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Mission
The mission of the Global Health Policy Program is to prepare the next generation of global health professionals in the disciplines and perspectives necessary to contribute to the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies at the local, national, regional, and international levels that will improve the health and well-being of underserved populations in low and middle income settings abroad and within the United States.

Goals
The goals of the Global Health Policy Program are to prepare students to:

- Assess the burden and determinants of health problems in an underserved low or middle income population;
- Assess and evaluate the relevant policy issues appropriate to addressing these health problems using a multidisciplinary approach;
- Assume leadership roles in the policy development process with the goal of maximizing the performance and financial integrity of the health system.

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 6006 Management & Policy Approaches to Public Health
- PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Health
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
2. Distinguish between qualitative and quantitative methods and select the appropriate method depending on the specific research or programmatic need.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6002 Biostatistical Applications in Public Health
- PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
- PubH 6412 Global Health Quantitative Research Methods

3. Interpret and critique research and best practices to inform the development of evidence-based solutions for global health challenges.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6003 Principles and Practice of Epidemiology
- PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Health
- PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems
- PubH 6305 Fundamentals for Health Policy
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis

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.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
- PubH 6305 Fundamentals for Health Policy
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis

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 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design

6. Engage with diverse individuals, organizations, and communities with respect for different values, beliefs and practices.

**Relevant courses:**

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7. Explain multilevel determinants of problems in Global Health and the basis for strategies and interventions.

Relevant courses:
- PubH 6001 The Biologic Basis of Public Health
- PubH 6004 Environmental and Occupational Health in a Sustainable World
- PubH 6006 Management & Policy Approaches to Public Health
- PubH 6007 Social and Behavioral Approaches to Health
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks

8. Describe the governance and institutional landscape of global health.

Relevant courses:
- PubH 6400 Global Health Frameworks
- PubH 6441 International Health Organizations
- PubH 6443 Global Health Agreements and Conventions

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

Relevant courses:
- PubH 6410 Global Health Study Design
- PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PubH 6575 Communication Skills for Public Health Professionals

10. Apply quantitative and qualitative tools and concepts to develop global health policy analyses for different audiences.

Relevant courses:
- PubH 6305 Fundamentals for Health Policy
- PubH 6315 Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
- PubH 6412 Global Health Quantitative Research Methods

11. Analyze major multi-institutional and multi-sectoral initiatives in global health and make recommendations from an organizational and financial perspective on how they might be strengthened.

Relevant courses:

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12. Describe how health system performance is affected by various approaches to health system organization, financing and workforce development.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6442 Comparative Health Systems
- PubH 6440 Global Health Economics and Financing

13. 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 role they play in controlling a major epidemic or health emergency.

**Relevant courses:**
- PubH 6443 Global Health Agreements and Conventions
- PubH 6441 International Health Organizations


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- PubH 6416 Ethical and Cultural Issues in Global Health Research and Programs

15. Describe the economic challenges faced by low and middle-income countries 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 6442 Comparative Health Systems
- PubH 6440 Global Health Economics and Financing

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1. **Graduate Credit Requirement.** 45 graduate credits are required.
2. **Course Requirements.** Successful completion of the Core Courses and the Program-Specific Courses are required.
3. **Grade Point Requirement.** A 3.0 (B average) overall grade point average is required.
4. **Time Limit Requirement.** The degree must be completed within four years.
5. **Transfer Credit Policy.** Up to 12 graduate credits that have not been applied to a previous graduate degree may be transferred to the MPH. Up to 18 credits may be transferred to the MPH from the Milken Institute SPH Graduate Certificate. Credits must have been earned from an accredited institution in the last 3 years with a grade point of 3.0 or better.

Additional Certificate information including Federal Disclosures can be found on the Milken Institute SPH website:
http://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/graduate/certificates.

Course Descriptions and Registration information can be found on the website:
http://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/.

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NOTE: Always see your advisor for course scheduling and sequencing strategies, but remember that proper course selection, fulfilling requirements, and on-time graduation are your responsibilities.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) curriculum consists of four types of courses:
- Required Core Courses (PubH 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6006, and 6007)
- Required Program-Specific Courses
- Electives
- Required Practicum and Culminating Experience

The MPH core courses are designed to provide students with a broad public health context as well as a critical foundation for subsequent coursework. Early completion of these core courses ensures that students will have the base of knowledge to successfully complete the program specific courses and to get as much as possible out of them. As such, entering students are expected to enroll in MPH core courses in accordance with the following guidelines:

- We expect MPH students to complete the MPH core courses in their first year of graduate study (fall/spring/summer).
- Students may take core courses in any order.

Part-time students (who generally take 5 to 7 credits per semester) will typically concentrate on taking just core courses in their first year, and then take program-specific courses in their second and third years.

In order to help assure that all students complete core courses in the first year of study, Milken Institute SPH will offer all core courses during all three semesters (fall, spring, and summer). This will allow students who wish to complete their MPH degree within two years to do so, and will allow every student to make steady progress toward completing the MPH degree.

We recognize that there may be exceptional circumstances that make it difficult for a student to complete core courses in the first year as outlined above. Any such student should discuss this situation with his or her academic advisor.

For additional information and resources regarding registration, course descriptions, schedule of classes, etc. follow this link:  [http://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics](http://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics).