

## Course Description

**HPS 201 Fundamentals of Policy Studies.** Principles/methods of policy studies and applications to health societal development including ethical issues.

**HPS 202 Research methods in Policy Studies.** Quantitative and qualitative methods of research in health and social development.

**HPS 203 Ecology of Policy Development.** Socio-politico-economic context of policy development.

**HPS 235 Social Epidemiology.** Critical analysis of the social and cultural factors and its effects on morbidity and mortality patterns.

**HPS 251 Advanced Health Policy Analysis.** Applications of the principles of policy analysis in microeconomic, political and organizational policy analysis.

**HPS 252 Advanced Health Economics.** Applications of the principles of economics as they relate to health policy, including burden of disease analysis and cost benefit analysis.

**HPS 299 Special studies and research.** Research on health policy concerns.

**HPS 256 health Organization Behavior.** Concepts on health care organizational change in restructuring and application of organization theory on change management and innovation in health care organizations.

**PH 207 Health Policy and Epidemiology.** Applications of epidemiology methods and finding to health services research and evaluation, risk assessment and health policy.

**HPAd 201 Hospital Organization and Management.** General principles of hospital organization and management.

**HPAd 203 Public Health Methods.** Various public health procedures premised on sound principles.

**HPAd 205 Health Policy Analysis and Legislation.** Basic principles of health policy studies and legislation and methods of health policy analysis.

**HPAd 206 International Health and Development.** Health Systems in various countries; major problems of international health

**HPAd 207 Human Resource Management.** Human Resource management policy, practice, functions and problems in health care organizations.

**HPAd 209 Health Services Research.** Philosophy, concepts, methods and application of health services research.

**HPAd 210 Health Organizational Theory.** Principles and concepts of health systems organization and management.

**Biostat 201 Fundamentals of Biostatistics.** Collection, presentation and elementary analysis of data.

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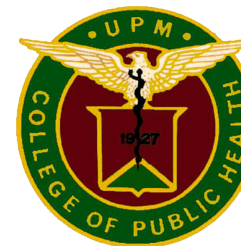
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# College of Public Health

University of the Philippines Manila  
The Health Sciences Center

## Master of Arts in Health Policy Studies (Health Science Track)



**SEAMEO-TROPED**  
**Regional Centre for Public Health,**  
**Hospital Administration,**  
**Environmental and Occupational Health**

## Rationale and Objectives

The University of the Philippines Manila is recognized as the premiere academic institution in the health sector and members of its community have played an active role in the formulation and implementation of health policy in the nation and in the Asia-Pacific region. Given its mission of producing top caliber health practitioners who value integrity and are nationalist oriented, it becomes imperative that it plays a lead role in the crafting of health policies that promote the common good by ensuring that the health delivery systems are responsive and equitable.

The MAHPS Program seeks to develop student outcomes in the health policy process which involves policy formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, as well as advocacy. Ultimately, the program hopes to mold policy analysts who are able to:

1. understand the nature and dynamics of health policy development
2. discuss the interplay of the various factors (economic, political, social, legal, and administrative) that affect the health situation
3. demonstrate an interdisciplinary orientation in approaching and resolving health issues
4. demonstrate an understanding of the health policy development process that integrates the roles of health and social sciences
5. demonstrate a proactive orientation in identifying and analyzing priority public policy issues
6. formulate socially responsible and relevant health policy recommendations as a result of professional policy analysis and research
7. demonstrate a capacity to engage in policy advocacy and consensus building in developing policy

There are 2 multi-disciplinary tracks that students can choose to specialize in: the **Health Science Track** and the **Health Social Science Track**. The Health Science track seeks to provide a strong foundation in public health fields for health policy development and advocacy. On the hand, the Health Social Science Track seeks to study the health policy process within the socio-cultural context making use of the various disciplines in the social sciences.

## General Information

- The academic year is divided into 2 semesters of 16 weeks each and a 6 week summer session  
First semester : August to December  
Second semester: January to May  
Summer: June to July
- The medium of instruction is generally English
- The usual academic load of full - time students is 12 - 15 units
- The tuition fee is P 990.00 per unit and the miscellaneous fees amount to approximately P 1,360 per semester
- International students must pay an Educational Development Fund of US \$ 500.00 (or US \$ 100.00 for residency) per semester.
- Application Fee\* : P300.00 for Filipinos  
US \$ 30.00 for international students

*\*Fees subject to change without prior notice*

## Admission Requirements

- Must fulfill the general admission requirements of the National Graduate Office of UP Manila
- Good scholastic record from any recognized institution of higher learning.
- At least 1 year relevant work experience.
- At least 2-page essay on the applicant's policy interest/s
- Face-to-face Interview, as necessary

### Additional requirements for foreign students

- Affidavit of support or certificate of financial capability
- TOEFL score of at least 500
- Student visa issued by the Phil Government
- Photocopy of passport

## Graduation Requirements

- Residency of at least one full academic year prior to granting of the degree.
- Completion of 40 units (16 units of core courses, 14 units of major courses, 4 units of electives and 6 units of thesis).
- Must pass the comprehensive examination.
- Satisfactory defense, completion and submission of bound copies of a masters' thesis.
- Submission of a publication-ready article.
- General weighted average of "2.00" or better in the major courses and in all courses taken provided there is no grade of "5.0" in any subject.

## The Curriculum

<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Units</b>
HPS 201	Fundamentals of Policy Studies		2
HPS 202	Research Methods in Health		2
HPS 203	Ecology of Policy Development		2
HPAd 201	Principles of Health Administration		2
HPAd 208	Economics in Health		2
Biostat 201	Fundamentals of Biostatistics		3
Epi 201	Principles of Epidemiology		3
HPS 280	Field Practice		2

<b>Major Courses</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Units</b>
PH 207	Health Policy and Epidemiology		2
HPAd 205	Health Policy Analysis & Legislation		2
HPAd 209	Health Services Research Methods		2
HPAd 211	Benefit Cost Analysis and Valuations in Health		2
HPS 251	Advanced Health Policy Analysis		2
HPS 252	Advanced Health Economics		2

<b>Electives<sup>a</sup></b>		<b>4</b>	<b>Units</b>
HA 201	Principles of Hospital Administration and Management		2
HPAd 203	Public Health Methods		2
HPAd 206	International Health & Development		2
HPAd 207	Human Resource Management		2
HPAd 210	Health Organization Theory		2
HPS 235	Social Epidemiology		2
HPS 253	Health Information Management		2
HPS 297	Seminar in Health Policy Studies		2
HPS 299	Special Studies Research		3

<b>Thesis</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>Units</b>
HPS 300			6

<sup>a</sup>elective courses may be chosen from the list given above **TOTAL 40**

## Residence Requirements & Time Limit

- Minimum residence required : 2 semesters and 1 summer
- Maximum residence rule (MRR) : 5 academic years including official leaves of absence
- If the MRR is exceeded, further extension of not more than 1 year shall be allowed subject to the recommendation of the MAHPS Program Committee and the approval of the Chancellor