

MPH/HMS Joint Degree

The MPH/HMS joint degree is a 72 credit hour master degree option that requires students to take 36 credit hours from MPH and 32 credit hours from HMS, 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 501	Introduction to Public Health	4
MPH 503	Biostatistics	4
MPH 506	Research Methods in Public Health	4
MPH 511	Epidemiology	4
MPH 521	Introduction to Environmental Health	4
MPH 531	Public Health Policy	4
MPH 561	Public 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	1-4
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Elective Courses

MPH Electives		8
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Select any MPH 500-level course ²

HMS Electives		12
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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	
HMS 538	Social Services Administration	
HMS 563	Sociology of Death, Dying, and Bereavement	
HMS 582	Aging And The Human Services	
HMS 588	Grant Writing in Human Services	

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		
HMS 585	HMS Capstone	4

Total Hours 69-72

- Students in the joint MPH/HMS degree are required to complete 400 contact hours for the internship.
- 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.
- 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.