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Caption: Dhaka, Bangladesh. Each morning, the mothers on the ICDDR,B diarrhea treatment ward gather for a demonstration of hand washing, home-made ORS recipe, and safe water practices. These messages are carried back to the community when their children have recovered from their dehydrating illness and returned home.

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Departmental Organization

The Department of International Health is one of ten departments in the Bloomberg School of Public Health. The departments of the School reflect both disciplinary and topical orientation. International Health is a topically based department and its faculty reflects a variety of disciplines including anthropology, biostatistics, clinical medicine, communications, demography, economics, epidemiology, immunology, infectious disease, management, nutrition, and sociology. The Department is organized around the academic programs with an Associate Chair heading each program area. In addition, the Associate Chair for Academic Programs coordinates all the academic programs and chairs the admissions and curriculum and credentials committees. Faculty have a primary home in one program area, but many faculty cross-advise students in other program areas as well.

Department Organizational Chart



Academic Program Staff

Several administrative staff and faculty members within the Department help oversee and facilitate the academic programs. These individuals are available to help you navigate the program and the department. The following information is being provided to help you understand the roles of each of these individuals.

James (Jim) Tielsch (Associate Chair for Academic Programs): Dr. Tielsch is responsible for the management and oversight of all academic programs. In this role, he is also chair of the Curriculum & Credentials Committee, which sets and implements policies and procedures for department academic programs and monitors student progress.

Cristina Salazar (Academic Program Administrator): Cristina oversees the operations of the academic programs in the department and works as the liaison between students, faculty, and administrative offices of both the department and the School. She is also responsible for managing the departmental admissions process, student recruitment activities, coordination of orientation and visit programs, departmental course support (TAs and administrative budgets), academic publications and web materials, course waivers, and staffing the departmental academic committees.

Carol Buckley (Academic Program Coordinator): Carol assists students with all academic issues related to registration, tracking of academic progress and meeting departmental requirements, departmental courses, departmental exams (such as comprehensive exams and thesis defenses), internship checklists, and graduation.

Faculty MSPH Program Coordinators – within the Department, the various degree programs are broken down into specific areas of interest, known as program areas. International Health has four program areas. Each program area program has a faculty member who is the overall coordinator of that program area's MSPH degree program. They are the general point persons for questions about the program area and degree information (including curriculum requirements, course selection, etc.). They act as a secondary/general

advisor for students within their program areas, and can be sought out to answer questions in the advisor's absence or as an additional source of information.

Financial Managers and Payroll Coordinators – the Department has a central payroll office that is staffed by Tanya Falls and Allison Quarles. They handle the General Funds budget as well as any central departmental payroll/awards for students. In addition, each program area has its own financial manager who is responsible for the oversight of their area's budget and payroll activities. Students who plan to work within the department should see one of these individuals to fill out the appropriate paperwork and verify their eligibility for employment prior to their start date. If you are at all uncertain as to who you should see about these issues, contact either Tanya Falls or Cristina Salazar for clarification.

Academic Committees

The Academic Program in the Department of International Health is governed by several committees designed to set policies and procedures relevant to the program(s) and ensure that these are fairly and clearly administered and enforced to protect the interests of students and the overall integrity of the program(s). These committees and their members are as follows:

CURRICULUM AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

James Tielsch, Chair
Cristina Salazar, Staff

Sara Bennett
Parul Christian
Karen Charron
Adnan Hyder
Elli Leontsini

Larry Moulton
Bill Weiss
Keith West
Peter Winch

MSPH Student Representative:

Bess Lewis*

Doctoral Student Representative:

Jennifer Applegate*

Dr. P.H. COMMITTEE

Sara Bennett, Chair
Carol Buckley, Staff

Allison Barlow
Shannon Doocy
Rolf Klemm
DrPH Student Representative*:

Orin Levine
Neff Walker
Keith West
Hannah Tappis

HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

Court Robinson, Chair
Cristina Salazar, Staff

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

MSPH REQUIREMENTS

Each student is admitted into one of the four program areas approved for study leading to the Master of Science in Public Health degree in International Health: Social and Behavioral Interventions, Global Disease Epidemiology and Control, Health Systems Management, or Human Nutrition.

An academic advisor is assigned from the list of Advising Faculty in the student's program area. The Program Coordinator provides general guidance and supervision over all students in each program area.

General Requirements

A minimum of 64 units in formal coursework must be earned over a period of at least four academic quarters. Required and elective courses are described in each program area section. During the first term of enrollment, students will register for one credit of Special Studies with their advisor in order to define specific educational objectives and to work out a program of study consonant with those objectives.

Students must be continuously registered until all requirements for the degree program have been satisfied. Failure to register for a quarter results in automatic withdrawal. A withdrawn student must be formally readmitted before resuming a program of study. Upon readmission, a student must be registered for a minimum of two consecutive terms prior to completing degree requirements.

Introduction to Online Learning

The School of Public Health offers courses in various formats, including a number of online classes. You may at some point want or need to register for a course online. In order to be eligible to take an online course, students must complete the **Introduction to Online Learning**, which is offered through the Distance Education Division of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. This non-credit mini course is a pre-requisite for all courses offered by this division and must be completed prior to the start of the term in which a student wishes to enroll in an online course. Since the School does not permit conditional and/or concurrent enrollment (that is, you must take the online course prior to enrolling in a distance education class), **we require all incoming students to take this non-credit course during the first term they enroll.** For course dates and enrollment information, please visit the Distance Education Division website:

<http://distance.jhsph.edu/oll/>

Standards of Academic Performance

Letter grades must be earned in all courses used to satisfy requirements. Please note that courses may be counted **only once** in fulfilling requirements. Students must receive satisfactory grades of C or higher in all required courses and continuously maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.50 in order to remain a degree candidate in good standing. Any student who receives a "D" or "F" in a required course must repeat the course and achieve at least a "C". Anyone not meeting these standards will be placed on probationary status pending action by the Department Committee on Curriculum and Credentials. The Committee will either recommend immediate termination from the degree program or will establish the minimum conditions to be fulfilled in order to return to the "good standing" status and avoid termination. In case conditions are imposed, the Committee will specify the maximum time allowed for satisfaction of the conditions.

Time of Completion of Requirements

Students are expected to complete all requirements for the degree within two years of matriculation. Delays for reason will be considered, but in no case may the time in the program exceed four years, regardless of the residence status of the student (other than leave of absence).

Education Program Development/ Individualized Goals Analysis (IGA)

The IGA is a process of discussion with your advisor resulting in a written document.

Part 1: Briefly explain what knowledge, skills, and experiences you bring to the program.

Part 2: Identify your goals for your education by explaining what you hope to gain in terms of knowledge, skills, personal and professional contacts, and other experiences while a student in the MSPH program. Review the list of MSPH core competencies with your advisor. You are encouraged to identify additional competencies particularly relevant to your professional future and/or academic stream. Describe one or more practicum assignments and potential essay topics and indicate how these will be used to build your competencies and achieve your goals.

Part 3: Develop an MSPH Curriculum Planning and Tracking Sheet by developing a tentative course plan for your entire MSPH program. Identify what courses and special studies you intend to take and when you plan to complete your courses. Course descriptions in the catalog indicate when courses are generally offered. Your tracking sheet should include a tentative list of electives you plan to complete and the total credit hours. Carefully review your paper and tracking sheet with your advisor to ensure the proposed curriculum is not only feasible, but that it meets program requirements. Explain how your curriculum plan is aligned with the goals you identified in Part 2. A spreadsheet is often the best way to do this part.

Departmental Written Comprehensive Examination

Satisfactory performance is required on a written comprehensive examination. The exam is offered twice annually, in the winter (usually late January-early February) and again in the summer (after the 4th term).

The date for the Departmental Comprehensive Exam will be announced by October 31st, 2011. The student should plan to take the exam when coursework is essentially completed, since questions will cover all required fields of study. Because of the infrequent offering, however, the student may choose to take the exam somewhat before the final completion of coursework. While the exam may be taken whenever the student and advisor feel prepared, the timing does not affect the breadth and depth of coverage of the course material. Although most of the material for the exam is covered in specific courses, it must be understood that graduate education involves much more than the accumulation of specific course units. Thus, students are responsible for the material, regardless of the particular curriculum followed.

A minimum overall passing grade of 70 is required. Those scoring below this level may re-take the entire examination at its next semi-annual offering. Only one re-examination is permitted. Students failing twice are terminated from the MSPH program.

Practicum

Description: In addition to completing the requisite coursework, students must gain practical experience in the application of the principles and methods learned. Often the experience is acquired through field placement in a work setting that may be the route to permanent employment, though such long-term implications are by no means essential. Alternatively, the student may undertake within the School environment the investigation and analysis of a significant issue related to health of underserved populations. The latter undertaking would usually involve the synthesis and appraisal of existing information from the field

that has not yet been fully exploited. **In order to take on an assignment that does not require a period of fieldwork, the student must show evidence of adequate prior field experience.**

Length of Time: The practicum must be of at least two academic quarters duration, during which a minimum of 32 units is earned. A field placement or other experience could extend over a longer period of up to one year, during which time the student could register part-time for units that ultimately total at least 32. To receive the 75% tuition scholarship during your practicum terms, you must be registered for a minimum of 16 units per term.

Identification of Practicum Activity: Students should spend some time considering what types of practicum from which they would enjoy learning and exploring potential opportunities. The practicum can be completed in a variety of settings, either domestically or internationally. Students can work with Hopkins field sites, NGOs, and within government agencies to fulfill the requirement. This wide range of options allows students to seek out that which will best suit their needs and interests, and there are many resources within the School to assist students with the process. These include the Office of Career Services (for resume assistance), the Department Internship Resource and Research Guide, the Faculty Coordinator of the student's program area, and the student's advisor to name a few. At minimum, students should meet with their advisor at the beginning of the process to get ideas and develop a plan for securing their practicum. However, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to identify and secure the opportunity that will be most rewarding to them based on their interests and career goals.

Practicum Proposal: Once an appropriate practicum is selected, the student should prepare a 3-5 page double-spaced document that provides a general description of what he/she will be doing during the practicum, the duration and location of the practicum, the organization with whom they will be working, the name of the mentor who will supervise them, and the general topic of the MSPH essay. The document should be given to the student's academic advisor and to the MSPH academic program coordinator, each of whom must approve the proposed practicum in writing or by email. The approved document should then be given or sent by the student to the Academic Coordinator. Communication with the advisor must be maintained during the practicum period. The template to this document is in page 54 of this guide. If student is traveling overseas for the practicum, he/she must submit the travel checklist. For more information read the Information for Students Traveling Abroad section on page 21, and fill out the form in the Forms Section page 57.

Practicum Update: students must send at least one update on their practicum experience to their advisor and/or program coordinator by the end of first term.

IRB Requirements

Students need to confirm if their practicum activity requires approval from the Institutional Review Board, formerly the Committee on Human Research (<http://phirst.jhsph.edu>), or the Committee on Animal Care and Use (<http://web.jhu.edu/animalcare/>). Consult the IRB Student Guide posted online (<http://tinyurl.com/l38x67>). Outside organizations that may have their own IRB approval may sometimes be exempt from JHSPH IRB approval. Students must visit the website for more information. If the practicum does require approval, student must submit the necessary application prior to starting the practicum activity.

All students must complete the Online Human Subjects Training Module prior to the end of the 4th term. For information on the Training module go to the PHIRST website and then click on Education.

MSPH Essay

An essential part of the MSPH program is production of an acceptable MSPH essay that provides a meaningful contribution to knowledge of health of underserved populations. The paper is not a thesis in that it need not contain original research findings for review by an academic committee. Rather, the objective of the paper is to provide tangible evidence of expertise on a specific applied topic of international health relevance.

Guidelines for the MSPH Essay Content, Format and Submission

1. Discussions between student and advisor about the nature and topic of the MSPH Essay should begin before the student leaves for his/her practicum. This will enable the student to conduct relevant literature searches early since some field placements do not offer easy access to the internet. Examples of types of essays include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Descriptive case study papers on the work of the agency and experiences during the practicum.
 - b. A critical and comparative literature review of programs and interventions similar to those associated with the student's practicum.
 - c. Original research where the student collects and analyzes his/her own data as part of the practicum.
 - d. Secondary analysis of data collected by the agency associated with the student's practicum.
2. At least 2 months prior to turning in the final version of the MSPH essay, the student must submit a 3-5 page detailed outline of the essay for approval of the advisor and second reader. Frequently, revisions of the outline are needed.
3. **Four to six weeks prior to the end of the term in which the student plans to complete the program**, the student must submit a complete rough draft of their essay to their advisor for first review. This allows the advisor sufficient time to give the student feedback, and enough time for the student to make corrections before the end of the term. Students are encouraged to submit their essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays. Once first edits are done, submit the revised essay to the identified second reader with a minimum of 2 weeks for review.
 - If the student intends to complete all requirements in the 2nd or 3rd term of the second year: in order to avoid additional registration for a subsequent term, it is required that the draft essay be submitted to the advisor and 2nd reader at least FOUR weeks prior to the end of the term. Students are encouraged to submit the draft essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays.
 - If the student intends to complete all requirements in the 4th term of the second year: in order to graduate in May, it is required that the draft essay be submitted to the advisor and 2nd reader at least SIX weeks prior to the end of the term (because the final approved essay has to be submitted to the departmental academic coordinator 2 weeks prior to the end of 4th term, which allows the Registrar's office to prepare the student for graduation). Students are encouraged to submit the draft essay prior to this deadline to avoid delays.
 - Final approved version of the essay must be submitted BEFORE the 1st day of the term you do not want to register.
4. If the student is conducting data collection as part of the practicum/essay, appropriate institutional/country approval must be obtained for all such data collection; at a minimum this means obtaining local IRB approval and JHSPH IRB approval. The student will need to work with their advisor to be sure that such an approval is obtained in a timely manner. Note that the process of obtaining JHSPH IRB approval is more challenging when the student is in the field. JHSPH IRB will NOT approve a project AFTER the data have been collected. Therefore, if a project may require data collection, the student should aim to complete the IRB approval process prior to leaving Baltimore.
5. In general, students are expected to write a concise, cohesive essay. In many cases it is related to the topic that the student was involved in during their practicum. The student must demonstrate command of the literature in the area of that topic/issue. An alternative approach, especially if the student has written reports of scientific research for publication in the peer-reviewed literature during their time as a student, to use such manuscripts as the MSPH Essay with additional text as appropriate to provide context.
6. The end result is more than just a review of the literature. It should be placed in context, be a contribution that synthesizes the relevant literature on their topic, and addresses current approaches to the problem in the field as well as the experiences of the student.

7. This should not be a report of the student's internship experience. It is not a diary of their practicum experience nor only a data report (although selected data may be incorporated for illustrative purposes).
8. MSPH essay length: **The essay should be approximately 30-50 double spaced including any appendices.** This is approximately equivalent to two course term papers. Appendices can include maps, graphs, tables, training manuals, manuals of operations, software products or other documents to support your essay. If this is intended for publication, it should meet the journal specification.
9. **This is a written assignment**, but the format of the essay can take many different forms, depending on the type of practicum and the products required by the practicum mentor.
10. The student and advisor should identify an appropriate second reader for the essay about 2 months prior to turning in the final version of the essay. Any member of JHU faculty can serve as a second reader including those with adjunct appointments as may be the case of a mentor at the internship site.
11. A final version must be submitted to the academic coordinator of both the program AND the department in both electronic and printed versions, as a copy is kept in the permanent file.

Below is a general outline for the MSPH essay. Student must obtain the specific outline requirements from their program coordinator.

- a. **Table of Contents** with page numbers
- b. **Reviewers.** Identify first and second reviewer.
- c. **An introduction or executive summary** which explains the paper as a whole and include information about their role in the internship and how it relates to this topic. Why is the student writing about this and what did they do in their internship related to this topic. This is sometimes also presented as a summary in an abstract form with a preface to describe the student's specific role in the project. (generally 2-4 pages)
- d. **A solid background section** which gives a literature review of the topic/topics covered in the essay. Pay particular attention to proper sourcing of information in the background section. For a research study, the student would provide the objectives or study overview along with any specific aims.
- e. **A methods section** that describes the program (for programmatic internships) or the research (if research was a component of the internship). In this section, the student describes the larger context of the project, but highlight's aspects of the project that reflect their role during the internship. This section may also include maps and other graphical illustrations of the population or the epidemiology of the disease.
- f. **A results and analysis section**
 1. If the essay relates to a research project, present selected results that apply to the essay topic.
 2. If the essay relates to a professional practice project, a section where the results of an intervention or program evaluation should be included.
- g. **Public Health implications of the project** What are the public health implications of the essay? What are the student's recommendations about advancing the program or research? What next steps are needed and what direction will or should the project go in the future?
- h. **References** The essay should be well referenced. References can come from a variety of sources (books, websites, reports and peer review journals).
- i. **Appendices** Appendices can include anything from consent forms, instruments, summary table, timelines, photos, maps, etc.

Overview of the MSPH degree

The following table gives an overview of the MSPH degree in International Health Department. This represents the general timeline, but there are differences by program. Students are typically registered for 7 academic terms (until Mar 2010) or 8 terms (until May 2010). The practicum in second year starts sometime between June and September 2009, and a minimum of two academic terms (4 months) and up to 8 months.

Dates	Academic term	What MSPH students are doing
Aug 22 2011	New student orientation/ registration	
Aug 25 – Oct 19 2011	1 st Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students mostly taking required courses with larger enrollments ▪ Students meet with advisors, plan their courses for the year and start thinking about what kind of practicum they are interested in
Oct 20 – Dec 16 2011	2 nd Term	
Jan 9 – Jan 20 2012	Winter Intersession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students begin to search for practicum opportunities, send out cover letters and resumes. ▪ Arrange informational interviews if possible.
Jan 23 – Mar 16 2012	3 rd Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mixture of required and elective courses ▪ Most students start applying for practicum positions
Mar 17 – Mar 25 2012	Spring break	
Mar 26 – May 18 2012	4 th Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mixture of required and elective courses ▪ Most students finalize choice of practicum ▪ Complete the following and submit to your advisor, your program MSPH coordinator and IH Department Academic Coordinator: (1) a 1-5 page description of proposed practicum; (2) the Checklist for Students Traveling Abroad. ▪ If practicum involves research, students apply for permission to conduct their study from JHSPH Institutional Review Board
June	Exam	<p>Written comprehensive examination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20-25 short answer questions and 2 essay questions ▪ Exam lasts one day, usually on a Thursday
July-August 2012	Summer term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With rare exceptions, students don't register for this term ▪ Some students finalize choice of practicum at this time and submit ▪ Some students take a short summer practicum in Baltimore-Washington area before heading to the field, others leave to start an practicum in US or overseas, others undertake take language training or other preparation for their practicum
Sept-Oct 2012	1 st term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit detailed outline of MSPH essay by the end of 1st term if you want to finish by December (see table in next page for details) ▪ Most students are located in US or overseas for their practicum, and are registered full-time. ▪ Students have an opportunity to take online classes
Nov-Dec 2012	2 nd term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit final MSPH essay and other degree requirements if you want to finish by the end of 2nd term (see table in next page for details) ▪ More opportunity for some to take online classes. ▪ Some return to Baltimore at end of 2nd term
Jan-Mar 2013	3 rd term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some students return to Baltimore, write their MSPH essay and may enroll in additional onsite or online courses they didn't have time to take during the first year ▪ Other students remain in the field and continue their practicum ▪ Some students submit their MSPH essay and complete the requirements for the MSPH degree by the end of 3rd term
Mar-May 2013	4 th term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All students have returned from the field. Some work on their MSPH essay, others take further courses, some do both ▪ If not done earlier, submit a description of your practicum your advisor, program coordinator and IH Department Academic Coordinator (this may also be attached to your MSPH Essay).
4 th wk May 2013	Public health convocation/graduation ceremonies	

MSPH Deadlines

NOTE: Students must select one of the four graduation timelines. Each task must be completed by the due dates or will be required to register for the next academic term until all requirements are met.

Option 1. Students who do not wish to register for 3rd term (Notation on transcript: Degree requirements completed January 2013):

TASKS	Deadlines for January essay approval	Student	Advisor and Reader
Submit detailed essay outline	End 1 st term 2012	X	
Draft essay submission	End add/drop, 2 nd term 2012	X	
Final essay submitted to reviewer	January 10, 2013	X	
Final essay Approval by Reader	First day of 3 rd term 2013		X
Registration 3 rd term	Not needed if deadlines met		
Diploma received	May 2013		

Option 2. Students who do not wish to register for 4th term (Notation on transcript: Degree requirements completed March 2013):

TASKS	Deadlines for March essay approval	Student	Advisor and Reader
Submit detailed essay outline	End 1 st term 2012	X	
Draft essay submission	First day of 3 rd term 2013	X	
Final essay submitted to reviewer	Mid March 2013	X	
Final essay Approval by Reader	End of spring break		X
Registration 4 th term	Not needed if deadlines met		
Diploma received	May 2013		

Option 3. Students finishing in 4th term (Transcript will Say Graduated May 2013):

TASKS	Deadlines for March essay approval	Student	Advisor and Reader
Submit detailed essay outline	End 1 st term 2012	X	
Draft essay submission	End of add/drop 3 rd term 2013	X	
Final essay submitted to reviewer	April 15, 2013	X	
Final essay Approval by Reader	May 6, 2013		X
Registration 4 th term	Needed*		
Diploma received	May 2013		

*If dates are not met for 4th term graduation, student must register for summer term to receive the diploma at the end of August.

Students must abide by the complete list of tasks and deadlines set by each program area, which will be given to students by their respective program coordinators by the date of Comprehensive Exams, June 2012.

An option to Graduate in December and receive the diploma exists, but it is mainly for doctoral and MPH students. The deadlines are very strict and are earlier than option 1, for example, students must submit a complete draft of their essay by the end of first term. If MSPH students want to do this they must see Cristina Salazar by the end of June 2012 for an explanation of these deadlines.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH STUDENT INFORMATION

IH Student Group

The Department of International Health has a very active and organized student group. This group was formed to facilitate stronger communication and interaction between the Department (faculty and administrators) and the students, and works each year to plan and develop different opportunities aimed at achieving this goal. Participation by all IH students is welcomed and encouraged. For more information on the activities and functions of this group and to learn more about getting involved, please contact Cristina Salazar for more information.

Student Space

Each program area within the Department has a limited number of offices allocated for student use. The program areas can assign these to students at their discretion. Please contact the faculty coordinator for your specific program area to inquire about the availability of space and how it is allocated to determine if you are eligible.

In addition, the Department maintains a student office on the 8th floor, room E8038. This room is available for use by all currently enrolled International Health students. The room is card accessible by way of your JHU ID badge. The room is equipped with several computers, a printer, a scanner, a microwave, a refrigerator, and desk space. We encourage students to utilize this space as needed. Please help us in making it enjoyable for everyone by keeping it tidy and clean.

Guidelines for Student Employment

All the procedures and forms are posted online <https://my.jhsph.edu/sites/IH/student/default.aspx>

Hours of Work and Overtime

Full-time students who work for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health may work a maximum of 19 hours per week during periods of enrollment.

During periods of non-enrollment, (i.e., summer, spring break, etc.), student employees may work up to 40 hours per week. Students that wish to work over 40 hours per week are required to have it approved by the IH payroll prior to the work.

For FICA TAX purposes, "**summer**" begins on **June 1st**. **At that time, students may work up to 40 hours per week.**

Direct Deposit

Student employees on payroll may elect direct deposit to any financial institution in the continental United States participating in the Automated Clearing House. Deposit takes a minimum of three pay periods to begin and must be for the full amount of net pay. Direct deposit forms can be downloaded from <http://www.controller.jhu.edu/uforms/c100.pdf> or secured from the Department of International Health's Human Resources & Payroll Office (Wolfe Street Bldg. E8521).

Work-Study

Students employed under the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program during the 2010-11 academic year may also be employed as Teaching Assistants during the same period of FWS employment only with prior approval by the Department of International Health and by the FWS employment office. The Teaching Assistant employment status is the exception to the restricted crossover status related to FWS employment. Those students in FWS seeking to work as a TA must request approval from Amy Jones (Associate Director) in Financial Aid.

For additional information or specific inquiries, please contact Allison Quarles (443- 287-2192; aquarles@jhsp.h.edu) or Tanya Falls (410-614-6259; tfalls@jhsp.h.edu) in the Department of International Health's Human Resources & Payroll Office.

Course Waivers

Waivers of requirements may be granted for units earned in equivalent courses taken in this or another school. The waiver request must be based on coursework already taken which is similar in content, and documentation (i.e., a transcript and course syllabus) must be provided. In addition, the waiver request must be submitted at least one month prior to the beginning of the quarter in which the course is offered. **Requests for waivers for any course offered in the first quarter must be submitted no later than the end of the first day of classes.** No requests for first quarter waivers will be considered after this time. In no case can more than half of the required program-specific units be waived.

WAIVER PROCESS: Waiver requests should be addressed to the relevant Program Coordinator (Bill Weiss for Health Systems, Karen Charron for GDEC, Elli Leontsini for SBI and Parul Christian for Human Nutrition) of the student's program area at least one month prior to the beginning of the term in which the course takes place in order to give the Committee ample time to consider the request. Requests should include a short letter of explanation, which includes the name of the course the student is requesting to waive out of, as well as the name, description, course syllabus, and transcript showing the grade earned in the course, which is being substituted. Once the Program Coordinator has approved the request he/she will forward the email to the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee (Dr. James Tielsch) and copy Cristina Salazar.

Once a waiver request is approved, a record of its approval will be noted in the students file on their tracking form. Please note that approval of a waiver request does not reduce the number of units a student is required to earn in their degree program.

Leave of Absence

Any requests for a change in status must be made in writing to the Department through the Academic Program Coordinator (Carol Buckley). Once a written request for a change in status (i.e., leave of absence) is received, the student will be given a requisite form which must then be signed by the student's advisor and other applicable persons and submitted to the Registrar's Office for final approval.

Parental Leave of Absence

Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health may request parental leave following the adoption or birth of a child. Parental leave applies to either parent. If both parents are graduate students and/or postdoctoral fellows in the School, both may request simultaneous parental leave.

This policy covers wages to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who at the time of request for the leave are receiving stipend support from a training grant, departmental funds, Sommer Scholarship or other School scholarship. The policy also applies to wages for work that is directly related to their dissertation/thesis; postdoctoral fellows receiving either stipends or wages for work that is directly related to their research training are also covered by this policy. Wages for other types of employment or federal work-study are not covered under this policy. Students and fellows who receive such wages may take unsupported leave.

Provisions

Parental leave shall include sixty calendar days of stipend/salary support* and health insurance coverage. Stipend and health insurance support during parental leave will not be granted to those individuals who do not have such support provided to them at the time of the request for leave. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who receive loans must comply with his/her loan payback requirements.

Any leave requested longer than one term or sixty calendar days must be approved by the graduate student's or postdoctoral fellow's department, but shall be considered unsupported leave**. Insurance premiums during unsupported leave will be the responsibility of the graduate student or postdoctoral fellow. However, the department, at its discretion, may continue to support the student or fellow, including providing for insurance premiums, if other funds are available.

The leave begins on the day the graduate student or postdoctoral fellow is no longer fully engaged in their professional and academic activities and, to the extent possible, should be requested in advance of a birth or adoption. Retroactive requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Procedures

1. A graduate student or postdoctoral fellow should notify the department at the earliest date possible of the intent to utilize the parental leave policy. The department is responsible for updating the payroll and tuition payment systems.
2. If the leave begins mid-term, the graduate student or postdoctoral fellow shall receive the grade of "Incomplete" for all courses and academic credits taken during the then current term; the graduate student or postdoctoral fellow will then be on leave of absence for the following term and is expected to officially change her/his registration status to "Leave of Absence." The graduate student or postdoctoral fellow is responsible for making arrangements with each instructor to resolve a grade of incomplete; an incomplete grade, if unresolved, will become "F" after 120 days unless an extension of this time has been approved by the instructor and the registrar notified.
3. Any leave of absence exceeding 60 days shall be considered personal leave. In any event, only 60 calendar days of stipend/wages will be provided, whether the leave crosses two terms or covers only one term.

* This policy is based on the NIH Grants Policy Statement "Subpart B: Terms and Conditions for Specific Types of Grants, Grantees and Activities" pertaining to the parental leave policy for National Research Service Awards (NRSA) awardees.

** Students and Postdoctoral Fellows supported on NIH Training Grants must adhere to the NIH Policy on Unpaid leave, which states, "Individuals requiring extended periods of time away from their research training experience, that is, more than 15 calendar days of sick leave or more than 60 calendar days of parental leave, must seek approval for an unpaid leave of absence. Approval for a leave of absence must be requested in advance from the NIH awarding office. Fellows must provide a letter of support from the sponsor, countersigned by an AOO, and must advise the NIH awarding office of the dates of the leave of absence. Upon approval of the request, the NIH awarding office will issue a revised NRFA extending the ending date of the current budget period by the appropriate number of days or months of unpaid leave time. Recipients are precluded from spending award funds during the leave of absence."

SPH-SAIS Dual Degree Candidates

Students in the dual degree program may complete both Masters in 3 years (6 terms at JHSPH and 3 semesters at SAIS) depending on what SAIS track student chooses. **Dual degree candidacy does not remove the requirement MSPH internship or the Masters Essay.** For more information please read the school policy – Academic Programs 2 or ask Cristina Salazar.

Transfers

MSPH to MPH: If after beginning the program a student desires admission to the MPH program by transfer, the student must obtain advisor approval in writing and then make a written request to the Associate Chair for Academic Programs, on which the Director will sign and then the student will submit the letter, after obtaining the signature from Dr. Tielsch, to the Director of the MPH Program. Once the letter is signed for approval by the Director of the MPH Program, it is then submitted to the Records and Registration Office.

MSPH to MSPH: It is important to note that these types of transfers are very rare, due to the capacity of the programs and the sequencing of courses by program area. If after beginning the MSPH program a student

wishes to change program area, the student must request the change in writing and have it endorsed by the MSPH Program Coordinators of the current and future program area. The request then needs to be endorsed by the Associate Chair for Academic Programs.

MSPH to PhD: Students in the MSPH program who are interested in going on to a PhD program in the Department of International Health have two options, both of which require formally applying to the Department for admission to the PhD program. The first option is to complete the MSPH degree and then entering the PhD program in September following the completion of the MSPH practicum and turning in their MSPH essay. Students that choose this option will need to complete an additional two terms of full-time residency after which they will have completed the PhD residency requirement and will be provided a 75% tuition scholarship by the Department. The second option is to transfer from the MSPH program to the PhD program prior to completing the MSPH degree. Such transfer requests will be considered by the Admissions Committee only after at least two full terms as a MSPH student. If accepted into the PhD program, the student's residency requirements will be considered to have started at the time of their entrance to the MSPH program. They will not, however, receive the MSPH degree.

Peace Corps Master's International Option

The MSPH/MI Program at Johns Hopkins University, which joins dozens of other universities around the country in offering a masters degree program coordinated with Peace Corps service.

The MI Program is designed for students interested in working with the Peace Corps to fulfill the practicum requirement of the MSPH Program. The academic requirements for this program are the same as for the MSPH program, but instead of completing a two-term internship through the School of Public Health, students would fulfill their internship with a 2-year Peace Corps volunteer assignment that is complementary to the skills and training that they received at the School.

Following the normal MSPH Program schedule, students in this program will complete nine months of coursework at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, take a comprehensive examination, and then enter Peace Corps, undergoing 2-3 months of initial language, culture, and project orientation, and then complete two years of service. Unlike standard registration of internships where students register every term until they graduate, Peace Corps students register for only two terms for 16 credits each term for which they receive an automatic 75% scholarship. Students should be registered in the term they complete their masters paper requirement. After completion of an acceptable paper regarding their work, students have completed the requirements for the MSPH.

For more information on the Peace Corps side of this program, please visit their website at: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=learn.whyvol.eduben.mastersint>.

For additional details on how to get involved with the MSPH/MI Peace Corps program, please contact:

Dr. Lawrence Moulton, Professor
Email: lmoulton@jhsph.edu
Phone: 410-955-6370

Academic Advising

Masters degree programs in the Department of International Health are a mixture of didactic coursework, independent reading, research/practice experience and the preparation of a culminating document. As the program progresses, there are many decisions to be made regarding which courses and experience will address a student's educational objectives. To assist with navigating this process, each student is assigned an academic faculty advisor who has the responsibility of serving as a guide and mentor. While these programs seem to be tightly scripted by the Department and School, it is the Department's view that graduate degree programs must be owned by the student with the faculty acting as guides in the student's own development as

a scholar and practitioner. This section is intended to guide the student and the faculty member in making the advisor-advisee relationship as successful as possible.

This section has three goals:

- describe the Department's advising philosophy;
- provide answers to frequently asked questions;
- provide guidance on how the student and advisor can interact most effectively.

The suggestions in this section are derived from the experience of faculty who have worked with students for many years and from students who themselves have been guided by these faculty members. The document is dynamic and needs input from students and advisors as they use it. Please submit comments and concerns to the Academic Coordinator.

Advising Philosophy, Department of International Health

The primary purpose of the academic advising process is to assist students in the development and implementation of a meaningful and appropriate plan for their graduate education and future career. This purpose is driven by a set of core values:

1. Advisors are responsible to the students they advise.
 - Advising is an integral part of the educational process with both students and advisors benefiting from the relationship.
 - Regular student-advisor communication allows advisors to maximize the student's ability to develop life-long learning skills and for the advisor to act as an advocate for the student.
 - Advisors must recognize the diversity of student backgrounds and the opportunities provided by this diversity for maximizing educational achievement.
 - Advisors are responsible for connecting students with others in the academic community who can, when appropriate, assist in the advising process.
2. Advisors are responsible to the institution.
 - As faculty, advisors are responsible for maintaining the academic standards and reputation of the Department, School, and University. This implies a focus on academic excellence for the students they advise.
 - Advisors must comply with the policies and procedures established by the Department, School and University for the didactic, exploratory, and research portions of a graduate student's educational experience.
3. Advisors are responsible to the community of higher education.
 - Advisors must uphold the values of academic and intellectual freedom that characterize the university environment in the United States.
 - As faculty, advisors are responsible for the training of the next generation of academic leaders in education, research, practice, and service.
4. Advisors are responsible to the public health community.
 - As faculty in a School of Public Health, advisors are committed to improving the health and well being of populations everywhere in the world through education, research, practice and service.

The Advisor-Advisee Relationship

Please refer to the Advisor/Advisee Meeting Guidelines on page 36

All students in the Department are assigned a faculty advisor who is a full-time member of the advising faculty in their program area. In addition, **the MSPH Academic Coordinator for their program also serves as a back-up advisor to students.** The advisor has the responsibility of assisting the student in designing an academic program that meets the student's goals within the requirements of the University, School and Department. Additionally, the advisor serves to direct the student to appropriate resources and research opportunities. The advisor should be the first point of contact in resolving academic problems. Advising students is an integral part of every faculty member's responsibilities. Thus, the student should not feel that

he/she is imposing by asking for advice. Faculty members expect to be available to students, although the students should be respectful of the faculty's time by scheduling and respecting appointments. This is especially true in our department where research and practice responsibilities of the faculty require them to travel a significant portion of their time. **The responsibility for arranging meetings with their advisor lies with the student. Students should not expect advisors to seek them out for required appointments.** The student bears the responsibility of consulting the advisor when necessary and arranging periodic appointments, even if there are no specific problems. In general, advisors and advisees should communicate at least once per term, preferably more often. All course registrations must be approved by the advisor. The student is required to schedule a meeting in order to assure that the advisor has reviewed the student's schedule and to plan any special studies projects or thesis research as needed with the advisor before the registration period deadline. If due to travel or scheduling difficulties, such communication cannot be conducted before the registration period deadline, students should receive approval for course registration from their MSPH Program Coordinator.

Responsibilities: Advisor

- To assist in determining the advisee's educational goals and needs at the start of the program.
- To serve as an educational and/or professional mentor for the student.
- To maintain awareness of and sensitivity to the level of compatibility between the student advisee and him/herself in terms of academic, professional, and personal interests.
- To facilitate a change of advisor if deemed appropriate to the student.
- To monitor the advisee's overall academic program and be sensitive to signs of academic difficulty.
- To be sensitive to cultural, medical, legal, housing, visa, language, financial, or other personal problems experienced by the advisee and to be understanding, and supportive. The Department has a sizable portion of foreign students coming from diverse pre-professional and professional educational backgrounds. As such, they have diverse needs and experience in managing a US-based graduate education program.
- To meet regularly with the student and to identify a mechanism for advising while traveling either through email or by identifying a back-up advisor for periods of extended travel.

Responsibilities: Advisee

- To arrange to meet with the advisor at least once each term.
- To comply with registration and administrative deadlines.
- To identify and develop professional career goals and interests.
- To understand administrative policies and procedures and be familiar with the requirements for their program as described in the *Academic Guide*.
- To maintain the academic checklist and review it at meetings with the advisor.
- To complete an Advisor Evaluation Form twice during the academic year, once at the end of 2nd term and again at the end of 4th term.

Change of Advisor

For a variety of reasons, most often related to participation in faculty research for thesis work, a student or a faculty member may wish to have the student change advisors. Faculty wishing to initiate a change should discuss this with the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee. Faculty will need to submit a report of the student's progress at the time of this request. Student initiated changes of advisor are made without penalty and are a common occurrence. Students should write a letter of request to the Chair of the Curriculum and Credentials Committee to change from one faculty member to another. Both faculty members must agree.

Students may expect the following from their Advisors:

- Advisor's approval on course registrations, course changes, pass/fail agreements, waiver requests, and on all petitions to the Curriculum and Credentials Committee.
- At least one meeting per term with the advisor.

- Oversight of the student’s overall academic program and sensitivity to any academic difficulties.
- Knowledge of and interest in the student’s career objectives.
- Review of required and recommended courses for the program area. Assistance in designing a plan for the fulfillment of required courses and assistance with planning the course schedule for the year.

Student Feedback on Advisor Performance

The Department Chair reviews all faculty performance on an annual basis. This review assesses the career track of each faculty member as a part of the faculty mentoring role played by the Chair. In order to provide the most accurate information on faculty performance, the Chair needs information on all aspects of the faculties’ roles including student advising. As a part of this process, we have initiated a formal advisor evaluation process that includes input from students. The provision of honest information is required of all students twice per year and these advisor ratings are handled with complete anonymity. At the completion of the 2nd and 4th terms each year, all students will complete an Academic Advisor Evaluation Form and submit it to the departmental Academic Program Manager (Cristina Salazar). Please see the Advisor Evaluation Form in the Forms section of this book.

MSPH Advisor/Advisee Meeting Guidelines

The guidelines below are the absolute minimum interactions students and advisors should expect. Many of our students and faculty meet much more frequently and often become life-long colleagues as a result of the mentoring experience.

Year One: First Term	Date
Minimum of two meetings – advisor may choose to meet once with all advisees, then once with individual advisees	#1 _____ #2 _____
Identify professional goals and educational objectives	
Review competencies, departmental requirements, develop a written plan of courses and experiences to meet the student’s educational goals	
Review administrative deadlines	
Identify other people and resources of which students should be aware	

Year One: Second Term	Date
One Meeting	
Review first term transcript	
Monitor student’s progress, evaluate, discuss first term grades	
Provide feedback on first term courses	
Begin discussion of possible internship opportunities	
Follow up on plan set out in first term	
Complete registration forms for third and fourth terms	

Year One: Third Term	Date
One Meeting	
Monitor student’s progress; evaluate; discuss second term grades	
Provide feedback on second term courses	
Continue discussion on internship opportunities	
Discuss preparation for comprehensive examination, student study groups	

Year One: Fourth Term	Date
One or two meetings:	
Review 3 rd term transcript	
Monitor student’s progress; evaluate; discuss third term grades	
Provide feedback on third term courses	
Encourage participation in study groups for comprehensive examination	
Finalize plans for internship	

Students should begin working with the Career Services Office for post graduation employment or further education	
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Year Two: Internship Period	Date
Regular communication via email or in-person	
Discuss MSPH essay preparation	
Submit outline of MSPH essay	
Submit first draft of essay for review	
Continue discussions regarding post graduation employment or further education	
Complete final version of essay and turn-in	

Information for Students Traveling Abroad
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Most important steps for all students:

1. **Fill out the International Travel Checklist**
2. **Fill out the Travel to Countries with Travel Warnings Form (if necessary)**
3. **Register travel on the International Travel Registry**

As you prepare to take an overseas assignment you should take into account a few administrative, health, and safety issues before you leave the country. Keep in mind that when working overseas, even in the short-term, you need to be prepared before leaving the US in order to have a productive experience and avoid unnecessary health and safety risks. The Department of International Health has developed the attached checklist for you to complete prior to leaving the country to assist you in preparing for your assignment. **It is the responsibility of each student to complete and submit the completed checklist no later than TWO MONTHS prior to your departure for all overseas assignments. Students traveling to countries with Travel Warnings issued by the U.S. State Department must follow the procedure described in section B. Safety (2).** Copies of the checklist may be obtained from the Departmental Academic Coordinator, from the MSPH, PhD or DrPH Academic Guides, or online at <http://tinyurl.com/IHTravelForms>. Here are a few recommendations for you when traveling overseas:

A. Administrative:

(1) TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION – You should assure that your travel documents are current and appropriate. Visas, if necessary, should be obtained well in advance of your travel. You can find out if a visa is required for the country you will be visiting by calling the embassy of that country (most are in Washington), or by checking the web sites of most embassies. If you have a problem with getting a visa you will often fare better if you then go yourself to the embassy to have the visa processed. This is especially true if you hold a non-US passport. Remember also that you may need a visa for transit through some countries. Also, a tourist visa is often all you will need, but a business visa may give you extra time in-country and help you avoid additional fees if multiple visits are required. Your advisor can help you obtain a letter to submit with your visa application if that is required. You should also be sure that your passport will be valid for the full time that you will be away. Most countries require that your passport be valid for 6 months from the date of departure. Finally, be sure that you have return airline tickets well in advance of your trip. Do not travel with a one-way ticket, as you may be restricted from entering the country upon arrival, and you may have difficulty securing airline tickets while away.

(2) UNIVERSITY APPROVALS – Assure that you have the requisite approvals from the University to initiate any overseas research. These include submission of the attached checklist, approval from your thesis committee for dissertation research (must be signed before collecting data) or approval from your advisor and Program Coordinator for the MSPH internship, and approval from the IRB for collecting data for research projects. Remember that for student research your advisor is the Principal Investigator, and she/he must approve the research and sign the forms. The IRB committee meets monthly, and it can take several months to get all of the IRB approvals finalized, so plan ahead accordingly. You may also need to have approval from the NIH to conduct your research overseas. The Office of Protection of Research Risks (OPRR) is the agency that

grants such approvals. There is a special form that must be signed by dissertation committees for approval of thesis research. Post-hoc submission of these forms is not acceptable, and you run the risk of your research being deemed invalid, so you should take these precautions seriously. Conducting research on human subjects without IRB approval is a serious breach of ethical conduct.

(3) **HOST COUNTRY APPROVALS** – Be sure that you have the necessary approvals from the host country to travel and conduct research. Many host country governments have agencies that must approve all foreign research projects. To check on this you should consult with your advisor, as well as with your host country collaborators. These approvals often take considerable time, so be sure to plan ahead. You should also be sure that the host-country collaborating agency has granted you approval. It is good to get this in writing. Be sure that they know the scope of your work in-country, your travel dates, where you will stay while there, and who they can contact if a problem develops. Take care to set your travel dates to accommodate your collaborators. If you are not sensitive to their schedules you run the risk of getting a low level of support while you are on travel status.

(4) **REGISTERING TRAVEL** – Once your travel plans are finalized and the plane tickets are purchased, make sure you register all your travel details online here <http://apps4.jhsph.edu/ITR/>. Please make sure you add the emergency contact information and fill out the dates of your itinerary. If your itinerary changes throughout your trip, make sure you update your information online.

B. Safety

(1) **CRIME** – crime is a serious problem for persons traveling. It is recommended that you not carry or display large amount of cash when traveling. Use a money belt to store your money and valuables. Store valuables (including your airline tickets, credit cards, money, passport, and travelers checks) in the hotel safe, or other secure location if a safe is not available. Check with your local collaborators about risky situations and areas to avoid. If you are robbed do not resist – give them your money and valuables. It is always better to replace them then risk physical harm. Report such events to the police immediately. You should also make a photocopy of your passport and store it separate from your passport. This can be very helpful if you lose your passport. If you need to keep identification on you, use the photocopy of the passport with your driver's license. It is also helpful to make photocopies of your credit cards, passport, and travelers check receipts and leave them with someone you can contact back home. This will facilitate replacement if they are lost or stolen.

(2) **TERRORISM AND CIVIL CONFLICT** – check before you leave the country with the State Department (http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html) to see about safety in the country you are traveling to. If you are traveling for a school related activity (including a practicum requirement with an organization or a faculty member, or for your doctoral thesis research), to a country that has a Travel Warning from the US. State Department, you must follow the following procedure:

1. Complete the International Travel Checklist
2. Complete the Countries with Travel Warnings Checklist
3. Obtain an evacuation plan or a safety plan from the organization or faculty member you will be working for in said country.
4. Make a photocopy of your passport, health insurance card, and student ID card

Submit all the paperwork to Cristina Salazar (E8518) at least TWO MONTHS in advanced. This material will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and will have to be approved by the International Health Department Chair, Dr. Robert Black, before you commence travel.

Register with the US embassy and/or your home embassy if you are a 3rd country national (if working on a US sponsored project 3rd country nationals should register with the US embassy) when you arrive. If you have any problems you should contact the embassy. This includes for problems with health, safety, or civil conflict. You should also contact your advisor and family if you have any problems. Use common sense in your dealings, and avoid association with persons who may place you at risk, or cause you to be a target for terrorism or police harassment.

(3) CONTACT INFORMATION – it is important that you leave your contact information with your family and your advisor. Also, be sure to leave your family’s contact information with your advisor, and vice versa. If you are out of town while away be sure to let your advisor and family know. It is quite common for students to leave town for trips and people at home are unable to reach them, generating significant worry and concern among your family and colleagues. You should also leave behind the name and contact information of your colleagues you are working with, and let them know how to contact you when you are in-country in the event of an emergency.

C. Health

(1) VACCINATIONS – Be sure that you have obtained relevant vaccinations prior to travel. To ascertain which vaccinations you need you should consult with a travel medicine specialist. There is a travel medicine clinic on campus, and many HMO (such as Kaiser) have travel medicine offices. You can also consult the CDC website for recommendations of appropriate vaccines. Many vaccinations these require a series of injections or oral medications, so plan ahead to assure that you are properly vaccinated. When traveling to areas with malaria you should secure a prescription for malaria prophylaxis medications. One of the most serious health risks you face is from malaria, and it can be lethal. Take such medications as recommended, and take the full course – which usually requires that you take them for a full four weeks upon your return. If you get a high fever, severe headache, or flu-like symptoms upon return from a malaria zone be sure to go to the doctor immediately, as this can be a sign of malaria. Prompt treatment is imperative to avoid serious health consequences. Other vaccinations that are often needed include tetanus, measles, polio, rabies, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B (especially if you are sexually active or work with biologic samples or blood), Japanese Encephalitis, and yellow fever. Note that entry into some countries requires a yellow fever vaccination, which must be recorded on a yellow form provided by the WHO. There are only certain places you can obtain these, so plan ahead. In some countries in Africa if you arrive without the yellow fever vaccination card you will be vaccinated upon entry, which carries some risk of contamination with unsterile equipment. Consult with a travel medicine specialist well before departing. **The student health plan offered by the School does not cover the cost of these immunizations.**

(2) INFECTIOUS DISEASES – Take care with what you eat and drink to avoid food-borne contamination. It is advisable that you consult the CDC website to get advice on how to avoid food and drink borne infections. You may also want to carry a supply of an antibiotic (such as ciprofloxacin), which your travel doctor can give you before you go. Be sure to get instructions on when to take these, as well as how to take them. You should also be very careful with the water and drinks that you consume. It is advisable to drink bottled water in which you see the sealed bottle. Be careful of fruit juices which are often contaminated or which have had water added to them. Note also that table condiments, such as chili sauce, is also often a source of contamination. It is also very important that you take extreme care to avoid a sexually transmitted infection, including HIV. If you will be sexually active you should use a condom for all sexual contact, oral, vaginal, or anal. You may want to carry condoms with you as a source of condoms may be difficult to find. Take care that the condoms are stored correctly (not in heat) and that they are not expired. The best way to avoid a sexually transmitted disease is to avoid sexual contact.

(3) ACCIDENTS – this is probably the most likely health risk that you face, especially traffic accidents. Avoid traveling by car at night, especially on long-distance highways. When you travel by car use a seatbelt (even if others do not), and tell the driver to slow down if you feel unsafe. It is always much better to risk social embarrassment to avoid an accident, so do not be shy about asserting your desire to have a driver go more slowly. You may want to establish a maximum driving speed before you depart. You should also tell the driver to avoid passing (overtaking) if you feel that he/she is being unsafe. It is also advisable to carry a first aid kit. If an accident does occur seek medical care quickly. If you wait too long you risk serious health consequences. It is suggested that you get and read “When there Are No Doctors” before you travel. This is an excellent resource on travel health issues for developing countries. It is especially important that you avoid unsterile needles and syringes. In many cases you can request to purchase a new needle or syringe, or have someone with you do so. Note also that the US embassy maintains a list of medical providers in most countries. If you need medical care you may want to contact the embassy. You should also get word back to your advisor and family if an accident occurs.

(4) INSURANCE – you should check to be sure that your health insurance will cover you when you are overseas. You should also consider getting evacuation insurance (such as International SOS which has an inexpensive student policy). This type of insurance will assist you in seeking quality medical care, and in evacuating you should a serious problem arise.

(5) DENTAL – if you will be overseas for an extended time be sure to have a dental check up prior to leaving. You should avoid dental care in many developing countries.

(6) MEDICATIONS – be sure to carry an adequate supply of required medicines with you. You may not be able to get them while traveling.

Final Note

Please take these common sense precautions seriously. With a little care and planning you can have a safe and enjoyable experience overseas. Realize that each country is unique and has special issues that should be attended to. Your advisor, and others who have traveled regularly to the country you are visiting, can help you plan for your trip accordingly. Note also that this list of recommendations is cursory and will not cover all events that may occur. Plan ahead, be careful, follow the advice of colleagues, and do not be shy about advocating for your health and safety.

Internet Resources for Traveling Abroad:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/safety/safety_2836.html – US State Department Travel Information

<http://www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx>– CDC’s “Traveler’s Health” site. Useful information on health issues, and warnings by country.

<http://phirst.jhsph.edu/>– JHU Institutional Review Board. Includes forms for applying for approval.

<http://www.internationalsos.com/> – low cost travel evacuation insurance company.

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/insure.htm> – website on various travel resources, and good review of available plans for evacuation insurance.

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html US State Department Current Travel Warnings

<http://www.travelhealthresource.com/clinics/MARYLAND.asp> A comprehensive list of travel clinics in Maryland

<http://www.unionmemorial.org/body.cfm?id=1186> Travel Clinic at Union Memorial Hospital (Charles Village)

Global Disease Epidemiology and Control
MSPH Program Coordinator: Karen Charron, BSN, MPH, CCRC

Requirements for Admission

Students in the program ideally have a bachelor's degree in health or biological sciences or statistics. An applicant with another undergraduate degree must have satisfactorily completed courses in mathematics; biology; and chemistry, physics, or another natural science.

Educational Objectives*

Overall Program Goal

This program provides training for public health practitioners who will use epidemiologic, immunologic and/or laboratory and statistical methods to design, implement and/or evaluate disease control interventions for diseases of public health importance to under-served populations. Graduates will have a fundamental understanding of the pathogenesis, epidemiology, and control measures applicable to diseases of public health importance in disadvantaged populations. Interventions to be studied will be primarily biomedical (e.g. therapeutic or prophylactic drugs, vaccines or environmental modifications), although there may be a behavioral component to effective implementation of such interventions.

Special strengths of the program are infectious disease epidemiology (including emerging infections), vaccinology, and micronutrients. Students have the opportunity to learn from leading experts in vaccine science and policy and may take courses to complete a certificate in this area. Students can acquire a broad understanding of the methods, skills, and tools needed to design, conduct, and analyze community and clinical trials and/or laboratory-based investigations.

Students will be able to provide technical assistance to public health researchers and public health managers in the design, implementation and evaluation of programs to address public health problems facing underserved populations in the US and abroad.

Advising Faculty

Karen Charron
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Maria Deloria-Knoll
Anna Durbin
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Robert Gilman (year 2)
Neal Halsey
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Luke Mullany
Myaing Nyunt
Andy Ruff
David Sack
Kawsar Talaat
James Tielsch
Neff Walker

Other faculty advising resources who are recent MHS/MPH/MSPH graduates and/or have expertise in aspects of the GDEC program:

Amber Cox, Andrea De Luca, Amanda Driscoll, Cristina Garcia, Wangeci Kagucia, Naoko Kozuki Bob Weatherholtz

*For Program Competencies see page 40

Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Course Requirements

All required courses must be taken for a letter grade with the exception of courses only offered for pass/fail.

Required Courses

Course no.	Course Title	Term	Units
General			
223.840	Special Studies and Research Disease Control: Education Program Development (Register and select your advisor's name)	1	1
223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Seminar (all 4 terms required)	1 – 4	1
	Introduction to Online Learning (http://distance.jhsph.edu/iol)	First 2 weeks of each month	
IRB website	Online Human Subjects Training Module		
International Health			
220.601	Introduction to International Health ⁴	1	4
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies ²	4	4
Infectious Disease (Choose one of the following)			
223.663	Infectious Disease and Child Survival	3	3
223.682	Clinical and Epidemiological Aspects of Tropical Disease ⁴	4	3
Biostatistics, choose one of the following series for a total of 16 units:			
140.621 – 4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I – IV	1 – 4	4
140.651 – 4	Methods in Biostatistics I – IV	1 – 4	4
Epidemiology (Total of 10 units)			
340.751 – 2	Epidemiologic Methods 1 – 2	1 – 2	5
Applied Epidemiology/Randomized Trials (Choose One)			
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3	3	5
340.763	Professional Epidemiology Methods I	3	3
223.705.81	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice (offered online only)	4	3
Vaccines			
223.662	Vaccine Development and Application ²	2	4
Environmental Health (Choose one)			
182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
Management Sciences, (Choose one of the following courses)			
551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations ³	1	4
221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries	1	4
317.600	Introduction to Risk Sciences and Public Policy ³	1	3
305.607	Public Health Practice ⁴	2	4
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management ³	2	3
551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations in the Health Sector	3	3
551.607	Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-Served Populations	3	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences, (Choose one of the following courses):			
410.618	Integrating Social and Behavioral Theory into Public Health	1	4
410.620	Program Planning for Health Behavior Change ⁴	1	3
224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household And Community Levels	2	4
410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communication: Theories and Practice	2	4
410.651	Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies For Effective Communication	3	3
410.630	Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs	4	3
YEAR 2: Practicum (Taken in the second year for a minimum of 32 units):			
223.810	Field Placement Disease Control	1-4	32-64

GDEC Recommended Courses

Course no.	Course Title	Term	Units
<i>Infectious Disease</i>			
340.646	Epidemiology and Public Health Impact of HIV and AIDS ²	1	4
340.612	Epidemiologic Basis of Tuberculosis Control ¹	3	2
<i>Nutrition</i>			
222.647	Nutrition Epidemiology	3	3
222.649	International Nutrition ⁴	4	3
<i>Population/Program Evaluation</i>			
380.600	Principles of Population Change ²	2	4
380.603	Demographic Methods for Public Health ³	2	4
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
221.645	Large-Scale Effectiveness Evaluations Of Health Programs ⁴	4	3
221.641	Measurement Methods In Humanitarian Emergencies	4	2
<i>Research Ethics</i>			
550.860	Research Ethics (Online modules offered each term)	1-4	1
306.665	Research Ethics and integrity: US and International Issues	3	3
306.655	Ethical Issues In Public Health	4	3
<i>Vaccines</i>			
223.867	Special Topics in Vaccine Science (seminar series)	2-3	1
223.687	Vaccine Policy Issues	3	3
223.689	Biological Basis of Vaccine Development	4	3
223.705.81	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice (GCP) (online only)	4	3
<i>Data Management/Survey design</i>			
223.672.81	Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies (online)	1 & 4	5
140.630	Introduction to Data Management	2	3
340.717	Health Survey Research Methods	2	4
380.711	Issues In Survey Research Design	3	3
140.632	Introduction to the SAS Statistical Package	4	3
140.662	Spatial Analysis and GIS I	3	3
140.663	Spatial Analysis and GIS II	4	4
<i>Epidemiology Methods</i>			
340.753	Epidemiological Methods 3	3	5
340.754	Methodological Challenges In Epidemiologic Research	4	5
<i>Qualitative Methods</i>			
224.690	Qualitative Research Theory and Methods	3	5
224.691	Qualitative Data Analysis	4	5
Climate change and Environment			
180.611	Global Environment & Public Health (Is NOT substitute for Tropical Env Health)	1	4

¹ This course is also offered online 1st term

² This course is also offered online 2nd term

³ This course is also offered online 3rd term

⁴ This course is also offered online 4th term

Sample Year 1 Schedule for GDEC – MSPH Program 2010-2011

1st Term

	Introduction to Online Learning http://distance.jhsph.edu/oll	0 units
220.601	Introduction to International Health	4 units
340.751	Epidemiology Methods 1	5 units
223.840	Special Studies: Educational Program Development	1 unit
223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Seminar	1 unit
140.621*	Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4 units
140.651*	Methods in Biostatistics I	4 units
410.618 **	<i>Integrating Soc & Behav Theory into Public Health</i>	4 units
551.601 ***	<i>Managing Health Services Organizations</i>	4 units
221.722 ***	<i>Quality Assurance Mgmt Methods for Dev Countries</i>	4 units
317.600 ***	<i>Introduction to the Risk Sciences And Public Policy</i>	3 units
Total 1 st term	Required Units	15+ options

2nd Term

340.752	Epidemiology Methods 2	5 units
223.662	Vaccine Development & Applications	4 units
223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Seminar	1 unit
140.622*	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	4 units
140.652*	Methods in Biostatistics II	4 units
224.689 **	<i>Hlth Behavior Change at the Individual, Household & Community Levels</i>	4 units
410.650 **	<i>Intro to Persuasive Communications: Theories and Practice</i>	3 units
551.603 ***	<i>Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management</i>	3 units
305.607 ***	<i>Public Health Practice</i>	4 units
Total 2 nd term	Required Units	14+ options

3rd Term

223.663 +	Infectious Disease & Child Survival	3 units
223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Seminar	1 unit
140.623*	Statistical Methods in Public Health III	4 units
140.653*	Methods in Biostatistics III	4 units
410.651 **	<i>Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies For Effective Communication</i>	4 units
551.603 ***	<i>Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management (Online)</i>	3 units
551.608 ***	<i>Managing Non Governmental Organizations</i>	3 units
551.607 ***	<i>Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-Served Populations</i>	3 units
182.626 ****	Issues for Water & Sanitation in Trop. Env. Health (must take this course)	2 units
223.664 ++	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	4 units
340.752 **	Epidemiology Methods III	5 units
340.673 **	Professional Epidemiology Methods I	3 units
Total 3 rd term	Required Units:	7 + options

4th Term

223.682 +	Clinical and Epidemiological Aspects of Tropical Disease	3 units
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policy	4 units
223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Seminar	1 unit
140.624*	Statistical Methods in Public Health IV	4 units
140.654*	Methods in Biostatistics IV	4 units
410.630 **	<i>Implementation & Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs</i>	3 units
410.620 **	<i>Program Planning for Health Behavior Change ONLINE</i>	3 units
223.705.81 ++	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice (online only)	3 units
Total 4 th term	Required Units:	9+ options

* Choose 1 biostatistics series

** Choose 1 behavioral course

*** Choose 1 management course

**** Choose 1 environmental course

+ Choose 1 infectious disease course

++ Choose 1 applied Epi/human trials course

HEALTH SYSTEMS

Program Coordinator: William Weiss
Program Co-coordinator: Aruna Chandran

Requirements for Admission

Students must have a prior degree in biological or health sciences or alternatively in management or social sciences. Some prior international or health systems experience is highly desirable.

Educational Goals

Graduates of the Health Systems MSPH program will possess core competencies as outlined below to play management roles in health services organizations in a variety of international settings, from community to national and global levels. Courses within the Health Systems Program develop skills and knowledge for those who play a role in management of health programs in low- and middle-income countries and with disadvantaged populations. The curriculum focuses on planning and managing health projects and programs at the community, district, national and global levels. An international health-related practicum experience is an important additional component of this degree program.

Core Health System Competencies

1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations, approaches to the management and control of these disorders, and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators.
2. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of concepts and application of management principles to the operation of health systems in resource poor settings.
3. Analyze and synthesize data relevant to the management and control of health problems of public health importance in resource poor settings.
4. Produce written and oral reports for public health professionals and policy makers.

Advising Faculty

While students will have a designated adviser, they are encouraged to meet and discuss their interests with a variety of faculty members.

Agbessi Amouzou
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Timothy Baker
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Robert Black
William Brieger
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Edward Bunker
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Shannon Doocy
Anbarasi Edward Raj
Kate Gilroy
Shivam Gupta
Adnan Hyder
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Daniela Lewy
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Louis Niessen
Marjorie Opuni-Akuamo
Sachi Ozawa
Henry Perry

David Peters
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Hafizur Rahman
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Jennifer Requejo
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Mathuram Santosham
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Chizoba Wonodi

*For Program Competencies see page 44

Health Systems Course Requirements

All required courses must be taken for a letter grade with the exception of courses only offered for pass/fail.

Please note: courses taken to meet one group of requirements may not be used to meet another group of requirements.

Required Courses

Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations ³	1	4
551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations	1	2
221.840	Special Studies and Research Health Systems (IGA)	1	1
221.860	Health Systems Seminar (all 4 terms required)	1 – 4	1
220.601	Introduction to International Health ⁴	1	4
140.621-3	Statistical Methods in Public Health	1 – 3	4
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
221.646	Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries ²	2	3
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting & Financial Management ³	2	3
	Introduction to Online Learning (http://distance.jhsph.edu/iol)		
Practicum (Taken in the second year for a minimum of 32 units):			
221.810	Field Placement Health Systems (Practicum/Internship)	1 – 4	16

Core Applied Health Management Courses – chose one of the following: Those not chosen for this requirement may be used to meet Health System Program Electives (listed on the following page).

Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.722	Quality Assurance Management in Developing Countries	1	4
551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers	2	3
551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making	3	3
551.607	Pharmaceutical Management for Underserved Populations	3	3
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4	4

Environmental Health Requirement, choose one of the following:

Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	1	4
187.610	Public Health Toxicology ²	1	4
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	3
182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
182.640	Food and Water-borne diseases	3	3

Social & Behavioral Sciences Requirement, choose one of the following:

Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
410.620	Program Planning For Health Behavior Change ⁴	1	3
330.657	Statistics for Psychosocial Research: Measurement ¹	1	4
224.689	Health Behavior Change At The Individual, Household and Community Levels	2	4
222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition	4	4
410.654-5	Health Communications Programs I & II	3 – 4	4

Biological Science Requirement, choose one of the following:

Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	1	3
187.610	Public Health Toxicology ²	1	4
222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4
550.630	Public Health Biology ⁴	1	3
223.662	Vaccine Development and Application ²	2	4

182.640	Food and Water-borne diseases	3	3
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
380.761	STI Prevention: Using Epidemiology to Inform Policy and Program ⁴	3	4
380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health	3	3
223.682	Clinical and Epidemiological Aspects of Tropical Diseases ⁴	4	3
380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal & Newborn Health	4	3

Health Systems Program Specific Electives: (12 Units)

Twelve additional (12) units from the list below should be selected that are not already selected to satisfy another requirement. These track specific electives are organized under four broad headings to facilitate selection based on different competency areas. You may choose from any of these areas. **Some classes may appear under more than one heading.**

Managing Health Services Organizations			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries	1	4
551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making	3	3
551.607	Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-served Populations	3	3
551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations in the Health Sector	3	3
312.633.81	Health Management Information Systems (internet only)	3, 4	3

Health Management Issues with Special Populations			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.613	Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies	1	2
221.639	Refugee Health Care ¹	2	3
221.633	Public Health Issues in Disasters	3	2
221.643	Armed Conflict and Health	3	2
221.616	Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing Countries	4	2
221.624.81	Urban Health in Developing Countries (internet only)	4	3
221.642	Mental Health Aspects of Disaster: PH Preparedness & Response	4	2
221.648	Intervention Programming for Mental Health Research in Low and Middle Income Countries	3	3

Monitoring and Evaluation			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.641	Measurement Methods in Humanitarian Emergencies	2	2
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
221.647	Comparative Evaluation For Health Policy In International Health	3	3
305.613	Design and Evaluation of Community and Safety Interventions	3	3
313.631-2	Economic Evaluation II & III	3 & 4	4 & 3
380.612	Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation	4	4
221.638	Health Systems Research and Evaluation in Developing Countries	4	4
221.645	Large-scale Effectiveness Evaluations of Health Programs ⁴	4	3
221.644	Econometric Methods For Evaluation Of Health Programs	4	4

Health Planning			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.612	Confronting the Burden of Injuries: A Global Perspective ²	2	3
221.627	Issues in the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Low and Middle Income Countries	2	4
221.635	Case Studies in Primary Health Care ²	3	4
221.620	Using Summary Measures of Population Health to Improve Health Systems ⁴	4	4
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4	4

224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral and Community Interventions	4	4
312.621	Strategic Planning	4	3

Measuring Health and Health System Performance			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.637.81	Health Information Systems (internet only)	2	3
221.649	eHealth & mHealth in Low & Middle Income Countries (internet only)	3	3
313.631-2	Economic Evaluation II & III	3 & 4	4 & 3
221.620	Using Summary Measures of Population Health to Improve Health Systems ⁴	4	4
312.633.81	Health Management Information Systems (internet only)	3, 4	3

Research Design			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
300.713	Research & Evaluation Methods for Health Policy	3	4
224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral and Community Interventions	4	4
221.638	Health Systems Research and Evaluation in Developing Countries	4	4

Health Economics & Economic Evaluation			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
313.639	Introduction to Microeconomics	1	3
313.641	Health Economics I	2	3
313.790.81	Economic Evaluation I	2	3
313.631-2	Economic Evaluation II & III	3 – 4	4 – 3
313.644	Health Economics II	3	3
309.670	Comparative Health Insurance	3	3
221.644	Econometric Methods For Evaluation Of Health Programs	4	4

Health Policy & Policy Evaluation			
Number	Course Title	Term	Units per term
300.712	Health Policy II: Public Health Policy Formulation	2	3
221.647	Comparative Evaluation For Health Policy In International Health	3	3
221.650	Health Policy Analysis in Low and Middle Income Countries	3	3
300.713	Research and Evaluation Methods for Health Policy	3	4
300.652	Politics of Health Policy	3	4
301.645	Health Advocacy	4	3

¹ This course is also offered online 1st term

² This course is also offered online 2nd term

³ This course is also offered online 3rd term

⁴ This course is also offered online 4th term

HUMAN NUTRITION

Program Coordinator: Parul Christian

Requirements for Admission

The program seeks to attract and train future experts in public health nutrition across a range of professional interests and background. Entry into the Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) program in Human Nutrition requires, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, preferably in nutritional, biological, food health or social sciences, public health practice, food security, economics or health policy.

Educational Objectives*

The MSPH program in Human Nutrition is designed to train professionals to focus on public health problems in food and nutrition in human populations. The MSPH degree in Human Nutrition prepares students to assume professional, technical, and management positions within public health nutrition programs or agencies, government, international or non-governmental agencies, universities, hospitals and private industry. Often the MSPH program also prepares students for subsequent doctoral research in the field of human nutrition or training in medicine.

Advising Faculty

Robert Black
Benjamin Caballero
Laura Caulfield
Parul Christian

Joel Gittelsohn
Rolf Klemm
Kerry Schulze

Sameera Talegawkar
Youfa Wang
Keith P. West Jr.

Program Requirements

Students will be expected to enroll for six quarters, satisfy the educational requirements, and successfully complete a practicum experience and write an essay. Students must also pass a written comprehensive exam. A minimum of 96 total units of coursework is required. Of these, 64 units are associated with directed coursework, and 32 units are associated with a practicum experience, which is usually completed during the second year.

Students are required to take specific courses in each of four core content areas in order to develop specific competencies: *Nutrition and Health, Biochemistry and Metabolism, Research Methods, and Professional Skills*. Approximately 40 course units are associated with these core content areas common to all MSPH students. In addition, all students must complete coursework in environmental health and management sciences. To complete the remainder of their coursework requirements, students will choose elective coursework and special studies in conjunction with their advisor, depending on their unique career goals.

*For Program Competencies see page 47

Nutrition Practicum

MSPH candidates complete a practicum for 2 terms. This experience is jointly arranged by the student, faculty advisor and other faculty within the Center for Human Nutrition or School, as necessary. The practicum may comprise any of the following: (a) field placement in a supervised nutrition research (laboratory, clinic or population-based) or program (e.g. non-governmental agency) setting; (b) analytic work under faculty guidance during which nutrition-related (i.e. laboratory, population research, program evaluation or surveillance) data are analyzed and a report prepared; or (c) additional, directed course work toward developing a particular specialty within the context of the MSPH program.

The MSPH-RD practicum in collaboration with the dietetics program at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center (JHBMC) offers students the opportunity to earn both the MSPH degree and complete the dietetics practicum in preparation for obtaining the RD credential. The integrated program has been granted accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) 120 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, Illinois 60606-6995, 1-800-877-1600, ext. 5400.

For those accepted for this option, a \$500 deposit is required by March 1st, 2011 to secure placement for the practicum, which occurs from June 2011 through January 2012 (See <http://www.hopkinsbayview.org/nutrition/MSPH/index.html>). The remainder of the \$7500 clinical training fee for the practicum is due September 1st, 2011 (with first quarter tuition payment). Like all MSPH students, those in the RD practicum program, must also complete the MSPH essay.

Human Nutrition Course Requirements
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All required courses must be taken for a letter grade with the exception of courses only offered for pass/fail.

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per Term
General/Professional Skills:			
222.840	Special Studies & Research in HN: Educational Prog Development	1	1
222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar	1 – 4	1
222.840	Special Studies & Research in HN: General	1 – 4	
	Introduction to Online Learning (http://distance.jhsph.edu/iol)		
Nutrition			
222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4
222.658	Critical Thinking in Nutrition I	1	1
222.642	Assessment of Nutritional Status	2	3
222.644	Nutritional Biochemistry	2	3
222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages	3	3
222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition	4	4
Choose one of the following:			
222.651	Advanced Nutrient Metabolism	1	3
222.653	Food Technology and Health	4	3
222.649	International Nutrition ⁴	4	3
222.652	Nutrition in Disease Treatment and Prevention (online only)	4	3
410.675	Critical Analysis of Popular Diets & Dietary Supplements	4	3
Research Methods, Biostatistics: Choose one of the following series for a total of 16 units:			
140.621 – 4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I – IV	1 – 4	4
140.651 – 4	Methods in Biostatistics I – IV	1 – 4	4
Research Methods, Epidemiology: Choose one of the following:			
340.751 – 3	Epidemiologic Methods 1 – 3	1 – 3	5
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
Environmental Health, choose one of the following: Those not chosen for this requirement may be used as electives.			
Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per Term
187.610	Public Health Toxicology ²	1	4
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	1	4
180.601.81	Environmental Health (Internet only)	3	5
182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	3	2
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	3
182.640	Food and Water Borne Diseases	3	3
Management Sciences, choose one of the following: Those not chosen for this requirement may be used as electives.			

551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations ³	1	4
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management ³	2	3
305.607	Public Health Practice ⁴	2	4
182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	3	3
551.608	Managing Non-governmental Organizations in the Health Sector	3	3
Practicum (Taken in the second year for a minimum of 32 units):			
222.810	Field Placement Human Nutrition (Practicum)	1 – 4	

MSPH/RD Required Courses:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per Term
260.600	Introduction to the Biomedical Sciences	Sum	4
222.652	Nutrition in Disease Treatment and Prevention	4	3
222.653	Food, Technology and Health	4	3
182.640	Food and Water Born Diseases [Environmental Health Requirement]	3	3
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management ³ [Management Sciences Requirement]	2	3

Recommended Electives: (18-23 Units)

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per Term
<i>Nutrition</i>			
222.657	Food and Nutrition Policy	1	2
222.647	Nutritional Epidemiology	3	3
221.611	Food/Nutrition and Livelihood in Humanitarian Emergencies	4	2
340.644	Introduction to Diabetes and Obesity Epidemiology	4	2
<i>Research Methods</i>			
222.660	Advanced Nutritional Epidemiology	2	3
224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household & Comm. Lev.	2	4
340.608	Observational Epidemiology ³	2	4
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
410.690	Ethnographic Fieldwork	3	4
224.690	Qualitative Research Theory and Methods	3	5
224.691	Qualitative Data Analysis	4	5
<i>International Health and Disease</i>			
220.601	Introduction to International Health ⁴	1	4
221.627	Issues in the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Low and Middle Income Countries	2	4
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies ²	4	4
<i>Population, Behavior and Health</i>			
380.604	Life Course Perspectives on Health ¹	1	4
380.600	Principles of Population Change ²	2	4
224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household And Community Levels	2	4
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
<i>Research Ethics</i>			
550.860.82	Research Ethics (Internet only)	1 – 4	1
306.665	Research Ethics and Integrity: US & International Issues	3	3
306.655	Ethical Issues in Public Health (next offered 2011-2012)	4	3

¹ This course is also offered online 1st term

² This course is also offered online 2nd term

³ This course is also offered online 3rd term

⁴ This course is also offered online 4th term

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS

MSPH Program Coordinator: Elli Leontsini

Requirements for Admission

Applicants into the program must have a bachelor's degree in the health or social sciences.

Educational Objectives*

The program offers multidisciplinary training for researchers and public health practitioners who wish to use the social sciences in the design, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs, particularly community-based interventions. The program provides students with exposure to applied theory and methods from the fields of social psychology and medical anthropology and sociology. The combined use of qualitative and quantitative methods is a defining characteristic of the program, and students are trained in how to conduct in-depth interviews, focus group discussions, and direct and participant observation techniques. Students may choose to specialize in the development, implementation, and evaluation of public health programs related to a given area of interest such as HIV/AIDS, child survival, and malaria prevention, as well as a host of other topical areas relevant to the enhancement of health in lower income settings. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to provide technical assistance in assessing the socio-cultural context surrounding public health interventions and in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and behavioral change programs to improve the health of underserved communities.

Competency Area I-General Public Health Knowledge: Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators.

- *International Health:* Describe the evolution of key approaches to address major public health problems among underserved populations in lower income contexts and indicators of their impact.
- *Public Health Biology:* Explain biologic mechanisms and/or clinical manifestations of disease(s) impacting public health.
- *Environmental Health:* Discuss environmental influences on public health and appropriate risk assessment and public health response options.

Competency Area II-Social and Behavioral Sciences: Develop the theoretical and methodological tools useful in gaining an understanding of the socio-cultural context surrounding public health in lower income contexts and to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and behavioral change programs.

- *Theory and Practice:* Describe the relevance of theories and concepts drawn from anthropology, sociology and psychology in the design of effective public health interventions and formulate theory-driven social and behavioral interventions to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities.
- *Qualitative Methods:* Develop an understanding of theoretical paradigms and perspectives informing ethnography and qualitative research, and practice utilizing qualitative methods employed to assess the social context of health and inform public health action.
- *Intervention-related Research:* Conduct multi-method formative research to develop locally-appropriate social and behavioral interventions to improve health. Select appropriate behavior change and communication intervention approaches for different contexts, and describe the steps in their implementation.

Competency Area III-Epidemiology and Biostatistics: Develop a solid foundation in epidemiologic and statistical research and evaluation skills applicable to public health assessment and action.

*For Program Competencies see page 50

- Identify and utilize epidemiologic and biostatistics tools relevant to assessing the scope of a public health problem or the impact of public health action on a health condition(s).

Competency Area IV-Management: Describe management principles and practices pertinent to public health programming. Identify management techniques applicable to public health program implementation and evaluation including organizational and financial best practices.

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Program Requirements

A minimum of 96 total units of coursework is required. Of these, 64 units are associated with academic coursework, generally completed within the first year of the program, and 32 units are associated with a practicum experience, which is usually completed during the second year. Courses taken to fulfill program requirements must be taken for a letter grade, with the exception of courses only offered Pass/Fail.

Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
220.601	Introduction to International Health ⁴	1	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences			
224.840	Special Studies and Research SBI: Educational Goals Development	1	1
224.860 – 2	SBI Program Seminar I – III	1 – 3	1
224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Hhld & Community Levels	2	4
Epidemiology and Biostatistics			
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	1	5
140.621 – 3 (02 series)	Statistical Methods in Public Health I/II/III [Four course sequence, only first three required; IV is recommended]	1-3	4
Qualitative Methods			
224.690	Qualitative Research Theory and Methods	3	5
224.691	Qualitative Data Analysis	4	5
Intervention-related Research			
224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral & Community Interventions	4	4

Public Health Biology, choose one of the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	1	4
120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	1	3
260.636	Ecology of Infectious Disease	1	3
550.630	Public Health Biology ⁴	1	3
340.646	Epidemiology & Public Health Impact of HIV & AIDS ²	1	4

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
223.662	Vaccine Development and Application ²	2	4
260.652	Principles of Public Health Ecology	2	4
340.612	Epidemiologic Basis for Tuberculosis Control ¹	3	2
340.654	Epidemiology & Natural History of Human Viral Infections ¹	3	6
223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	3	3
223.665	Infection, Immunity, and Undernutrition: Interactions and Effects	3	2
182.640	Food- and Water-Bourne Diseases	3	3
380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health	3	3
223.682	Clinical Aspects of Tropical Diseases ⁴	4	3
260.656	Malariology ³	4	4
380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal & Newborn Health	4	3
223.689	Biologic Basis of Vaccine Development	4	3
380.762	HIV Infection in Women, Children & Adolescents ⁴	4	4

Environmental Health, Choose one of the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health	1	4
187.610	Public Health Toxicology ²	1	4
180.601.81	Environmental Health (internet only)	3	5
180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health	3	3

Management, choose one of the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries	1	4
551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations ³	1	4
305.607	Public Health Practice ⁴	2	4
551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management ³	2	3
182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	3	3
551.608	Managing Non-governmental Organizations in the Health Sector	3	3

International Health Electives, choose one of the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
221.627	Issues in the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Low and Middle Income Countries	2	4
221.639	Refugee Health Care ¹	2	3
221.646	Health Systems in Low and Middle-income countries ²	2	3
221.612	Confronting the Burden of Injuries: A Global Perspective ²	2	3
221.635	Case Studies in Primary Health Care ²	3	4
221.649.81	E-Health & M-Health: Using Technology to improve health in LMIC ²	3	3
223.687	Vaccine Policy Issues	3	3
221.616	Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing Countries	4	2
221.667.81	An Interdisciplinary Approach Hlth of Native Americans (internet only)	4	3
222.649	International Nutrition ⁴	4	3
223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies ²	4	4
221.624.81	Urban Health in Developing Countries (internet only)	4	3
380.747.81	International Adolescent Health (course cannot be counted twice)	4	3

¹ This course is also offered online 1st term

² This course is also offered online 2nd term

³ This course is also offered online 3rd term

⁴ This course is also offered online 4th term

Social & Behavioral Sci Electives, choose three courses from the following theory or practice options:

<i>Theory focused:</i>			
Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
410.618	Integrating Social & Behavioral Theory Into Public Health	1	4
410.612	Sociological Perspectives on Health	1	3
380.767	Couples and Reproductive Health	1	3
410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communications	2	4
380.642	Child Health and Development	2	3
380.720	Masculinity, Sexual Behavior and Health: Adolescence and beyond	2	2
410.613	Psychosocial Factors in Health and Illness	3	3
221.605	History of International Health & Development [next offered 2012-13]	3	3
330.661	Social, Psych. & Dev Processes in the Etiology of Mental Disorders ³	3	3
308.610	The Political Econ. of Soc Inequalities & Conseq on Hlth/Qual Life	3	3
300.652	Politics of Health Policy	3	4
380.665	Family Planning Policies and Programs	3	4
380.668	International Perspectives on Women, Gender, and Health	3	3
410.654	Health Communication Programs I: Planning & Strategic Design	3	4
410.690	Ethnographic Fieldwork	3	4
380.623	Adolescent Health and Development ³	3	3
380.747	International Adolescent Health (course cannot be counted twice)	4	3
380.756	Poverty, Economic Development & Health	4	4
410.655	Health Communication Programs II: Implementation and Evaluation	4	4
<i>Practice focused:</i>			
Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
330.620	Issues in Mental Health Research in Developing Countries ²	2	3
410.651	Health Literacy: Challenges & Strategies for Effective Comm.	3	3
410.752	Children, Media, and Health	3	3
410.755.81	Health Communication Programs (online only)	3	4
410.721-2	Translating Research into Public Health Programs I – II	3 – 4	2
301.645	Health Advocacy	4	3
222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition	4	4
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4	4
301.627	Understanding and Preventing Violence	4	3
410.630	Implementation & Sustainability of Community-Based Hlth Progs.	4	3
410.663	Media Advocacy and Public Health: Theory and Practice	4	3

Evaluation-related Research Electives, choose one of the following:

Course No.	Course Title	Term	Units per term
410.733	Communication Network Analysis in PH Programs	1	4
380.600	Principles of Population Change ²	2	4
410.615	Research Design in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	3
340.608	Observational Epidemiology ³	2	4
222.647	Nutrition Epidemiology	3	3
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3	4
223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	3	4
140.624	Statistical Methods in Public Health IV	4	4
221.645	Large-Scale Effectiveness Evaluations of Health Programs ⁴	4	3
223.672	Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies (online only)	1 & 4	5
380.612	Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation	4	4

¹ This course is also offered online 1st term

² This course is also offered online 2nd term

³ This course is also offered online 3rd term

⁴ This course is also offered online 4th term

**Social and Behavioral Interventions Course Schedule
2011-2012 Example**

First year

1st Term

http://distance.jhsph.edu/iol/	Introduction to Online Learning	0 units
224.810	Special Studies: Educational Goals Development	1 unit
224.860	Social and Behavioral Interventions Program Seminar I	1 unit
220.601	Introduction to International Health	4 units
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	5 units
140.621	Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4 units
340.646	Epidemiology and Public Health Impact of HIV/AIDS	4 units
Total Units		19 units

2nd Term

224.861	Social and Behavioral Interventions Program Seminar II	1 unit
224.689	Health Beh Change at the Indiv, Hhld & Community Levels	4 units
140.622	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	4 units
221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction	4 units
410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communications	4 units
221.629	Water & Sanitation Needs in Complex Humanitarian Em.	2 units
Total Units		19 units

3rd Term

224.862	Social and Behavioral Interventions Program Seminar III	1 unit
224.690	Qualitative Research and Theory Methods	5 units
140.623	Statistical Methods in Public Health III	4 units
380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	4 units
551.608	Managing NGOs in the Health Sector	3 units
Total Units		16 units

4th Term

224.691	Qualitative Data Analysis	5 units
224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral/Community Interv.	4 units
221.661	Project Development for PHC in Developing Countries	4 units
222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition	4 units
Total Units		16 units

Second Year

1st and 2nd term

224.810	Field Placement Social and Behavioral Interventions	32 units (16 units per term)
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NOTE: You cannot exceed 22 units per term

Program Competencies

The educational programs in the School are based on a competencies approach as described by the Council on Education in Public Health. The competencies for the MSPH program are described in the following table.

Program Competencies - GDEC

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Trace the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to address the major public health problems of underserved populations and to place these strategies in the context of general development, culture and health policies. Specific emphasis on infectious diseases and vaccines.	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	X	X		X	
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health					
	221.688.81	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care					
	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application					
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household And Community Levels Research					
	410.615	Design in the Social and Behavioral Sciences					
	410.616	Social and Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health					
	410.620	Program Planning for Health Behavior Change Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs					
	410.630	Introduction to Persuasive Communications: Theories and Practice					
	410.650	Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies For Effective Communication					
	223.860	Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Program Seminar					
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					

Describe the epidemiology, biology, pathophysiology, modes of transmission, and strategies for prevention and control of the major infectious diseases of public health importance to resource-poor environments. Be able to argue for the appropriateness of specific strategies for prevention and control in selected circumstances	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application	X	X		X	
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
	223.705	Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	223.682	Clinical and Epidemiological Aspects of Tropic Disease					
	223.689	Biological Basis of Vaccine Development					
	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods I					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					
340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3						
Describe and evaluate management programs for health systems and or health services in developing countries	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations	X	X		X	
	551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management					
	221.661	Project Development and Primary Healthcare					
	551.608	Managing Non Governmental Organizations					
	317.600	Introduction to Risk Management					
221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries						
Identify major environmental health problems in tropical areas and discuss some solutions in detail with an emphasis on water and sanitation. Design a field project for an environmental control measure to reduce disease in a community	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	X	X		X	

2. Identify problems of public health importance; analyze and synthesize relevant data; and develop and implement prevention, control, and evaluation plans			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Identify the major problems of public health importance to underserved populations.	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health	X	X		X	X
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application					
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
Review and synthesize what is currently known about a problem of public health importance	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		X	X

	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application					
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials	X	X		X	
	317.600	Introduction to the Risk Sciences and Public Policy					
	340.751	Epidemiologic Methods 1					
	340.752	Epidemiologic Methods 2					
	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
	140.621-4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV					
Use data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	140.651-4	Methods in Biostatistics I-IV	X	X		X	
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
	317.600	Introduction to the Risk Sciences and Public Policy					
	340.753	Epidemiologic Methods 3					
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
Place the problem in its biological, cultural and behavioral context	221.688.81	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care	X	X		X	X
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household And Community Levels					
	317.600	Introduction to the Risk Sciences and Public Policy					
	410.615	Research Design in the Social and Behavioral Sciences					
	410.616	Social and Behavioral Aspects Of Public Health					
	410.620	Program Planning for Health Behavior Change					
	410.630	Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs					
	410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communications: Theories and Practice					
	410.651	Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies For Effective Communication					
	220.601	Introduction to International Health					
Collaborate in the development of prevention and control plans for key public health problems	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival	X	X	X	X	X
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	223.810	Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and Control					
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
Collaborate in the development and implementation of evaluation plans for public health programs	223.680	Global Disease Control Programs and Policies	X	X	X	X	X
	223.810	Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and					

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
3. Evaluate and participant in field research or programs from conception of ideas through design, management, monitoring, data collection, and analysis							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Review and critique the relevant literature on a topic of interest	223.663 223.810 223.860 Masters Essay	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Global Disease Epidemiology and Control Program Seminar	X	X	X	X	
Describe the key study designs and state for which particular research questions these designs are most appropriate	223.664 223.705 340.751 340.752 340.753	Design and Conduct of Community Trials Clinical Vaccine Trials and Good Clinical Practice Epidemiologic Methods I Epidemiologic Methods 2 Epidemiologic Methods 3	X	X	X	X	
Collaborate in the management of a research study, monitoring its progress and ensuring data quality	223.810	Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and Control	X		X	X	
Produce a statistical analysis of the data collected during a research project, and provide a reasoned interpretation of the results	140.621-4 140.651-4 223.810	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and Control	X	X	X	X	
4. Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings	220.601 223.663 223.680 223.810 Masters Essay	Introduction to International Health Infectious Diseases and Child Survival Global Disease Control Programs and Policies Field Placement for Global Disease Epidemiology and Control	X	X	X	X	

Program Competencies – Health Systems

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations, approaches to the management and control of these disorders, and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Trace the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to address major public health problems of underserved populations and place them in the context of general development, culture and health policies	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.646	Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries				
	300.652	Politics of Health Policy				
Define the most important indicators of health status, identify information resources for these indicators, and describe how changes in these indicators reflect changes in the health status of populations	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.620	Summary Measures of Population Health				
	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology				
Describe the epidemiology, basic biology, pathophysiology, and strategies for control of the major public health problems in underserved populations	120.620	Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	X	X		
	182.640	Food- and Water-Borne Diseases				
	221.627	Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Developing Countries				
	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition				
	223.662	Vaccine Development and Application				
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival				
	260.626	STI Prevention: Using Epidemiology to Inform Policy and Program				
	260.652	Principles of Public Health Ecology				
	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology				
	380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal and Newborn Health				
	380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health				
550.630	Public Health Biology					
Identify major environmental health challenges in resource poor settings and approaches to their management and control	180.601	Environmental Health	X	X		
	180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health				
	180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health				
	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health				
	182.640	Food- and Water-Borne Diseases				
	187.610	Principles of Toxicology				
Describe the social and cultural context of the major problems of public health importance in resource poor settings and approaches to behavioral and	221.688	Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care	X	X		
	222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition				

communication intervention for these problems	224.689	Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Household And Community Levels				
	302.683	Principles of Health Behavior Change				
	303.602	Fundamentals of Health Education and Health Promotion				
	303.604	Program Effectiveness in Health Education and Health Promotion				
	380.630	Contemporary Issues in Health Communication				
	380.631-2	Health Communication Programs I-II				
List the skills needed to address nutritional, water and sanitation, and basic health needs following a manmade or natural disaster; describe the role of surveillance and information systems; and discuss mechanisms and management of response to emergencies	182.640	Food- and Water-Borne Diseases	X	X		
	220.601	Introduction to International Health				
	221.612	Confronting the Burden of Injuries				
	221.613	Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies				
	221.633	Public Health Issues in Disasters				
	221.639	Refugee Health Care				
	221.641	Measurement methods in Humanitarian emergencies				
	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition				
	223.663	Infectious Diseases and Child Survival				
Describe the basic components of an effective primary health care system for underserved populations, primarily in less developed countries	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.616	Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing Countries				
	221.624	Urban Health in Developing Countries				
	221.635	Case Studies in Primary Care				
	221.661	Project Development for Primary Health Care in Developing Countries				
	221.688	Social & Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care				

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
2. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of concepts and application of management principles to the operation of health systems in resource poor settings						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Describe and compare the basic models for the organization and structure of health service delivery systems	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		
	221.646	Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries				
	221.688	Social & Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care				
Describe basic approaches to managing and improving the operation of a health care delivery program in a resource poor setting including process improvement, strategic planning, organizational design, and monitoring	221.638	Health Systems Research and Evaluation in Developing Countries	X	X		X
	221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods in Developing Countries				

and evaluation	221.706-707	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries (internet only)				
	221.810	Field Placement Health Systems				
	221.860	Health Systems Seminar				
	312.621	Strategic Planning and Operations				
	312.633	Health Management Information Systems				
	313.630	Economic Evaluation I				
	313.631	Economic Evaluation II				
	380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation				
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				
	551.607	Pharmaceuticals Management for Under-served Populations				
	551.608	Managing Non-Governmental Organizations				
Describe the alternative approaches to financing health systems in developing countries	221.646	Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries	X	X		
	313.640	Health Economics				
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.602	Approaches to Managing Health Services Organizations				
Prepare a budget, capital plan, and human resource plan for a health program	221.606	Training Methods and Continuing Education for Health Workers	X	X	X	
	312.617	Fundamentals of Financial Accounting				
	551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management				
	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				

Evaluation Opportunities

			Evaluation Opportunities			
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
3. Analyze and synthesize data relevant to the management and control of health problems of public health importance in resource poor settings						
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem and use those data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	220.601	Introduction to International Health	X	X		X
	221.620	Summary Measures in Population Health				
	221.637	Health Information Systems				
	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology				
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials				
Analyze and interpret data appropriately to assess the magnitude of a health problem and compare the	180.300	Research Methods in Health and Human Rights				
	140.621-3	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-III	X	X	X	X
	330.657	Statistics for Psychosocial Research: Measurement				

performance of different health systems on health indicators	551.604	Quantitative Tools for Managers				
4. Produce written and oral reports for public health professionals and policy makers			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities					
Organize and prepare effective oral and written materials for public health professionals and policy makers	221.810	Field Placement Health Systems	X	X	X	X
	221.860	Health Systems Seminar				
	551.605	Case Studies in Management Decision-Making				

Program Competencies – Human Nutrition

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health nutrition problems and characterize these problems in terms of measurable indicators							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Describe key nutritional problems of public health importance, their epidemiology, underlying metabolism, consequences for health, and population level strategies for prevention and treatment	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.840	Biochemistry and Metabolism					
	222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition					
	222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages					
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar					
Define the most important indicators of nutritional status; their relative strengths and weaknesses, measurement techniques, and information sources; and describe how changes in the indicators reflect changes in the nutritional status of populations	222.642	Assessment of Nutritional Status	X	X		X	
	222.647	Nutrition Epidemiology					
	222.651	Advanced Nutrition Epidemiology					
Critique the design and implementation of nutrition programs to improve the nutrition and health of diverse populations	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition					
	222.657	Food and Nutrition Policy					

	222.656	Critical Analysis of Popular Diets and Dietary Supplements				
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar				
	222.658	Critical Thinking in Nutrition-I				
Describe and evaluate successful management programs for health systems and or health services in developing countries.	182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	X	X		X
	221.706-7	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I-II				
	221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries				
	305.607	Public Health Practice				
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations				
	551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management				
Identify major environmental health problems and describe how they affect nutritional and health status of populations	180.601	Environmental Health	X	X		X
	180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health				
	180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health				
	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health				
	187.610	Principles of Toxicology				
	182.640	Food and Water Borne Diseases				

			Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
2. Identify nutrition problems of public health importance; analyze and synthesize relevant data; and develop and implement prevention, control, and evaluation plans							
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Identify the major nutrition problems of public health importance to underserved populations.	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	X
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages					
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar					
Review and synthesize what is currently known about a nutrition problem of public health importance	222.641	Principles of Human Nutrition	X	X		X	X
	222.649	International Nutrition					
	222.654	Food, Culture and Nutrition					
	222.655	Nutrition and Life Stages					
	222.860	Graduate Nutrition Seminar					

Evaluation Opportunities

			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Identify sources of data relevant to a public health problem	222.647 340.601	Nutrition Epidemiology Principles of Epidemiology	X	X		X	
Use data to assess the magnitude of a public health problem	140.621-4 140.651-4 340.601	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Principles of Epidemiology	X	X		X	
Place the problem in its biological, cultural and behavioral context	222.641 222.649 222.654 222.655 222.860	Principles of Human Nutrition International Nutrition Food, Culture and Nutrition Nutrition and Life Stages Graduate Nutrition Seminar	X	X		X	X
Collaborate in the development of prevention and control plans for key public health problems	222.649 222.654 222.810	International Nutrition Food, Culture and Nutrition Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X	X		X	X

3. Evaluate and participant in field research from conception of ideas through trial design, management, monitoring, data collection, and analysis			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Review and critique the relevant literature on a topic of interest	222.655 222.810 222.860 222.658 MSPH Essay	Nutrition and Life Stages Field Placement for Human Nutrition Graduate Nutrition Seminar Critical Thinking in Nutrition-I	X	X	X	X	
Collaborate in the management of a research study, in monitoring its progress and in ensuring the quality of data collected	222.810 MSPH Essay	Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X		X	X	
Produce a statistical analysis of the data collected during a research project, and provide a reasoned interpretation of the results	140.621-4 140.651-4 222.810 MSPH Essay	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV Methods in Biostatistics I-IV Field Placement for Human Nutrition	X	X	X	X	

4. Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities	Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Produce written reports of research and/or programmatic findings	222.810 Field Placement for Human Nutrition Masters Essay	X	X	X	X	

Program Competencies – Social & Behavioral Interventions

1. Demonstrate knowledge of public health problems most pertinent to underserved populations and characterize these problems in terms of measurable health indicators

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities	Evaluation Opportunities				
		Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Describe the evolution of key approaches that have been applied to major public health problems of underserved populations in lower income countries and indicators of their impact.	220.601 Introduction to International Health	X	X	X	X	X
	221.612 Confronting the Burden of Injuries: A Global Perspective					
	221.624 Urban Health in Developing Countries					
	221.627 Issues in Maternal Mortality Reduction in Dev. Countries					
	221.635 Case Studies in Primary Health Care					
	221.639 Refugee Health Care					
	221.616 Ethics of Public Health Practice in Developing Countries					
	221.667 An interdisciplinary Approach to Understanding the Health of Native Americans					
	222.649 International Nutrition					
	223.680 Global Disease Control Programs and Policies					
	223.687 Vaccine Policy Issues					
	221.646 Health Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries					
	Describe biologic mechanisms and/or clinical manifestations of disease(s) impacting the health of underserved communities.	120.620 Fundamentals of Reproductive Biology	X	X	X	X
182.640 Food- and Water-Bourne Diseases						
222.641 Principles of Human Nutrition						
223.662 Vaccine Development and Application						
223.663 Infectious Diseases and Child Survival						
223.682 Clinical Aspects of Tropical Diseases						
223.689 Biologic Basis of Vaccine Development						
380.762 HIV Infection in Women, Children, and Adolescents						
260.652 Principles of Public Health Ecology						
260.636 Ecology of Infectious Diseases						

	260.656	Malariology					
	340.612	Epidemiologic Basis of Tuberculosis Control					
	340.654	Epidemiology & Natural History of Human Viral Infections					
	340.646	Epidemiology & Public Health Impact of HIV & AIDS					
	380.661	Clinical Aspects of Maternal and Newborn Health					
	380.760	Clinical Aspects of Reproductive Health					
	550.630	Public Health Biology					
Discuss environmental influences on health outcomes and appropriate risk assessment and public health response options.	180.601	Environmental Health	X	X	X	X	X
	180.611	The Global Environment and Public Health					
	180.660	Introductory Principles of Environmental Health					
	182.626	Issues for Water and Sanitation in Tropical Environmental Health					
	187.610	Public Health Toxicology					
			Evaluation Opportunities				
2. Develop the theoretical and methodological tools useful in gaining an understanding of the socio-cultural context surrounding public health in lower income contexts and to assist in the development, implementation and evaluation of social and behavioral change programs			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities						
Describe the relevance of theories and concepts drawn from anthropology, sociology and psychology in the design of effective public health interventions and formulate theory-driven social and behavioral interventions to improve the health and well-being of underserved communities.	180.655	Baltimore Food Sys: A case study of urban food env.	X	X	X	X	X
	221.605	History of International Health and Development					
	221.661	Project Development for Primary Health Care in Developing Countries					
	222.654	Food, Culture, and Nutrition					
	224.689	Health Behavior Change At The Individual, Household And Community Levels					
	300.652	Politics of Health Policy					
	301.627	Understanding and Preventing Violence					
	301.645	Health Advocacy					
	308.610	The Political Economy of Social Inequalities and its Consequences for Health and Quality of Life					
	330.661	Social, Psych. & Dev. Processes in the etiology Of Mental Disorders					
	380.623	Adolescent Health and Development					
	380.642	Child Health and Development					
	380.665	Family Planning, Policies and Programs					
	380.668	International Perspectives on Women, Gender, and Health					
	380.720	Masculinity, Sexual Behavior and Health: Adolescence					

	380.720	Masculinity, Sexual Behavior and Health: Adolescence and Beyond					
	380.756	Poverty, Economic Development and Health					
	380.767	Couples and Reproductive Health					
	410.612	Sociological Perspectives on Health					
	410.613	Psychosocial Factors in Health and Illness					
	410.618	Integrating Social and Behavioral Theory into Public Health					
	410.619	Integrating Social and Behavioral Theory into Public Health. Part II: Applications					
	410.630	Implementation and Sustainability of Community-Based Health Programs					
	410.650	Introduction to Persuasive Communications					
	410.651	Communication Strategies for Health Education and Promotion					
	410.654	Health Communication Programs I: Planning and Strategic Design					
	410.655	Health Communication Programs II: Implementation and Evaluation					
	410.721-2	Translating Research into Public Health Programs I-2					
	410.752	Children, Media and Health					
Develop an understanding of theoretical paradigms and perspectives informing ethnography and qualitative research, and practice utilizing qualitative methods employed to assess the social context of health and inform public health action.	410.690	Ethnographic Fieldwork	X	X	X	X	X
	224.690	Qualitative Research Theory and Methods					
	224.691	Qualitative Data Analysis					
Describe and utilize multi-method formative research to develop locally-appropriate social and behavioral interventions to improve health. Select appropriate behavior change and communication intervention approaches for different contexts, and describe the steps in their implementation.	222.647	Nutrition Epidemiology	X	X	X	X	X
	223.664	Design and Conduct of Community Trials					
	223.672	Data Management Methods in Health Research Studies					
	224.692	Formative Research for Behavioral and Community Interventions					
	330.620	Issues in Mental Health Research in Developing Countries					
	340.608	Observational Epidemiology					
	380.600	Principles of Population Change					
	380.611	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation					
	380.612	Applications in Program Monitoring and Evaluation					
	380.733	Communication Network Analysis in Public Health Programs					

Evaluation Opportunities

3. Develop a solid foundation in epidemiologic and statistical research and evaluation skills applicable to public health assessment and action.

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities		Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Identify and utilize epidemiologic and biostatistics tools relevant to assessing the scope of a public health problem and/or the impact of public health action on a given condition.	340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	X	X	X	X	X
	140.621-4	Statistical Methods in Public Health I-IV					

4. Describe management principles and practices pertinent to public health programming.

Specific Competencies	Learning Opportunities		Evaluation Opportunities				
			Course Work/Exam	Written Comps	Field Placement	Masters Essay	Poster Presentation
Identify management techniques applicable to public health program implementation and evaluation including organizational and financial best practices.	182.623	Occupational Safety and Health Management	X	X	X	X	X
	221.706-7	Management of Health Systems in Developing Countries I-II					
	221.722	Quality Assurance Management Methods for Developing Countries					
	305.607	Public Health Practice					
	551.601	Managing Health Services Organizations					
	551.603	Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management					
	551.608	Managing NGOs in the Health Sector					

Practicum Proposal Cover Sheet
Department of International Health

Student Information

Student Name _____ **Matriculation Date** _____
Please Print Name Term/Year

Program Area _____ **Email Address** _____

Advisor's Name _____

Practicum Information

Project Title (if applicable) _____

Brief Description of Practicum Project

Name of Sponsoring Organization/Project _____

Division within Organization (if applicable) _____

Organization Contact/Supervisor _____

Contact/Supervisor Email Address _____

Organization URL _____

Practicum Location/Funding

City _____ **State** _____ **Country:** _____

Start Date _____ **End Date** _____

Is the project funded? YES _____ **NO** _____ **Type of Funding** _____
(Example: Stipend, Living/Travel Costs, etc...)

Amount of Funding _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Attach a 3-5 page description of your practicum

MSPH ESSAY APPROVAL FORM

Name of Student:

Essay Title:

Advisor:

_____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

2nd Reader

_____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

*Signature denotes approval of essay

Academic Advisor Evaluation Form

This form is to be completed and turned into the Departmental Academic Coordinator twice per year, at the end of 2nd and 4th terms. Honest evaluations of advisor performance are an integral part of faculty annual performance evaluation by the Department Chair. Under no circumstances will individual student responses to this evaluation be identified to the faculty member.

Circle one

Program Area: DPEC HN HS SBI DPH **Degree:** MSPH PhD DPH **Evaluation Term:** 2nd 4th

Advisor: _____

1. Over the past two terms, how satisfied are you with the advice from the following people?

	Advisor	Faculty Program Coordinator
Very Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat Satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neutral	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat Dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very Dissatisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Do you feel the following people are concerned with your progress?

	Advisor	Faculty Program Coordinator
Yes, Definitely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, Probably	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probably Not	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Definitely Not	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. On average in the past 2 terms, how often did you meet in person with the following people each term?

Advisor: _____ per term Program Coordinator: _____ per term

4. Over the past two terms, how often have you just dropped in for a discussion with:

Advisor: _____ per term Program Coordinator: _____ per term

5. Over the past two terms, have you had trouble meeting with either of the following people? For example, have they broken appointments or been unresponsive in scheduling a meeting?

	Advisor	Faculty Program Coordinator
Yes, Problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Over the past two terms, have you and each of the following people established a satisfactory method for advising by email when the faculty member is traveling?

	Advisor	Faculty Program Coordinator
Yes, Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No, Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Do you feel that you and your advisor share common areas of interest?

Yes, Similar Interests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>
No, Dissimilar Interests	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Do you feel you would be better served by a different advisor?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, please explain: _____
Unsure	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

International Travel Checklist

This check list must be completed and submitted to your advisor and Cristina Salazar no later than 2 months prior to travel.

Name: _____

Degree: _____ Program: _____

Advisor: _____ Citizenship: _____

Country of travel: _____

Dates of travel (if travel dates are not finalized, give approximate dates and length of stay):

1. Have you fully read the recommendations for student travel in your Academic Guide?

Yes No

2. Are there any travel warnings issued by the U.S. State Department http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html for the country you will visit?

Yes No

If Yes, you **MUST** submit the Form Traveling to Countries with Travel Warnings

3. Are there any special security issues for the country that you are traveling or that you are aware of?

Yes No

If yes, copy and paste travel warning paragraphs from the state.gov website on your specific country here or submit a separate sheet of paper: _____

4. Have you ever been to this country before?

Yes No

If yes, when and for how long? _____

5. Has IRB approval been obtained?

Yes No Pending Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

6. Have local collaborators approved your visit?

Yes No Pending Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

7. What organization will you be working/collaborating with while traveling:

8. Have you secured approval of your thesis committee for dissertation research and your advisor (for doctoral students), or from your advisor and your program coordinator (for MSPH students)?

Yes No Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

9. For MSPH Students ONLY: Have you given the documentation for your internship to your MSPH academic program coordinator and Carol Buckley as required?

Yes No

10. Do you currently hold round-trip airline tickets for the trip?

Yes No Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

11. How will you finance your travel, food and lodging?

12. Do you have a visa for your trip?

Yes No, but will get one soon Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

13. Is your passport valid for the period of your trip, and for the next six months?

Yes No Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation _____

Health:

14. Have you visited a travel medicine office or your physician to seek advice on health and vaccinations?

Yes No Not Needed

If not needed, provide explanation: _____

15. Do you have your SOS card (available in W3041, the Support Services Office)?

Yes No Not Needed

16. What vaccinations have you received in preparation for this trip?

17. Are you traveling to a malaria zone?

Yes No

If yes, have you secured a full supply of malaria medications?

Yes No

18. Have you been vaccinated for yellow fever?

Yes No

If yes, do you have an International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP)?

Yes No

19. Do you have health insurance that will be valid for medical treatment in the country you are visiting while you are away?

Yes No

If yes, please list your medical insurance company, and list policy number:

If no, please explain why health insurance is not needed:

20. Do you have any special health problems that may affect you while traveling, or chronic health problems? List them and indicate how they may affect you while traveling, and how you will deal with related problems.

21. If you take medications regularly, do you have an adequate supply of medications for your trip?

Yes No

If no: Sometimes pharmacies need verification from the department stating your extended travel and your need for Rx for more than 3 months. Cristina Salazar (E8518) can write this letter for you. Will you need a letter for your Rx?

Yes No

Safety:

22. Who is your point of contact in the U.S. in the event of an emergency? List name, relationship, email (if available), home phone, and cell phone:

23. Indicate how your advisor can reach you in the event of an emergency. Provide address, email, fax, Skype ID/Gmail ID/Yahoo ID, and phone:

24. Name of organization you will be working with

25. Provide the contact information for your collaborators in the host country. Give name address, email, fax, and phone:

Student signature: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

Note to advisor: Please take time to go through this form with the student. Discuss administrative, health and safety issues with the student. If there is any significant doubt about the health and safety of this student you should contact the Program Director or Department chair to discuss if approval for travel should be granted. This form should be kept on file during the duration of the student's travel, and for 1 year after their return.

Traveling to Countries with Travel Warnings Form

Student must submit this form if question 3 in the Travel Checklist was marked Yes.

This form must be submitted to Cristina Salazar along with the International Travel Checklist, the Safety or Evacuation Plan, and photocopies of your passport, health insurance and student ID, at least 2 months before the proposed travel date.

Student's Full Name:

Program Area:

Degree:

1. Country of Citizenship:

2. Country and city of Travel:

3. Length of Stay:

4. Address of the nearest U.S. consulate and your country's consulate, while in this country:

5. Will this trip satisfy a degree requirement (MSPH internship, Doctoral Thesis, Doctoral Non-Thesis Related Research)?

MSPH Internship

Doctoral Thesis

Doctoral Non-Thesis related Research

Other _____

No

6. Please name the organization and/or faculty member you will be working in this country:

7. List all the cities, towns, and rural areas you will be working in:

8. Does the organization/faculty member have a safety or evacuation plan in place in case of emergencies?

Yes No

If Yes, please include a copy of the safety plan in this form

9. What project will you be working on?

10. What will be your specific duties?

11. Who will be your direct supervisor?

12. What is the address and telephone number of the main office you will be working in?

13. What is your lodging plan while traveling abroad?

14. Provide justification for working in this specific country

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Advisor or Faculty member responsible only:

_____ I have no issues or concerns with this student's travel

_____ I have concerns regarding this student's travel

Please comment on any aspects of the project you would like the committee to consider when reviewing this form

Advisor/Faculty's signature

Date: