GLOBAL HEALTH, MS

Students are required to complete 12 courses to earn the degree. The curriculum covers ten core courses, including the practicum course, and two elective courses. Review curriculum details and elective choices while you consider applying to this program. Current student should refer to curriculum requirements in place at time of entry into the program. All students in the MSGH program are required to engage in at least four weeks (excluding travel time) of non-clinical work in a health delivery setting, which may include rotations abroad, working remotely on projects abroad, or working in your own community on "glocal" projects. Practical fieldwork experience is considered a valuable complement to the program curriculum, earning students academic credit in the practicum course, which is overseen by MSGH faculty. Additional details about fieldwork experiences are found on the MSGH Practicum (https://sps.northwestern.edu/masters/global-health/practicum.php) web page.

Curriculum

Course	Title
Core Courses (10 units)	
MSGH 405-DL	Foundations of Global Health and Global Burden of Disease
MSGH 408-DL	Epidemiology and Biostatistics
MSGH 410-DL	Research Methods
MSGH 417-DL	Global Health Systems
MSGH 419-DL	Global Bioethics
MSGH 421-DL	Global Health, Globalization, and Public Policy
MSGH 427-DL	Grant Writing, Development, and Fundraising
MSGH 460-DL	Planetary Health: Health in the Anthropocene
MSGH 480-DL	Global Health Leadership [1]
MSGH 580-DL	Practicum Course
Electives (2 units)	
MSGH 450-DL	Sustainability of Global Health Initiatives
MSGH 452-DL	Global Nutrition: Science, Policy, and Perspectives
MSGH 454-DL	Global Health Management & Strategy
MSGH 456-DL	Access to Health and Medicines
MSGH 458-DL	Global Health and Technology
MPPA 401-DL	Research Methods
MPPA 490-DL	Special Topics in Public Policy [2]

1 MSGH 480-DL Global Health Leadership replaces LEADERS 481-DL Foundations of Leadership as a core requirement in the MSGH program. Students may not take both LEADERS 481-DL and MSGH 480-DL.

2 Please note, only the MPPA 490-DL Special Topics in Public Policy course - Demography, Global Health and Policy will count toward the MSGH degree.

About the Practicum

The MSGH Practicum (https://sps.northwestern.edu/masters/global-health/practicum.php) is the culminating experience for the MSGH program. Students should apply the competencies acquired throughout their MSGH training into a real world setting. This can include partner rotations abroad, collaborating with global projects virtually, or working on "glocal" (global/local) projects in a local community. Fieldwork is constructed so that students are not simply observers, but able to add value to our global partners work via the skills gained through the MSGH. All fieldwork experiences must be at least four weeks in duration excluding travel time.

Please note that tuition for the course is billed during the first term of the Practicum. Delay of registration for the practicum course until all other coursework is completed may extend the length of time needed to complete the degree. While students may want to fast track through the program, it is not recommended that coursework be taken at the same time as any field experience abroad due to both time and wireless connectivity constraints.

Please note that tuition is charged and registration is reflected in CAESAR only for the first quarter of the Practicum; subsequent quarters of the Practicum course are not credit-bearing, do not appear as a registered, credit-bearing class in CAESAR and therefore do not count towards meeting federal financial aid requirements. Given the federal financial aid requirement of enrolling in two credit bearing courses to be eligible for aid, students in need of federal financial aid are advised to register for the practicum course at the end of their program. Please contact your student adviser for further details.

Students determined to complete the program as quickly as possible (regardless of financial aid status) are encouraged to register for their MSGH 580-DL Practicum Course at the earliest opportunity upon meeting prerequisite requirements (i.e., completion of any four of the following courses: MSGH 405, MSGH 408, MSGH 410, MSGH 417, MSGH 419, MSGH 480. All six courses must be completed by the end of the second term of the Practicum course).

The MSGH practicum course spans three to four academic terms and is typically offered twice per academic year. If you enroll in the practicum course that begins in **summer term**, all travel and assignments must be completed two weeks before the end of the following **spring term**. If you enroll in the practicum course that begins in **winter term**, all travel and assignments must be completed two weeks before the end of the following **fall term**. Total course work from each term listed below is divided into weeklong designations to model a standard ten-week course. However, these weekly formats may not reflect actual time commitment for completion of each part of the course. Please be mindful that you will need to complete all course work and fieldwork within the four-term timeframe of the MSGH practicum course as described above.