MPH/HMS Joint Degree

The MPH/HMS joint degree is a 68 credit hour master degree option that requires students to take 32 credit hours from both departments, plus a four hour internship from one of the departments. Students take core classes from both MPH and HMS, as well as elective courses. Closure exercises from both departments are required. Students must apply to both graduate departments to be eligible for the joint degree. All prerequisites from each department apply. Students are assigned an academic advisor in both departments.

Core Requirements

MPH Core Courses
- MPH 503 Biostatistics for the Health Professional 4
- MPH 506 Community Health Research 4
- MPH 511 Foundations Of Epidemiology 4
- MPH 521 Environmental and Occupational Health 4
- MPH 531 Public Health Policy and Administration 4
- MPH 561 Community Health Education 4

HMS Core Courses
- HMS 501 Critical Perspectives in Human Services 4
- HMS 502 Interviewing and Assessment Skills in Human Services 4
- HMS 511 Social Policy and Human Services 4
- HMS 516 Ethics and Professional Development 4

Internship Requirement
- MPH 581 Internship 1 4
- or HMS 550 Internship

Elective Courses

MPH Electives 8
- Select any MPH 500-level course 2

HMS Electives 12
- Select three courses from one of the following concentrations:
  Alcohol and Substance Abuse (blended curriculum)
  - HMS 521 Advanced Interviewing and Intervention
  - HMS 525 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
  - HMS 527 Assessment and Treatment of Substance Abuse
  - HMS 528 Dual Diagnosis and Relapse Prevention
  Child and Family Studies (blended curriculum)
  - HMS 521 Advanced Interviewing and Intervention
  - HMS 525 Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
  - HMS 533 Child Abuse And Neglect
  - HMS 537 Treating Children from Diverse Populations
  - HMS 567 Family Dynamics and Intervention
  Gerontology (blended curriculum)
  - HMS 508 Psychology Of Aging
  - HMS 529 Perspectives on Aging
  Social Service Administration (online curriculum)
  - BUS 541 Organizational Behavior

HMS 514 Staff Development and Supervision
HMS 538 Social Services Administration
HMS 584 Introduction to Nonprofit Management
HMS 588 Grant Writing in Human Services
PAD 502 Organization Dynamics
PAD 505 Human Resource Management
PAD 543 Marketing for Public and Nonprofit Organizations
PAD 544 Fund Raising for Public and Nonprofit Organizations

Closure Requirement

MPH Closure 3 0
HMS Closure 4

HMS 585 HMS Capstone 4

Total Hours 68

1. Students in the joint MPH/HMS degree are required to complete 400 contact hours for the internship.
2. The eight hours of electives in MPH may be selected from any MPH 500-level course in consultation with an approval by the academic advisor. The student's career path should be considered for the best selection of these electives.
3. Students complete the MPH comprehensive examination. No credit hours are awarded for completion of the exam. Students who do not complete the examination during their final semester of study must enroll in MPH 583 (zero credit hours, one billable credit hour) each regular semester (fall/spring) until they pass the exam.