

MURP and MPH - Health Promotion Track Dual Degree Curriculum

Students in the MURP/MPH Health Promotion track will need to complete at least 112 credits, which consists of 72 Urban and Regional Planning credits and 60 Public Health credits; 20 credits are shared across the programs. (See sample course map below.)

In this sample course of study, Public Health coursework will count for MURP requirements as follows: PH 524 Introduction to Biostatistics (4 credits) will substitute for USP 535 Planning Methods II, and up to 13 credits of MPH coursework may be applied toward MURP elective credits. MURP coursework will count toward MPH requirements as follows: USP 533 Planning Methods I will substitute for PHE 520 Qualitative Methods, and up to 8 credits of MURP coursework will count toward MPH elective credits. (See discussion of elective credits below.) MURP/MPH students are recommended to complete PHE 540 Mass Communication during the “Boot Camp” session, which is offered the week before third-year classes begin.

Sample Course of Study: MURP/MPH – Health Promotion Track

Note that MURP and MPH course scheduling may vary; this course of study model and courses may be re-sequenced. Please check with each department to determine the year’s schedule.

Year 1 (25 MURP credits, 24 MPH credits]			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer/pre-fall/notes
USP 540 History & Theory of Planning (4 credits)	USP 541 Dynamics of Planning Practice (3 cr)	USP 525 Design Analysis for Planning (2 cr)	*PAH 574 Health Systems Organization* (3 cr)
USP 533 Planning Methods I (4 cr) <i>[Substitutes for PHE 521 (Quantitative Research Design)] **</i>	USP 531 GIS for Planners (4 cr) <u>or</u> *PHE 524 Intro to Biostatistics* (4 cr) <i>[Substitutes for USP 535] **</i>	USP 553 Legal Processes in Planning (1 cr) *PHE 580 Concepts of Environmental Health* (3 cr)	*PHE 530 Epidemiology I* (4 cr) CPH exam can be taken any Oct, Feb or June after core courses done
PHE 511 Foundations of Public Health (3 cr)	*PHE 512 Principles of Health Behavior* (3 cr)		
USP 515 Economic Applications for Urban Studies & Planning			

Year 2 (24 MURP credits, 19 MPH credits)			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer/pre-fall/notes
USP 515 Economic Applications to Urban Studies (4 cr) USP 584 Negotiation in the Public Sector (4 cr) USP 550 Participatory Planning (3 cr) USP 559 Planning Practice Seminar* (1 cr)	USP 558 Planning Workshop (3 cr) PHE 550 Health Promotion Program Planning (4 cr) PHE 521 Quantitative Research Design (3 cr) MURP/HP Elective (~3 credits)	USP 558 Planning Workshop (6 cr) PHE 517 Community Organizing (3 cr) PHE 519 Etiology of Disease (3 cr)	Pre-fall bootcamp – PHE 540 Mass Communications (3 cr) + USP 559 can be taken in any term after 400 internship hours are complete.
Year 3 (23 MURP credits, 17 MPH credits)			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer/pre-fall/notes
PAH 588 Program Evaluation and Mgmt in Health Services (3 cr) PHE 573 Values and Ethics in Health (3 cr) MURP/HP electives (~6 credits)	PHE 505 MPH Field experience (3 cr)** MURP/HP electives (~9 credits)	PHE 505 MPH Field experience (3 cr)** MURP/HP electives (~9 credits)	** 6 credits of field experience – either 3 (w) + 3(s) or 0 (w) + 6 (s) or 6 (w) + 0 (s)

* MPH core course offered every term.

Dual credits: Up to 20 dual credits are shared between programs. Students must submit a GO-14 form in year 3 prior to graduation specifying which credits they intend to use on a dual basis.

- o USP 533 Planning Methods I [4 credits] – sub for PH 520.
- o PH 524 Intro to Biostatistics [4 credits] – sub for USP 535.
- o 8 credits applied toward both MPH-HP and MURP elective requirements. These may be courses taken in either USP or SPH.
- o 4 credits drawn from remaining coursework, typically MPH core or HP requirement applied toward MURP electives. Field Experience, Planning Workshop, and Internship Seminar credits cannot be applied toward the dual credits.

Details about Elective requirements:

MURP electives – 46 credits of core coursework are required; 26 credits of non-core coursework are required. At least half of those 26 non-core credits must be USP-listed courses. Students are required to work with their MURP faculty adviser to identify electives that suit their desired career pathway.

MPH-HP electives – 8 credits of non-MPH-core/HP-required coursework are required¹. MPH-HP electives must be drawn from courses also applied toward the MURP degree. Students are encouraged to notify the MPH dual degree coordinator about which courses they intend to apply toward their MPH-HP elective requirement.

¹ Normally 9 elective credits are required, but because USP 533 Planning Methods I (4 credits) substitutes for PHE 520 Qualitative Methods (3 credits), one less elective credit is needed to complete the MPH degree.