

Academic Standards

MHS students must unconditionally meet the following academic standards:

Every Term:

- A minimum of 16 units must be taken each term
- Achieve a B or better in required PFRH courses
- All required courses must be taken for a letter grade

By the End of the program:

- Achieve an overall GPA of 3.0 for all course work. A 3.0 GPA must be maintained in order to graduate
- Successfully complete the required original essay

The MHS Director and Academic Coordinator, representing the MHS Committee, review and credential the academic progress of all MHS students at the end of each term. A tracking sheet summarizing the student's progress is provided to the advisor and student immediately after the review. The tracking sheet makes note of if a student is not making satisfactory progress. The advisor and student are then required to meet and provide a formal letter to the Chair of the MHS Program indicating how the student will meet the academic standard(s).

PFRH Policy for Failure to Meet Academic Standards:

If a MHS student cannot meet the academic standards, a formal letter requesting remediation may be submitted by the student and advisor to the Chair of the MHS Program. Judgment concerning dismissal from the program for students demonstrating substandard academic performance will be made by the MHS Committee in consultation with the Chair of PFRH.

In order to graduate, students must:

- complete a minimum of **64** units, including **32** units in demographic methods and substance
- a minimum of 16 units must be taken each term
- successfully complete courses in the responsible conduct of research
- achieve a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all course work
- achieve a grade "B" or better in all PFRH courses
- successfully complete an original essay of publishable quality based on secondary data analysis (2 units)

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The following PFRH courses are required:

380.600	Principles of Population Change	4 units	2 nd Term-or-
380.600.81	Principles of Population Change (Internet Option)	4 units	2 nd Term
380.603	Demographic Methods for Public Health	4 units	2 nd Term-or-
380.603.81	Demographic Methods for Public Health (Internet Option)	4 units	3 rd Term
380.604	Life Course Perspectives on Health	4 units	1 st Term-or-
380.604.81	Life Course Perspective on Health (Internet Option)	4 units	1 st Term
380.650	Fundamentals of Life Tables	4 units	3 rd Term
380.651	Methods & Measures in Population Studies	4 units	4 th Term
380.655	Social and Economic Aspects of Human Fertility	4 units	1 st Term
380.756	Poverty, Economic Development & Health	4 units	4 th Term

Students must take one of the two following courses:

221.627	Issues in the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality in Low Income Countries	4 units	2 nd Term
380.765.81	Preventing Infant Mortality and Promoting the Health of Women, Infant, and Children	3 units	4 th Term

The following quantitative sciences courses are required:

140.621	Statistical Methods in Public Health I	4 units	1 st Term
140.622	Statistical Methods in Public Health II	4 units	2 nd Term
140.623	Statistical Methods in Public Health III	4 units	3 rd Term
140.624	Statistical Methods in Public Health IV**	4 units	4 th Term
340.601	Principles of Epidemiology	5 units	1 st Term

The following research ethics courses are required:

550.860.82	Research Ethics (1 unit)	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd or 4 th Term	Option
550.865.81	Public Health Perspectives on Research	1 unit	2 nd Term

** Optional, but highly recommended

Original Essay (380.840 SS/R, 2 units)

An original essay of publishable quality based on secondary data analysis will be required. The length and content of the essay will be determined with the student's faculty advisor and will be one of the final requirements prior to graduation. At least two departmental faculty will be readers, including the student's advisor. Each reader will be required to submit a letter to the Chair of the Department approving the essay.

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2010-2011 Deadlines 1 year MHS in Demography

Tasks	2010-11 Deadlines
Select faculty members (1 st reader and 2 nd readers) with whom to work on master's essay with approval of advisor	During 3 rd Term January/early February deadline for readers
Register for 380.840 SS/R in PFRH with advisor Develop essay topic with 1 st reader	January/early February (2 units)
Identify 1 st and 2 nd Reader for MHS Essay and submit Reader's Names to Academic Coordinator	January 31, 2011
Submit essay outline to 1 st reader	February 28, 2011
Final outline of essay completed	March 7, 2011
Submit 1 st draft of essay to 1 st reader	April 11, 2011
Submit copy of completed essay to 1 st and 2 nd reader for final edits	April 25, 2011
Submit final copy (with 1 st and 2 nd reader's revisions) to both readers	May 9, 2011
Submit copy of essay approved by 1 st and 2 nd reader to Academic Coordinator	May 9, 2011
Presentation of essay/project	Before May 21, 2011* *Highly Recommended