BS/MPH, MSPH OR MPH&TM COMBINED DEGREE

Overview

Public Health Combined Degree Programs –

BS/MPH, BS/MSPH or BS/MPH&TM and BSM/MPH, BSM/MSPH or BSM/MPH&TM

These Combined Degrees are an opportunity for Bachelor of Science majors in the School of Science and Engineering or Bachelors of Science in Management majors in the School of Business to begin graduate study in one of the public health professional degrees during their senior year. The BS/MPH, MSPH, MPHTM or BSM/MPH, MSPH, MPHTM Combined Degree Programs are a path for continuous study from the bachelor’s degree through a master’s level professional degree at the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (SPHTM). The Combined Degree leads to a Master in Public Health (MPH), a Master of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MPH&TM), or a Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH).

Students may take up to 12 graduate credits from public health foundational courses as an undergraduate that may be applied to both the undergraduate degree and the MPH, MPH&TM or MSPH degrees. This combined degree program is coordinated through the Undergraduate Public Health Office on the Uptown Campus.

Students must graduate from the BS or BSM program to continue in the MPH, MPH&TM, MSPH degree program beyond the 12 credits of foundational courses. Once students have been accepted into the Combined Degree Program, they should meet with their public health faculty advisor early in their senior year to plan study that will incorporate the goals and competencies of the MPH, MPH&TM or MSPH program they intend to pursue.

The Combined Degree Program is for students who meet the application deadlines based on their expected graduation date, are accepted, and continue directly from the BS or BSM program into the master’s degree program. Students who take time off between degrees are not eligible for the Combined Degree. Students may return to the master’s degree program at a later time but cannot apply graduate credit earned in the BS program for an MPH/MPH/MPHTM program with a gap in program enrollment.

The BS or BSM + MPH or MSPH or MPHTM combined degree may be completed in approximately 1½ - 2 years following graduation from the undergraduate BSPH, a time savings of 1 semester. A MPH, MSPH or MPHTM degree typically takes 2 to 2½ years to complete. Actual time depends on the number of credits students complete per semester and the time to do the practicum and integrated learning experience.

Requirements

BS or BSM/MPH or MSPH or MPHTM

BS or BSM students may select any of the professional MPH, MSPH or MPHTM degree concentrations, except the MPH in Community Health Sciences (CHS). The CHS concentration is a generalist program for midcareer professionals. These degrees require a total of 42 - 45 credits plus a practicum and a culminating experience: 12 shared credits (foundational courses) plus another 30-33 master's credits required for their selected MPH, MSPH or MPHTM program (concentration) (See the requirements for each program (concentration).

Combined degree students complete 12 credits from the foundational courses during their senior year (no substitutions):

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If a BS or BSM student has completed the full undergraduate public health core courses, they may waive SPHL 6020 since the competencies for this course are obtained in the undergraduate core courses.

Combined Degree students should meet with their faculty adviser early in their senior year to plan study that will incorporate the goals and competencies of the MPH/MSPH/MPHTM program they intend to pursue. Please note that Combined Degree students must complete all requirements for the BS or BSM and graduate from their respective program.

The professional master's require a practicum and integrated learning experience (ILE). These are done toward the end of the course work and planned with the master's advisor to fulfill the program competencies. Practical experience or internships that is not planned within MPH competencies may not count as either the practicum or ILE.