

Latin American Studies

The MPH/MA Dual Degree Program allows students to earn a Master of Public Health and a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies (LAS). This dual degree program offers students the opportunity for interdisciplinary study allowing them to customize their dual degree by selecting **one of eight MPH concentration areas** and by taking electives addressing issues relevant to Latin American populations. All MPH concentration areas have a minimum of 42 units (with the exception of the EOH – Industrial Hygiene track, which requires a minimum of 45 units). A minimum of 50% of credit hours must be unique to each degree and cannot be used for dual credit. Students work with academic advisors in both programs to determine their specific course requirements.

Latin American Studies (LAS) MA Requirements (36+ graduate units)

- LAS 500, Introduction to Latin American Studies (3 units)
- LAS 550 Research Methods Course (required for students completing thesis), **Or** Interdisciplinary Seminar Course approved by LAS advisor (3 units)
- Courses from primary discipline or thematic area (identified by student with LAS advisor approval) **for a total of 15 units.**
- International public health courses with assignments focusing on Latin America or U.S. – Mexico border (9 units)
- Thesis or Public Health/LAS Internship – 6 units to be completed through: 6-unit thesis or 3 – 6 units Public Health/LAS Master’s Report “Internship” and/or approved elective course work. (6 units)
- Language requirement met by Spanish 330 and Portuguese 305 *or* Spanish 251 and Portuguese 325 *or* equivalency exam. ***Please note: Language credits do not count toward the 36 total unit requirement for LAS.***

Master in Public Health Requirements (minimum of 42 units)

Core Courses (16 units)

EPID 573A	Basic Principles of Epidemiology (3)
PHPM 574	Public Health Policy and Management (3)
EHS 575	Environmental and Occupational Health (3)
BIOS 576A	Biostatistics for Public Health (3)
HPS 577	Sociocultural and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health (3)
*580	Integrated Public Health Learning Experience (1)
	Internship Preparation Workshop (required; non-credit)
	Interprofessional Education Activities (documentation required; non-credit)

Internship

*909 Master’s Report “Internship” (3-6 units) **

Required Concentration Courses (11 - 23 units) **

The list of required courses can be found in this curriculum guide listed under each of the MPH disciplines. These requirements may change from year to year and are specific to the year of acceptance into the MPH program.

Electives (3-12 units) – Approved by Faculty Mentor **

* 909 Master’s Report “Internship” units and the 580 Integrated Public Health Learning Experience course unit can be taken from programs within the College of Public Health with course prefixes of HPS, EHS, EPID, BIOS, PHP, or PHPM.

** The number of units and prerequisite courses varies based on the MPH concentration. A maximum of 15 units may be shared between the MPH and LAS degrees.

