

# PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH

The University of Pennsylvania (Penn) Master of Public Health Program is a university-wide, interdisciplinary and interprofessional graduate program. The Penn MPH Program prepares students to be public health leaders by integrating research, education, and service to promote the health of populations locally, nationally, and globally. With a 5:1 student to faculty ratio, students have access to public health experts who will mentor them from coursework through their Capstone projects. The program is flexible, allowing for both full-time and part-time study. Students typically complete the program in two years as a full-time student or three years as a part-time student. All MPH students have the same core requirements, including 6 required core courses, two semesters of Capstone Seminar, and Fieldwork Experience. Students take 6 electives based on their chosen track. As part of their choice of electives, students can take up to 3 graduate-level public health courses from anywhere across the University to leverage the program's interdisciplinary nature.

## Generalist Track

The Generalist Track offers students the opportunity to develop an individualized program of study in their elective course choices. The flexibility of this track allows students to focus on the specific knowledge, skills, and abilities they seek from a broad and deep set of electives, the Capstone project, and required Fieldwork experience.

## Global Health Track

The Global Health Track offers a curriculum designed specifically for applicants to the interdisciplinary Master of Public Health Program who are interested in both the theory and practice of global public health. The Global Health Track works closely with the Center for Global Health, which offers a vast network of faculty and facilitates connections for students to explore global experiences that could satisfy Fieldwork or Capstone.

## One Health Track

The One Health Track offers a curriculum designed specifically for applicants who are interested in the intersection between animals, humans, and the environment. Key strengths of this track are the close ties between the MPH program and the School of Veterinary Medicine, who are one of the leaders in the field of One Health.

## Epidemiology Track

The Epidemiology Track offers a highly focused curriculum specifically for MPH applicants with career goals as a research epidemiologist, data analyst, or epidemiologic practitioner. This is a small and highly competitive track that is limited to full-time students. The track was created in partnership with the Graduate Group of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (GGEB), which manages the Epidemiology PhD program in the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Informatics (DBEI).

**For more information:** <https://mph.med.upenn.edu/curriculum/>

## Curriculum

Students must complete 14 course units of coursework and a minimum of 125 hours of fieldwork. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better and must achieve a B- or higher in each course to receive credit toward the degree.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Core Courses</b>		
PUBH 5010	Introduction to Biostatistics	1
PUBH 5020	Introduction to the Principles and Methods of Epidemiology	1
PUBH 5040	Public Health Theories & Frameworks	1
PUBH 5050	Public Health Policy & Administration	1
PUBH 5060	Methods for Public Health Practice	1
PUBH 5070	Public Health Law & Ethics	1
<i>Capstone</i>		
PUBH 7080	Capstone Seminar I	1
PUBH 7090	Capstone Seminar II	1
<i>Fieldwork (minimum 125 hours)</i>		
<b>Electives</b>		
Select 6 course units of electives <sup>1</sup>		6
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>14</b>

<sup>1</sup> Please note elective choices will vary based on track selection.

## Generalist Track

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Generalist Track Electives</b>		
<i>Select one course from the following Generalist Required Track Electives (RTEs):</i>		1
PUBH 5190	Foundations of Global Health	
PUBH 5880	Advanced Leadership Skills in Community Health	
PUBH 6040	Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health	
PUBH 6050	Epidemiology & Control of Infectious Diseases	
PUBH 6060	Interpreting Epidemiologic Literature to Inform & Influence	
PUBH 6070	Advanced Local Policymaking	
PUBH 6080	Design for Health Behavior Change	
PUBH 6100	Mathematical Modeling of Infectious Diseases	
PUBH 6210	Program Evaluation in Public Health	
PUBH 6370	Advocacy & Public Health: Turning Knowledge into Action	
PUBH 6450	Law as an Instrument of Behavior Change	
<i>Select five course units in consultation with advisor</i>		5
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>6</b>

## Global Health

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Global Health Track Electives</b>		
<i>Select one course from the following Global Health Required Track Electives (RTEs):</i>		1
PUBH 5190	Foundations of Global Health	
PUBH 5250	Health & Human Rights	

PUBH 5510	Global Health Policy & Delivery	
<i>Select two course units related to Global Health</i>		2
<i>Select three course units in consultation with advisor</i>		3
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>6</b>

## One Health Track

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>One Health Track Electives</b>		
<i>Must take the following course:</i>		1
VPTH 5500/6500	One Health Study Design Seminar	
<i>Select one additional course from the following One Health Required Track Electives (RTEs):</i>		1
PUBH 5310	Public Health Nutrition	
PUBH 5530	Science & Politics of Food	
<i>Select four course units in consultation with advisor</i>		4
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>6</b>

## Epidemiology Track

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Epidemiology Track Electives</b>		
<i>Must take the following courses:</i>		2
EPID 6000	Data Science for Biomedical Informatics	
EPID 7020	Advanced topics in Epidemiologic Research	
<i>Select two additional PUBH prefix electives in consultation with advisor</i>		2
<i>Select two additional EPID, BMIN, or BTSA prefix electives in consultation with advisor</i>		2
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>6</b>

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The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

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