

# MPH/MPA Joint Degree

## Joint Degree Option - MPH/MPA

The MPH Department and the UIS Public Administration Department have established a joint degree in accordance with university policy. Students interested in this joint degree can contact either the MPA or MPH office. This joint degree requires two separate program applications. Students must meet entrance requirements for each. Students may complete a joint degree with a total of 70 credit hours, compared to a total of 84 for the two degrees separately. Students pursuing this joint degree will be required to complete an appropriate closure exercise in each of the two degree organizations. Upon completion, one diploma will be granted.

- <sup>2</sup> The eight hours of electives in MPH may be selected from any MPH 500-level course in consultation with and approval by the academic advisor. The student's career path should be considered for the best selection of these electives.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.

## MPA Degree Requirements

### Core Requirements

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PAD 501	Introduction to the Profession	3
PAD 502	Organization Dynamics	3
PAD 504	Budget And Finance	3
PAD 505	Human Resource Management	3
PAD 506	Public Policy for Managers	3
PAD 507	Information for Decision Making	3
Select one of the following:		3
PAD 531	Public Policy Analysis	
PAD 533	Program Evaluation	
PAD 553	Community Planning and Policy	

#### Electives

Select six hours of 400- or 500- level PAD courses <sup>1</sup> 6

#### Closure Exercise

PAD 571	Capstone Seminar	3
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**Total Hours 30**

## MPH Degree Requirements

### Core Requirements

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
MPH 581	Internship	4

#### Electives

Select eight hours of electives in MPH <sup>2</sup> 8

#### Closure Exercise

MPH Comprehensive Examination <sup>3</sup>	0
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**Total Hours 40**

<sup>1</sup> If PAD 531, PAD 533, or PAD 553 was taken to satisfy the quantitative core requirement elective, it cannot count in this elective category.