.620	Summary Measures of Population Health				
	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology				
Describe the epidemiology, basic biology, pathophysiology, and strategies for control of the major public health problems in underserved populations	120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	X	X		
	182.640	Food- and Water-Borne Diseases				
	221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Developing Countries				
	221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies				
	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition				
	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application				
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival				
	260.626	STI Prevention: Using Epidemiology to Inform Policy and Program				
	260.652	Principles of Public Health Ecology				
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology					

	380.661 380.760 550.630	Clinical Aspects of Maternal and Newborn Health Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health Public Health Biology				
Identify major environmental health challenges in resource poor settings and approaches to their management and control	180.601 180.611 180.660 182.626 182.640 187.610 221.629	Environmental Health The Global Environment and Public Health Introductory Principles of Environmental Health Tropical Environmental Health Food- and Water-Borne Diseases Principles of Toxicology Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	X	X		
Describe the social and cultural context of the major problems of public health importance in resource poor settings and approaches to behavioral and communication intervention for these problems	221.688 222.654 224.689 302.683 303.602 303.604 380.630 380.631-2	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care Food, Culture and Nutrition Foundations of Behavioral Change Interventions in Developing Countries Principles of Health Behavior Change Fundamentals of Health Education and Health Promotion Program Effectiveness in Health Education and Health Promotion Contemporary Issues in Health Communication Health Communication Programs I-II	X	X		
List the skills needed to address nutritional, water and sanitation, and basic health needs following a manmade or natural disaster; describe the role of surveillance and information systems; and discuss mechanisms and management of response to emergencies	182.640 220.601 221.629 221.612 221.613 221.633 221.639	Food- and Water-Borne Diseases Introduction to International Health Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Confronting the Burden of Injuries Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies Public Health Issues in Disasters Refugee Health Care	X	X		

	221.641	Measurement methods in Humanitarian emergencies				
	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition				
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival				
Describe the basic components of an effective primary health care system for underserved populations, primarily in less developed countries	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.616	Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing Countries				
	221.624	Urban Health in Developing Countries				
	221.635	Case Studies in Primary Care				
	221.661	Project Development for Primary Health Care in Developing Countries				
	221.688	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care				

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
2. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of concepts and application of management principles to the operation of health systems in resource poor settings						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Describe and compare the basic models for the organization and structure of health service delivery systems	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.609	Comparative Health Systems				
	221.688	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care				
Describe basic approaches to managing and improving the operation of a health care delivery program in a resource poor setting including process improvement, strategic planning, organizational design, and monitoring and evaluation	221.638	Health Systems Research and Evaluation in Developing Countries	X	X		X
	221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods in Developing Countries				
	221.706-707	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries (internet only)				
	221.810	Field Placement Health Systems				

	221.860	Health Systems Seminar				
	312.621	Strategic Planning and Operations				
	312.633	Health Management Information Systems				
	313.630	Cost-Benefit Analysis: Theory and Techniques				
	313.631	Cost-Effectiveness, Cost-Utility, and Their Applications				
	380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation				
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				
	551.607	Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-served Populations				
	551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations				
Describe the alternative approaches to financing health systems in developing countries	221.609	Comparative Health Systems	X	X		
	313.640-1	Introduction to Health Economics I-II				
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations				
Prepare a budget, capital plan, and human resource plan for a health program	221.606	Training Methods and Continuing Education for Health Workers	X	X	X	
	312.617	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting				
	551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management				
	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
3. Analyze and synthesize data relevant to the management and control of health problems of public health importance in resource poor settings						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem and use those data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		X
	221.620	Summary Measures in Population Health				
	221.637	Health Information Systems				
	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology				
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials				
Analyze and interpret data appropriately to assess the magnitude of a health problem and compare the performance of different health systems on health indicators	551.856	Research Methods in Health and Human Rights				
	140.621-3	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-III	X	X	X	X
	330.657	Statistics for Psychosocial Research: Measurement				
	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
4. Produce written and oral reports for public health professionals and policy makers						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Organize and prepare effective oral and written materials for public health professionals and policy makers	221.810	Field Placement Health Systems	X	X	X	X
	221.860	Health Systems Seminar				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				

Required Core Courses (must be taken for a letter grade, except where only offered as Pass/Fail)

Number	Course Title	Term(s)*	Credits
551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations	1	4
551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations	1, S	2
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting & Financial Management	2, 3 ⁱ , S	3
221.840	Individual Goals Analysis (IGA – Special Studies – pass/fail): Address core competencies when developing Goals Analysis	1	1
221.860	Health Systems Seminar	1-4	4
220.601	Introduction to International Health	1	4
221.609	Comparative Health Systems (formerly Int'l Health Reform)	3	4
140.621-623	Statistical Methods in Public Health	1-3	12
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
221.810	Field Placement Health Systems (Practicum/Internship)	(second year)	

** Quarters with “i” indicate those offered on the internet. Be sure you have taken “Introduction to Online Learning” by the end of the 1st term, prior to enrolling in an internet-based course. Internet course offered in 1st term may be taken in the 2nd year of the program.*

Core Applied Health Management Courses – chose one of the following. Those not chosen for this requirement may be used to meet HSP-specific elective requirements

Number	Course Title	Term(s)	Credits
551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers	2	3
551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making	3	3
551.607	Pharmaceutical Management for Underserved Populations	3	3
551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations	3	3
221.722	Quality Assurance Management in Developing Countries	1,1 ⁱ	4

221.706-7	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I, II (internet only)	3 ⁱ & 4 ⁱ	5 (2+3)
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MHS Environmental Health Requirement, one of:

Number	Course Title	Term	Credits
180.601	Environmental Health (internet)	3 ⁱ	5
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	4	4
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	3
182.626	Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
182.640	Food and Water-borne diseases	3	3
187.610	Principles of Toxicology	1	4
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2

MHS Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement, one of:

Number	Course Title	Term	Credits
221.688	Social & Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care (internet only)	2 ⁱ , S ⁱ	4
222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition	4	4
224.689	Foundations of Behavior Change Interventions in Dev. Countries	2	4
303.602	Fundamentals of Health Education and Health Promotion	1	3
303.604	Program Effectiveness in Health Education & Health Promotion	4	4
330.657	Statistics for Psychosocial Research: Measurement	1	4
380.631-2	Health Communications Project I & II	3-4	8

MHS Biological Science Requirement, one of:

Number	Course Title	Term	Credits
120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Health Biology	1	3
182.640	Food and Water-borne diseases	3	3
187.610	Principles of Toxicology	1	4
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2
222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4

223.662	Vaccine Development and Application	2	3
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
260.626	STI Prevention: Using Epi to Inform Policy and Program	3	4
260.652	Principles of Public Health Ecology	2	4
380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal & Newborn Health	4	3
380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health	4	3
550.630	Public Health Biology	1	3

Health Systems Program MHS Specific Electives: (12 Credits)

Twelve (12) additional credits from the list below should be taken if not already selected to satisfy another requirement. These track specific electives are organized under four broad headings to facilitate selection based on different competency areas. You may choose from any of these areas.

Course	Elective Area and Title	Term	Credits
Measurement, Research and Monitoring			
221.612	Confronting the Burden of Injuries:	2, 2 ⁱ	3
221.620	Summary Measures of Population Health	4	4
221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Developing Countries	2, 2 ⁱ	4
221.637	Health Information Systems (internet)	4 ⁱ	3
221.638	Health Systems Research and Evaluation in Developing Countries	4	4
221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries	1, 1 ⁱ	4
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
312.633	Health Management Information Systems	4	3
551.856	Research Methods in Health and Human Rights	3	2
221.641	Measurement Methods in Humanitarian Emergencies	4	2
Planning, Management and Evaluation			
221.606	Training Methods & Continuing Education for Health Workers (internet only)	3 ⁱ , S ⁱ	4
221.706-7	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries (internet only)	3 ⁱ & 4 ⁱ	5 (2+3)
221.635	Case Studies in Primary Health Care	3	4
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4	4
312.617	Fundamentals of Finance and Accounting	1	3
312.621	Strategic Planning & Operations	4	3
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making	3	3
551.607	Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-served Populations	3	3

Course	Elective Area and Title	Term	Credits
551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations	3	3
Health Policy and Economics			
300.652	Politics of Health Policy	3	4
313.630	Cost-Benefit Analysis: Theory and Techniques	3	3
313.631	Cost-Effectiveness, Cost-Utility, and Their Applications	4	3
313.640-1	Introduction to Health Economics I & II	1 & 2	4 (2+2)
301.645	Health Advocacy	3	3
Health Management Issues with Special Populations			
221.613	Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies	1	2
221.616	Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing	4	3
221.624	Urban Health in Developing Countries	4	2
221.633	Public Health Issues in Disasters	3	2
221.639	Refugee Health Care	1, 2	3

Individualized Goals Analysis (IGA)

The IGA is a process of discussion with your advisor resulting in a written document.

Part 1: Briefly explain what knowledge, skills, and experiences you bring to the program.

Part 2: Identify your goals for your education by explaining what you hope to gain in terms of knowledge, skills, personal and professional contacts, and other experiences while a student in the MHS program. Review the list of MHS core competencies with your advisor. You are encouraged to identify additional competencies particularly relevant to your professional future and/or academic stream. Describe one or more practicum assignments and potential essay topics and indicate how these will be used to build your competencies and achieve your goals.

Part 3: Complete the MHS Curriculum Planning and Tracking Sheet by developing a tentative course plan for your entire MHS program. Identify what courses and special studies you intend to take and when you plan to complete your courses. Course descriptions in the catalog indicate when courses are generally offered. Your tracking sheet should include a tentative list of electives you plan to complete. Carefully review your paper and tracking sheet with your advisor to ensure the proposed curriculum is not only feasible, but that it meets program requirements. Explain how your curriculum plan is aligned with the goals you identified in Part 2.

HUMAN NUTRITION

Program Coordinator: Parul Christian

Requirements for Admission

The program hopes to attract the best and the brightest students regardless of background. Therefore, entry into the MHS in Human Nutrition requires, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, preferably in nutrition, biological sciences, health sciences, social sciences or public health.

Educational Objectives

The MHS program in Human Nutrition is designed to train professionals to focus on public health problems in food and nutrition in human populations. Graduates are expected to assume positions in nutrition and food program management, laboratory analysis, operations, evaluation or surveillance/ monitoring within government, international or non-governmental agencies, universities, private industry, being able to incorporate food and nutrition elements into public health research, programs and policies. Many students go on to conduct doctoral work, to obtain either MD or PhD degrees.

Students will be expected to enroll for six quarters, satisfy the educational requirements, and successfully complete a practicum experience and write an essay. Students must also pass a written comprehensive exam.

Advising Faculty

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Program Competencies

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health nutrition problems and characterize these problems in terms of measurable indicators							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Describe key nutritional problems of public health importance, their epidemiology, underlying metabolism, consequences for health, and population level strategies for prevention and treatment	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.840	Biochemistry and Metabolism					
	222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition					
	222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages					
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar					
Define the most important indicators of nutritional status; their relative strengths and weaknesses, measurement techniques, and information sources; and describe how changes in the indicators reflect changes in the nutritional status of populations	222.642	Assessment of Nutritional Status	X	X		X	
	222.647	Nutrition Epidemiology					
	222.651	Advanced Nutrition Epidemiology					
Critique the design and implementation of nutrition programs to improve the nutrition and health of diverse populations	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition					
	222.657	Food and Nutrition Policy					
	222.656	Critical Analysis of Popular Diets and Dietary Supplements					
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar					
Describe and evaluate successful management programs for health systems and or health services in developing countries.	222.658	Critical Thinking in Nutrition-I					
	182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	X	X		X	
	221.706-7	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I-II					
	221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for					

	305.607 551.601 551.603	Developing Countries Public Health Practice Managing Health Services Organizations Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management					
Identify major environmental health problems and describe how they affect nutritional and health status of populations	180.601 180.611 180.660 182.626 187.610 182.640 221.629	Environmental Health The Global Environment and Public Health Introductory Principles of Environmental Health Tropical Environmental Health Principles of Toxicology Food and Water Borne Diseases Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	X	X		X	

Evaluation Opportunities

2. Identify nutrition problems of public health importance; analyze and synthesize relevant data; and develop and implement prevention, control, and evaluation plans

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities	Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation	
Identify the major nutrition problems of public health importance to underserved populations.	222.641 222.649 222.655 222.860	Principles of Human Nutrition International Nutrition Nutrition and Life Stages Graduate Nutrition Seminar	X	X		X	X
Review and synthesize what is currently known about a nutrition problem of public health importance	222.641 222.649 222.654 222.655 222.860	Principles of Human Nutrition International Nutrition Food, Culture and Nutrition Nutrition and Life Stages Graduate Nutrition Seminar	X	X		X	X

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem	222.647 340.601	Nutrition Epidemiology Principles of Epidemiology	X	X		X	
Use data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	140.621-4 140.651-4 340.601	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Principles of Epidemiology	X	X		X	
Place the problem in its biological, cultural and behavioral context	222.641 222.649 222.654 222.655 222.860	Principles of Human Nutrition International Nutrition Food, Culture and Nutrition Nutrition and Life Stages Graduate Nutrition Seminar	X	X		X	X
Collaborate in the development of prevention and control plans for key public health problems	222.649 222.654 222.810	International Nutrition Food, Culture and Nutrition Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X	X		X	X
3. Evaluate and participant in field research from conception of ideas through trial design, management, monitoring, data collection, and analysis							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities		Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Review and critique the relevant literature on a topic of interest	222.655 222.810 222.860	Nutrition and Life Stages Field Placement for Human Nutrition Graduate Nutrition Seminar	X	X	X	X	

	222.658 MHS Essay	Critical Thinking in Nutrition-I					
Collaborate in the management of a research study, in monitoring its progress and in ensuring the quality of data collected	222.810 MHS Essay	Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X		X	X	
Produce a statistical analysis of the data collected during a research project, and provide a reasoned interpretation of the results	140.621-4 140.651-4 222.810 MHS Essay	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X	X	X	X	
4. Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities		Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings	222.810 Masters Essay	Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X	X	X	X	

Course Requirements

A minimum of 96 total credits of coursework is required. Of these, 64 credits are associated with directed coursework, and 32 credits are associated with a practicum experience, which is usually completed during the second year.

Students are required to take specific courses in each of four core content areas in order to develop specific competencies: *Nutrition and Health, Biochemistry and Metabolism, Research Methods, and Professional Skills*. Approximately 40 course credits are associated with these core content areas common to all MHS students. In addition, all students must complete coursework in the social or behavioral sciences, program management, and environmental health. To complete the remainder of their coursework requirements, students will choose elective coursework and special studies in conjunction with their advisor, depending on their unique career goals.

Nutrition Practicum

MHS candidates complete a practicum for 2-3 quarters. This experience is jointly arranged by the student, faculty advisor and other faculty within the Center for Human Nutrition or School, as necessary. The practicum may comprise any of the following: (a) field placement in a supervised nutrition research (laboratory, clinic or population-based) or program setting; (b) analytic work under faculty guidance during which nutrition-related data (dealing with either laboratory or population-based research, program evaluation or surveillance) are analyzed and a report prepared; or (c) additional, directed course work toward developing a particular specialty within the context of the MHS program.

A new joint MHS-RD internship in collaboration with the dietetics program at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (JHBMC) has recently been approved. This offers students the opportunity to earn both the MHS degree and complete the dietetics internship in preparation for obtaining the RD credential. Although, students in 2006-2007 would not have applied into this program, possibilities for a dietetics internship in 2007-2008 may open up (contact Dr. Laura Caulfield during the Fall of 2006 if you are interested)

Required Coursework for MHS in Nutrition (must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only as Pass/Fail)

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Credits
General/Professional Skills			
222.840	Special Studies: Educational Program Development	1	1
222.866	Graduate Nutrition Seminar	1-4	4
Nutrition			
222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4
222.658	Critical Thinking in Nutrition -I	1	1
222.642	Assessment of Nutritional Status	2	3
222.840	Special Studies: Biochemistry and Metabolism	2	3
222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages	3	3
222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition	4	4
<i>ANY ONE of the following courses required</i>			
222.651	Advanced Nutrient Metabolism	2	3
222.649	International Nutrition	4	3
222.656	Critical Analysis of Popular Diets	4	3
Research Methods			
140.621/4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV OR	1-4	16
140.651/4	Methods in Biostatistics I-IV	1-4	16
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
Environmental Health (<i>ANY ONE of the following courses required; others can be electives</i>)			
187.610	Principles of Toxicology*	1	4
180.601	Environmental Health*	2	5
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2
182.626	Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	2
182.640	Food and Water Borne Diseases	3	3
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	4	4
Management Sciences (<i>ANY ONE of the following courses required; others can be electives</i>)			
312.612	Managing Health Services Organizations	1	4
221.625	Analytic Techniques for Improving Management Decisions	2	5
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management*	2	3
182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	3	3

221.706 &	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I*	3	2
305.607	Public Health Practice*	4	4
221.707	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries II* <i>Both courses in the sequence are required to meet the Management requirement.</i>	4	3
	Total Required Credits		41-46
222.810	Field Placement Human Nutrition (Practicum)	2nd year	32

Nutrition Program MHS: Suggested Electives: (8-13 Credits)

Additional credits from the list below can be selected:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Credits
Nutrition			
222.657	Food and Nutrition Policy	1	2
222.647	Nutritional Epidemiology	3	3
221.611	Food/nutrition and livelihood in humanitarian emergencies	4	2
222.841	Advanced Nutritional Epidemiology	4	3
Research Methods			
340.608	Observational Epidemiology*	2	3
340.60?	Topics in Applied Epidemiology	3	3
340.751/3	Epidemiologic Methods ¹	1-3	15
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	4	4
224.689	Foundations of Behavioral Change in Developing Countries	2	4
410.690	Ethnographic Fieldwork	3	4
410.691	Qualitative Research II	4	6
International Health and Disease			
220.601	Introduction to International Health*	1	4
221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Developing Countries*	2	4
223.633	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies	4	4
Population, Behavior and Health			
380.604	Health Across the Life Span: Frameworks, contexts, and measurements*	1	4
380.600	Principles of Population Change	2	4
224.689	Foundations of Behavioral Change in	2	4

	Developing Countries		
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
Research Ethics			
550.860	Research Ethics	2	1
306.655	Ethical Issues in Public Health	3	3
306.665	Research Ethics and Integrity: US & International Issues	3	3
306.680	Ethics of Human Subject Research*	4	2

* *NOTE – also taught as an Internet course (check term).*

¹If a student opts for this Epi series, they are exempt from doing the required Principles of Epidemiology

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

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Advising Faculty

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Requirements for Admission

Entrants into the program must have a bachelor's degree in the health or social sciences.

Educational Objectives

The program offers multidisciplinary training for researchers and public health practitioners who wish to use the social sciences in the design, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs, particularly community-based interventions. The program provides students with a broad exposure to applied theory and methods from the fields of social psychology and medical anthropology and sociology. The combined use of qualitative and quantitative methods is a defining characteristic of the program, and students are trained in survey research methods, as well as, in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, and direct and participant observation techniques. Students may choose to specialize in the development, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs related to a given area of interest such as HIV/AIDS, child survival, and malaria prevention, as well as a host of other topical areas relevant to the enhancement of health in lower income settings. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to provide technical assistance in assessing the socio-cultural context surrounding public health interventions and in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and behavioral change programs to improve the health of underserved communities.

Program Competencies

1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities	Evaluation Opportunities					
		Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation	
Describe the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to major public health problems of underserved populations in lower income countries and indicators of their impact.	220.601	Introduction to International Health Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Dev. Countries Case Studies in Primary Health Care Refugee Health Care International Nutrition Urban Health in Developing Countries	X	X	X	X	X
	221.627						
	221.635						
	221.639						
	222.649						
Describe biologic mechanisms and/or clinical manifestations of disease(s) impacting the health of underserved communities.	221.624	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology Food- and Water-Bourne Diseases Principles of Human Nutrition Vaccine Development and Application Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Clinical Aspects of Tropical Diseases Biologic Basis of Vaccine Development HIV Infection in Women, Children, and Adolescents STI Prevention: Using Epi to Inform Policy and Program Principles of Public Health Ecology Epidemiologic Basis of Tuberculosis Control Epidemiology and Natural History of Human Viral Infections Clinical Aspects of Maternal and Newborn Health Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health Public Health Biology Environmental Health	X	X	X	X	X
	120.620						
	182.640						
	222.641						
	223.662						
	223.663						
	223.682						
	223.689						
	380.762						
	260.626						
	260.652						
	340.612						
	340.654						
	380.661						
	380.760						
550.630							
Discuss environmental influences on health	180.601						

		Developing Countries						
	222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition						
	301.645	Health Advocacy						
	410.620	Fundamentals of Health Education and Health Promotion						
	410.630	Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs						
	410.651	Communication Strategies for Health Education and Promotion						
	410.654-5	Health Communication Programs I-II						
	410.752	Children, Media and Health						
Develop an understanding of theoretical paradigms and perspectives informing ethnography and qualitative research and practice utilizing qualitative methods employed to assess the social context of health and inform public health action.	410.660	Ethnographic Fieldwork						
	224.691	Qualitative Research II						
Describe and utilize multi-method research methodologies in the development, implementation and evaluation of context-appropriate social and behavioral interventions to improve health.	224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral and Community Interventions						
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials						
	223.672	Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies						
	410.615	Research Design in the Social and Behavioral Sciences						
	340.608	Observational Epidemiology						
	410.622	Program Effectiveness in Health Ed and Health Promotion						
	380.600	Principles of Population Change						
	380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation						
	380.612	Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation						
	380.733	Communication Network Analysis in Public Health Programs						
	140.624	Statistical methods in Public Health IV						

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
3. Develop a solid foundation in epidemiologic and statistical research and evaluation skills applicable to public health assessment and action.							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Identify and utilize epidemiologic and biostatistics tools relevant to assessing the scope of a public health problem and/or the impact of public health action on a given condition.	340.601 140.621-3	Principles of Epidemiology Statistical Methods in Public Health I-III	X	X	X	X	X

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
4. Describe management principles and practices pertinent to public health programming.							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Identify management techniques applicable to public health program implementation and evaluation including organizational and financial best practices.	182.623 221.609 221.706-7 221.722 305.607 551.601 551.603 <hr/> 551.608	Occupational Safety and Health Management International Health Reform Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I-II Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries Public Health Practice Managing Health Services Organizations Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management Managing NGOs in the Health Sector	X	X	X	X	X

Program Requirements

A minimum of 96 total credits of coursework is required. Of these, 64 credits are associated with academic coursework, generally completed within the first year of the program, and 32 credits are associated with a practicum experience, which is usually completed during the second year. Courses taken to fulfill program requirements must be taken for a letter grade.

Competency Area I-General Public Health Knowledge: Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators.

International Health: Describe the evolution of key approaches to address major public health problems among underserved populations in lower income contexts and indicators of their impact.

220.601	Introduction to International Health	1	4
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One of the following:

221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Dev. Countries Also internet-based, 2 nd term	2	4
221.639	Refugee Health Care Also internet-based, 1 st term	2	3
221.635	Case Studies in Primary Health Care	3	4
222.649	International Nutrition	4	3
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policy	4	4
221.624	Urban Health in Developing Countries	4	2

Public Health Biology: Explain biologic mechanisms and/or clinical manifestations of disease(s) impacting public health.

One of the following:

222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4
182.640	Food and Water Bourne Diseases	3	3
223.682	Clinical Aspects of Tropical Diseases	4	3
380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal & Newborn Health	4	3
380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health	4	3
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
223.689	Biologic Basis of Vaccine Development	4	3
223.662	Vaccine Development and Application	2	3
120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	1	3
550.630	Public Health Biology Also internet-based, 4 th term	1	3
260.626	STI Prevention: Using Epi to Inform Policy & Prog.	3	4

	Also internet-based, 4 th term		
340.612	Epi. Basis of Tuberculosis Control	3	2
340.654*	Epi & Natural History of Human Viral Infections	3	6
260.652	Principles of Public Health Ecology	2	4
	Also internet-based, 1 st term.		
380.762	HIV Infection in Women, Children, and Adolescents	4	3

Environmental Health: Discuss environmental influences on public health and appropriate risk assessment and public health response options.

One of the following:

187.610*	Principles of Toxicology (also internet-based 2 nd term)	1	4
180.601	Environmental Health (internet)	3	5
182.626	Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	4	4
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	2
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2

Competency Area II-Social and Behavioral Sciences: Develop the theoretical and methodological tools useful in gaining an understanding of the socio-cultural context surrounding public health in lower income contexts and to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and behavioral change programs.

Theory and Practice: Describe the relevance of psycho-social and environmental-structural theory in the design of effective public health interventions and formulate theory-driven social and behavioral interventions to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities.

224.689 Found. Behavior Change Interventions in Dev. Countries 2 4

Three courses from the following (from either the theory or practice options):

Theory focused

410.616	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health	1	4
410.612	Sociological Perspectives on Health [Offered every other year]	1	3
410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communications	2	4
410.613	Psychosocial Factors in Health and Illness	2	4
330.622	Development and Psychopathology Over the Life Span	4	3
330.661	Social Psych. Processes of Dev. of Mental Beh. Disorders	3	3
308.610	Pol. Economy/Soc Inequalities & Conseq on Hlth/Qual Life	3	3
380.668	International Perspectives on Women, Gender, and Health	3	3
302.650	Work Organization and Health	4	3
380.655	Social and Economic Aspects of Human Fertility	2	4
380.642	Child Health and Development	4	3
380.623	Adolescent Health and Development	2	3

Practice focused

222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition	4	3
221.606	Training Methods & Contin. Educ for Hlth Workers (Internet)	3	3
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4	4
410.620	Fundamentals of Health Educ & Health Promotion Internet-based, 4 th term	1	3
410.651	Communication Strategies for Hlth Educ & Promotion	3	4
410.654/5	Health Communication I and II	3-4	6
301.645	Health Advocacy	3	3
410.630	Implementation and Sustainability of Community Hlth Prog.	4	3
410.752	Children, Media, and Health [every other year]	3	3

Qualitative Methods: Develop an understanding of theoretical paradigms and perspectives

informing ethnography and qualitative research and practice utilizing qualitative methods employed to assess the social context of health and inform public health action.

410.660 Ethnographic Fieldwork	3	4
224.691 Qualitative Research II	4	6

Formative Research: Describe and utilize multi-method research methodologies in the development, implementation and evaluation of context-appropriate social and behavioral interventions to improve health.

224.692 Formative Research for Behavioral & Comm. Interventions	4	3
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A minimum of one of the following:

380.733 Communication Network Analysis in PH Programs	1	4
340.608 Observational Epidemiology	2	4
223.664 Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
140.624 Statistical Methods in Public Health IV	4	4
223.672 Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies4	5	
380.611 Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
380.612 Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation	4	4
380.600 Principles of Population Change	2	4
410.615 Research Design in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	3
410.622 Program Effectiveness in Health Ed and Health Promotion	4	4

Competency Area III-Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Develop a solid foundation in epidemiologic and statistical research and evaluation skills applicable to public health assessment and action.

Identify and utilize epidemiologic and biostatistics tools relevant to assessing the scope of a public health problem or the impact of public health action on a health condition(s).

340.601 Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
140.621/2/3 Statistical Methods in Public Health I/II/III [Four course sequence, only first three required; IV is recommended]	1-3	12

Competency Area IV-Management: Describe management principles and practices pertinent to public health programming.

Identify management techniques applicable to public health program implementation and evaluation including organizational and financial best practices.

One of the following:

221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Dev Countries Also internet-based, 1 st term	1	4
551.601	Managing Health Service Organizations Also internet-based, 3 rd term	1	4
305.607	Public Health Practice	4	4
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management Also internet-based, 3 rd term	2	3
221.706 &	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I	3	2
221.707	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries II <i>NOTE –Internet course. Must take both 221.706 &221.707</i>	4	2
182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management.	3	3
221.609	International Health Reform	3	4
551.608	Managing NGOs in the Health Sector	3	3

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – it is highly recommended that all students enroll in ***Introduction to Online Learning*** as soon as they begin their course of study. This is a non-credit mini course that is a prerequisite for all students wanting to take online courses offered by the Distance Education Division of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Students wanting to take an online course must complete Introduction to Online Learning prior to the start of the term in which they wish to enroll in online courses. The School does not permit conditional and/or concurrent enrollment (that is, you must take the online course prior to enrolling in a distance education class). You can enroll for this course at <http://distance.jhsph.edu/oll/>.

**Social and Behavioral Interventions Course Schedule
2006-2007 Example**

First year

1st Term

224.840	Special Studies: Educational Prog. Development	1 unit
224.860	Social and Behavioral Interventions Program Seminar	1 unit
220.601	Introduction to International Health	4 units
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	5 units
140.621	Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4 units
221.639	Refugee Health Care [internet]	3 units

Total Units **18 units**

2nd Term

224.860	Social and Behavioral Interventions Program Seminar	1 unit
224.689	Foundations in Behavioral Change Interventions	4 units
140.622	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	4 units
380.623	Adolescent Health and Development	3 units
221.629	Water and Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies	2 units
221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction	4 units

Total Units **18 units**

3rd Term

410.660	Ethnographic Fieldwork	4 units
140.623	Statistical Methods in Public Health III	4 units
301.645	Health Advocacy	3 units
223.663	Infectious Disease & Child Survival	3 units
551.608	Managing NGOs in the Health Sector	3 units

Total Units **17 units**

4th Term

224.691	Qualitative Research II	6 units
224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral/Community Interv.	3 units
140.624	Statistical Methods in Public Health IV	4 units
221.606	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4 units
410.622	Program Effectiveness in Health Education/Promotion	4 units

Total Units **21 units**

Second Year

1st and 2nd term

224.864	Social and Behavioral Interventions Field Placement	32 units
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(16 credits per term)

NOTE: You cannot exceed 22 units per term