

MPH/MBA Frequently Asked Questions

What are the advantages of the MPH/MBA Program?

This program will enable students to integrate the philosophies and competencies of the seemingly disparate fields of public health and business. This synthesis will entail the acquisition of the following core professional competencies:

- * Assess the health needs of a defined population
- * Develop, analyze, implement and evaluate targeted health policies and programs
- * Lead the process of change within one's own organization and community
- * Manage health care organizations to achieve identified goals
- * Budget and manage financial resources to maximize effectiveness
- * Communicate messages to targeted audiences

How many courses are required? Are there any electives?

To view a full curriculum outline, please visit

http://www.jhsph.edu/academics/academicprograms/combined_programs/mba_mph_curric.html. The curriculum will vary depending on whether you would like to focus on global health or public health issues within the U.S. Students are required to take additional electives in an area of interest or specialization within public health and business administration.

If I pursue the MPH/MBA Program, will I have time to take additional public health electives?

MPH students typically register for 3 to 4 concentration and elective courses per term (in addition to their core requirements) over the course of five terms. MPH/MBA students typically register for 1 to 2 elective courses per term (in addition to their MPH/MBA requirements) over the course of eight terms. Though MPH/MBA students take public health electives, they typically take two-thirds the number of elective and concentration courses that MPH students take.

Can I pursue an MPH concentration while being enrolled in the MPH/MBA program?

You are encouraged to think of the MPH/MBA as your concentration. Though a few students have completed an MPH concentration in addition to MPH/MBA Program in the past, it is not recommended. You will have the opportunity to take electives during the program, but completing all the requirements for a concentration will be quite challenging.

Is the degree quantitatively focused?

The combined MPH/MBA degree is heavily quantitative. Students will take a full year of biostatistics and 3 courses in financial accounting and corporate finance. Additionally, students are required to take courses in economics, epidemiology and other scientific and mathematic disciplines. All students are required to take these courses. Previous coursework in these disciplines from other institutions will NOT be considered to fulfill these requirements. Please note, students cannot substitute the two-course sequence of biostatistics for the four-course required sequence.

When I complete the program, will I receive one degree or two degrees?

You will receive two degrees from Johns Hopkins University: a Master of Public Health and a Master of Business Administration on two separate diplomas.

Where will courses be held?

The MPH courses are held in East Baltimore at the Bloomberg School of Public Health and students have the option of taking some courses online. The MPH curriculum is completed with the general population of public health students.

The MBA courses designed for your cohort are split between the East Baltimore campus and the Carey Business School Downtown Center. The MBA curriculum is completed in a cohort format designed specifically for the MPH/MBA Program. Over the past few years, the average size of the MPH/MBA cohort is 18 to 20 students. By taking MBA courses within a cohort, you will get to know your fellow MPH/MBA colleagues very well over the course of 18 months.

Am I required to take the MBA courses within the cohort, or can I customize my MBA curriculum by taking courses with the general MBA population?

The business courses presented in the curriculum have been designed specifically for the MPH/MBA Program and must be taken in the term and time designated for your cohort. There are two exceptions: 1) MPH/MBA students are required to complete one MBA elective outside of the cohort within the general MBA population, and 2) MPH/MBA students can opt to extend the 18 month program to a two year program. By extending the program, there can be some flexibility in taking MBA courses with the following year's MPH/MBA cohort.

Can I complete this program in less than 18 months?

No. A program requirement is 18 months spent in full-time residence at Johns Hopkins University. If a situation necessitates that you graduate in less than 18 months, you will be able to shorten your studies and complete the MPH degree alone. There is only one exception to the 18 month residency requirement; if you enter the program having completed coursework at Johns Hopkins University toward your MPH or MBA degree, the program steering committee will evaluate your status within the program and consider advanced status. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Can I take this program on a part-time basis?

No. You must be enrolled as a full-time student for 18 months in order to complete this program.

I recently received my MPH degree. Am I eligible for this program?

You should apply directly for the Master of Business Administration degree program offered by the Carey Business School. It is possible that you will be waived from certain courses in this program, based on your previous academic experience.

What is the tuition for this program?

Tuition will be based on the School of Public Health full-time rate for eight terms.

Am I eligible for financial aid if I am enrolled in this program?

Please contact the School of Public Health Financial Aid office.

Can I get funding for the MPH/MBA Program?

There is no university funding designated specifically for the MBA component of this program. If you have funding for the MPH, you should check with your sponsor to see if they will cover the additional tuition for this program.

How do I apply to this program?

Applications for the dual degree program must be obtained from and submitted to the School of Public Health and will be reviewed by the admissions committees of both Schools. The deadline for applying to this program for the 2008-2009 academic year is December 1, 2007. Applications for the program can be attained online at <http://www.jhsph.edu/admissions>. If you have already been accepted into the MPH and you would like to be considered for the MPH/MBA Program, send a brief written statement of your intentions via email to the MPH Program at mphprog@jhsph.edu and your application will be forwarded to the Carey Business School if there are any remaining open slots for the upcoming cohort.

Whom should I contact for more information?

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