

# MPH Health Policy & Law (HPL) Roadmap

*for students entering September 2025 and subsequently\**

## HPL PROGRAM INFORMATION

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## OTHER MPH REQUIREMENTS

### CORE COURSES (16 units)

**PH700** Foundations of Public Health (0)\*\*

**PH717** Quantitative Methods for Public Health (4)

**PH718** Leadership and Management in Public Health (4)

**PH719** Health Systems, Law and Policy (4)

**PH720** Individual, Community, and Population Health (4)

### ADDITIONAL 16 units

Choose one of the following options to fulfill your additional 16 units

1. Complete a second functional certificate (16 units)
2. Complete a context certificate (12 unit.) plus 1 elective (4 units)
3. Complete 16 elective units

### CAREER PREP (0 unit)

Must complete prior to graduation. Career Prep is a career development course students must complete prior to graduation. **Dual degree students** should consult the academic bulletin for official degree requirements as they differ from the roadmap.

### INTEGRATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE (0 unit)

You will complete the HPL ILE in your final semester by participating in a mock legislative or legal hearing on a health policy controversy facing federal or state governments

### PRACTICUM (0 unit)

Gain experience as a public health professional  
Minimum of 240 hours, more hours recommended  
More information can be found [here](#).

## HPL REQUIREMENTS (16 units)

*All courses are 4 units unless otherwise noted*

### Required

**PM760** Health Law, Policy, and Policy Making (fall + spring)

### Cost of Care – Choose One Course

**PM735** Health Care Finance (fall + spring)

**PM833** Health Economics (fall + spring)

### Elective (8 Units Required)

**GH854** From Data to Dashboards (2 units - fall + spring)

**GH888** Seminar on Global Health Policy Issues (2 units - spring)

**LW830** Health Insurance and the Affordable Care Act (spring)

**LW850** Public Health Law (fall)

**LW854** Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics (spring)

**PM735** Health Care Finance (fall + spring)

**PM740** Comparative Health Systems and Policy in Industrialized and BRIC Countries (spring)

**PM795** Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Policy and Politics (spring)

**PM802** Pharmaceutical Management, Policy, and Practice in the 21st Century: A Case Study Approach (2 units - spring)

**PM833** Health Economics (fall + spring)

**PM834** Planning and Regulating to Fix Health Care (fall + spring)

**PM840** Analysis of Current Health Policy Issues (fall + spring)

**PM851** Organizing and Advocacy for Health Policy Change (fall)

**SB860** Strategies for Public Health Advocacy (fall + spring)

\*Students **must** follow course requirements relative to the semester they matriculated.

Official requirements are listed in the Academic Bulletin.

\*\*PH700 Foundations of Public Health (0 unit.) is a self-directed, online course completed prior to matriculation.