

# Public Administration/ Public Health (MPA/ MPH) Joint Degree

The MPA Department and the UIS Department of Public Health 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 74 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. Students must submit a graduation application for each degree by the applicable deadline and will earn two separate degrees.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes are important components for all academic programs at the University of Illinois Springfield and are required by the Higher Learning Commission. Questions related to the learning outcomes for this program should be addressed to the applicable department/school.

## Requirements

### PAD Degree 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:

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| 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>

### Closure Exercise

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| PAD 571 | Capstone Seminar | 3 |
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### Total Hours

30

### MPH Degree Requirements

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| 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 <sup>2</sup>              | 4 |

### Concentration Courses

### Social Determinants of Health (Required)

4

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| MPH 541   | Social Determinants of Health                      |           |
| <b>Advanced Epidemiology (Select one course from the following)</b>         |  | <b>4</b>  |
| MPH 512   | Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases                |           |
| MPH 513   | Epidemiology of Chronic Diseases                   |           |
| MPH 514   | Analytical Epidemiology                            |           |
| <b>Advanced Public Health Policy (Select one course from the following)</b> |  | <b>4</b>  |
| MPH 508   | Program Evaluation for Public Health               |           |
| MPH 575   | Health Economics                                   |           |
| MPH 585   | Introduction to Health Services and Administration |           |
| <b>Closure Exercise</b>   |  |           |
| <b>MPH Comprehensive Examination <sup>3</sup></b>                           |  |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>  |  | <b>44</b> |

- <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.
- <sup>2</sup> Students may submit a Student Petition to use PAD 561 as one credit hour toward the internship requirement
- <sup>3</sup> Students MUST complete the MPH Comprehensive Examination. No credit hours are awarded for completion of the exam. Students who do not complete this 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