Mexican American Studies

The MPH/MS Dual Degree Program allows students to earn a Master of Public Health and a Master of Science degree in Mexican American Studies. Students gain an advanced understanding of the Mexican American and Latino populations in the United States that prepares them to develop culturally-competent public health programs and policies targeting Latinos. This program provides subject and research competency on Mexican Americans as well as applied skills for working professionals and graduate students interested in better serving the Mexican American population of the Southwest. This dual degree program offers students the opportunity for interdisciplinary study allowing them to customize their dual degree by selecting any one of seven MPH concentration areas and by taking electives addressing issues relevant to Mexican American and Latino populations. The minimum number of required units varies based on the MPH concentration. 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.

Mexican American Studies Requirements:
Thirty-four (34) units are required for the MS in Mexican American Studies: a minimum of 19 core units, 9 elective units from the Latino Health Strand, and the choice of a 6 unit thesis or 6 units of electives and an oral examination.

Required Core Courses (19 units)
MAS 508 The Mexican American: A Cultural Perspective (3)
MAS 509 Mexican Immigration (3)
MAS 520 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: A Comparative Approach (3)
MAS 525 Topics in Latino Health (3)
MAS 580A Advanced Research Methods (3)
MAS 587 Chicana Gender Perspectives (3)
MAS 595A MAS Graduate Colloquium (1)

Elective Courses (minimum 9 units – approved by Advisor)

Thesis or Examination Option (6)

Master of Public Health Requirements (42 – 46 units)

Core Courses (15 units)
CPH 573A Basic Principles of Epidemiology (3)
CPH 574 Public Health Policy and Management (3)
CPH 575 Environmental and Occupational Health (3)
CPH 576A Biostatistics for Public Health (3)
CPH 577 Sociocultural and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health (3)
Internship Preparation Tutorial (required; non-credit)

Internship (3-6 units)
CPH 909 Master’s Report “Internship” (3-6)
Required Concentration Courses (18-29 units)*

The list of required courses can be found in this catalog 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 (6-12 units)* – approved by Advisor)

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