Global Health Policy (GHP) making addresses health challenges of interdependent nations, regions and sectors with multiple cultures, development, capacities and coexistent values. GHP is the area of public health concerned with decisions that translate evidence and political will into authoritative public agreement and intervention. GHP focuses on global and national health systems, including medical care and the public health services. GHP is concerned with the allocation of resources across countries and organizations, and on implementation of programs for solutions to achieve health goals. It considers institutions, authority, organizations, roles of people within such structures, and service arrangements within diverse national and local health systems.

Mission
The mission of the Global Health Policy Program is to prepare professionals to assist in public health decision making related to national, regional and worldwide interventions and institutions; to support policy analysis and utilize diverse analytic tools including epidemiology and international comparative policy methods paying particular attention to culture and equity.

These leaders will integrate scientific knowledge and global evidence to advise decision making and action by diverse global health systems and other sectors and to provide insight on policies and processes that impact population health all with an emphasis on underserved populations and development.

- The professionals will address the global trends that affect health at the global, regional, national and local level
- They will be knowledgeable of and capable to analyze worldwide, regional, and country health situations, with special consideration to disparities and inequity
- They will understand the centrality of actors driving how policies are made and implemented (individuals, institutions, civil society organizations, research institutions, private sector, philanthropic organizations, governments, managers, health workers, community based organizations), as well as understand the different political environments.
- They will base their approach in epidemiology, economics, social science, health systems, health diplomacy, comparative policy, and related disciplines and research methods to
support decision making and design, plan and implement strategic and practical public health solutions understanding diverse countries health systems.

- They will understand the cultural differences, identify the organizational opportunities, and value the possibilities and challenges from intercultural activities.
- They will develop critical thinking and use key conceptual frameworks within public health systems and other related sectors, to advance population health at global and country levels.

Goals
The goals of the Global Health Policy Program are to prepare students to be policy analysts, designers and implementers who know how to:

- Assess the burden and determinants of health problems, their social distribution and inequities, and the interdependence of countries.
- Apply common economic, epidemiological, and comparative policy analysis methods and tools for evidence to assess burden of disease, determining efficacy and effectiveness of interventions for global infectious and chronic disease control.
- Use global evidence for local action using systematic reviews and local facts to drive well informed health policy decisions. Translate evidence to support program and health systems policy recommendations.
- Work with other disciplines and with sectors beyond health to develop innovative policy options.
- Develop strong cultural sensitivity and intercultural competency within diverse health and political systems
- Act in global health diplomacy in policy-shaping and negotiations to improve health while strengthening relations among nations.
- Assume leadership roles in the global health policy development process.
- Work with methodological rigor in international policy design, program priority setting and negotiation.
- Communicate the results of research to a culturally broad set of constituents.

Global Health Policy MPH Program Competencies

By the end of their MPH program, students should be able to:

1. Apply multi-disciplinary perspectives to identify, analyze and address global health challenges.

   Relevant courses:
   - PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
   - PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
   - PubH 6004 Environmental and Occupational Health in a Sustainable World
   - PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Health
   - PubH 6305 Fundamentals of Health Policy
• PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
• PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
• PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
• PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems
• HSML 6203 Introduction to Health Management

2. Analyze and design within context-specific health policy making process, implementation strategies and health interventions, supported in policy analytics, cultural and equity sensitivity and inter-cultural management.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health (reviewed)
• PubH 6305 Fundamentals of Health Policy
• PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
• PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research
• PubH 6417 Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice
• HSML 6203 Introduction to Health Management

3. Interpret and critique research and best practices to inform the development of solutions supported on evidence for global health determinants trends and challenges.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
• PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health
• PubH 6305 Fundamentals of Health Policy
• PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
• PubH 6412 Global Health Quantitative Research Methods
• PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems

4. Communicate public health evidence on global health topics to a variety of audiences, such as technical experts, policymakers, lay audiences, and other relevant stakeholders, within different cultural and development contexts.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
• PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
• PubH 6305 Fundamentals of Health Policy
• PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
• PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research
• PubH 6417 Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice
• PubH 6450 (Online) Global Health Diplomacy

5. Identify and address the ethical issues of global health programs, policies and research.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
• PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
• PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research
• PubH 6417 Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice

6. Engage with diverse individuals, organizations, and communities with respect for different values, beliefs and practices, to advance public health policies understanding their specific political and cultural contexts.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research
• PubH 6417 Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice
• PubH 6450 (Online) Global Health Diplomacy

7. Explain multilevel determinants of problems in Global Health, the application of epidemiologic methods into policy analysis, and their importance for the design of strategies and interventions.

Relevant courses:
• PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
• PubH 6004 Environmental and Occupational Health in a Sustainable World
• PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Public Health
• PubH 6305 Fundamentals of Health Policy
• PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
8. Describe the governance and institutional landscape of global health, including the consideration of multi-agency policy-making, the interrelationship of foreign policy and health diplomacy, and the critical issues of transnational movement of goods and people.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
- PubH 6441 Global Health Organizations and Regulations
- PubH 6442 Comparative Global Health Systems
- PubH 6450 (Online) Global Health Diplomacy
- HSML 6203 Introduction to Health Management

9. Demonstrate professionalism in practice, research and in communication activities.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
- PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research
- PubH 6417 Cross-Cultural Approaches for Global Health Practice

10. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods, and select and apply the appropriate methodologic mix to the specific global health policy analysis and audience, programmatic need or research.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6002 Biostatistical Applications in Public Health
- PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design

11. Describe various context-specific designs and capacity assessment of health systems, analyze major multi-institutional and multi-sectoral initiatives and partnerships affecting their performance in global health, to make recommendations on capacity strengthening from an organizational, workforce and financial perspective.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
- PubH 6440 Global Health Economics and Finance
• PubH 6441 Global Health Organizations and Regulations
• PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems
• HSML 6203 Introduction to Health Management

12. Assess the historical and ongoing development of international health regulations and intellectual property rights and how they could be addressed through national and international policies. Understand the building of partnerships in global public health, and the specific context-specific cultural and potential conflict of interest. Understand the role of international rights, partnership in controlling a major epidemic or health emergency.

**Relevant courses:**
• PubH 6441 Global Health Organizations and Regulations
• PubH 6450 (Online) Global Health Diplomacy

13. Assess the relationship between the protection, promotion, and progressive realization of human rights and global health outcomes.

**Relevant courses:**
• PubH 6441 Global Health Organizations and Regulations

14. Describe the global economic trends and challenges faced by low and middle-income countries, and the within country disparities and inequities, regarding health status of their populations and health care delivery options and how different policy approaches can be used to address these challenges.

**Relevant courses:**
• PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
• PubH 6440 Global Health Economics and Finance
• PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems

15. Describe and understand current issues on the global trends in the distribution and determinants of the main communicable, non-communicable, nutritional and injuries at the population and different geographic and social and political contexts.

**Relevant courses:**
• PubH 6001 Biologic Concepts for Public Health
• PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
• PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems
• PubH 6486 Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Infectious Diseases
- PubH 6492 Global Health Programs and Approaches to the Control of Chronic Diseases

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES (12 CREDITS)

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The MPH-GHP experience at the School will be expanded through a set of additional activities:

- Include an “AdHoc Executive Seminar on Current GHP Challenges”. This monthly seminar will invite to the School the “actors” leading and intervening in Global Health Policies issues, especially emerging or high in the global agenda. The seminar will be open to the School but geared to build critical thinking, debate and networking among the students, alumni and faculty.
- DC Area Global Health Institutions exposure of students (multilateral, Governmental USA, international, private, social and consulting), through systematic attendance to site visits, special meetings and other opportunities identified by the program director and related faculty.
- Offer students voluntary participation in GW GHP projects, to give exposure to the range of experiences currently available from faculty.
- Integrate students within the GHP research and practice, positioning the capacities of the department within the global context. This will expand the demand and improve the selection of candidates.

The MPH-GHP experience will seek to expose the students to the conditions of other social, economic, historical and cultural contexts, either at their practicum or their culminating experience. This shall include language skills, as stated by the President of the Modern Language Association, “The economic advantages of foreign language study are obvious and have been well documented, but it’s the cultural and intellectual formation of global citizens that is really at stake here1”. Therefore:

- Candidates to the program will be preferred for admission when they have had an extensive intercultural experience, and if they have language skills in other than their native language and the required English competency.
- The program will seek the linkage with institutions within USA and in other countries (developed or developing) that could safely host and offer a programmed and structured experience to the students exposing them to work teams and populations of different cultures.
- In these experiences, the program will aim to locate students with professionals in decision making positions, to understand the challenges and opportunities represented by them.

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