

MS in Health Economics and Policy

Where Our Prospective Students Are Calling In From

Joiners from around the world

Countries Represented

- United States
- Canada
- United Kingdom
- India
- Bangladesh
- Indonesia
- South Korea
- Kenya
- Zambia
- Kyrgyz Republic



Agenda

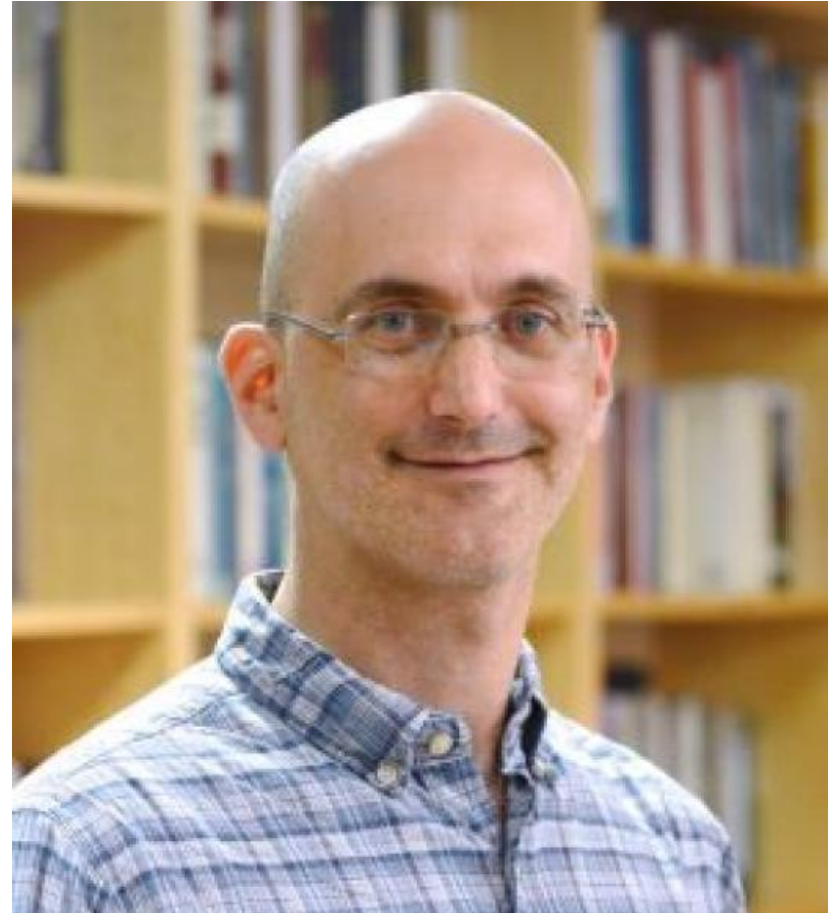
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Introductions

Faculty Director: Matthew Neidell, PhD

Matthew Neidell is a leading health and environmental economist whose research examines how air pollution, climate and other environmental risks affect health outcomes, healthcare utilization, human behavior, and economic productivity.

Using advanced economic and data-analysis methods, his work has explored topics such as pollution's impact on worker productivity, asthma hospitalizations, infant health, and human capital, informing policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and New York City government.



Introductions

Associate Director of Academic Programs, Yelena Meytes LCSW

Yelena Meytes is an academic administrator and licensed clinical social worker. She serves as the academic advisor for the full-time Health Policy & Management MPH cohorts and is leading the operational launch of the Master of Science in Health Economics & Policy.

Her background combines clinical mental health practice, higher education leadership, and project management to develop student-centered systems that enhance engagement, retention, and career readiness.



Why choose this degree?

The **MS in Health Economics & Policy** prepares the next generation of professionals to use economic reasoning, quantitative methods, and data analysis to evaluate health policies, improve healthcare systems, and inform strategic decision-making.

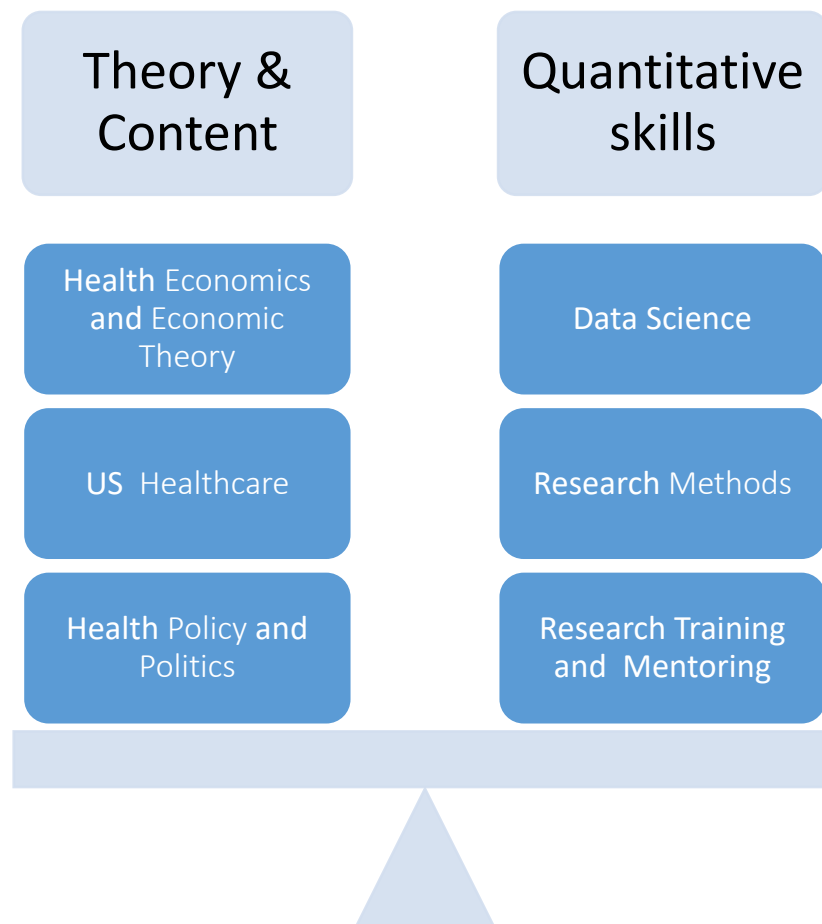
We know that:

- Healthcare is one of the largest and fastest-evolving sectors of the economy.
- Complex policy and economic challenges require evidence-based solutions.
- Growing access to large-scale health data is transforming decision-making.
- Employers increasingly seek professionals who can integrate economics, data analytics, and health policy.

Graduates will be equipped to:

- Analyze the impact of health policies and programs.
- Evaluate what works and allocate resources efficiently.
- Translate data into actionable policy and business decisions.
- Lead evidence-based decision-making across healthcare organizations.

Purpose: to balance theory and content
with quantitative skills



Curriculum & Learning Experience

Fall Year 1 (16 credits)

- Intro to Health Economics
- Issues & Approaches in HPM
- Biostatistical Methods
- Analysis of Large-Scale Data
- Data Science I
- Health Economics & Policy Seminar

Spring Year 1 (16 credits)

- Advanced Health Economics
- Cross-National Health Policy
- Empirical Analysis for Health Policy
- Decision Analysis
- Data Science II
- Health Economics & Policy Seminar

Fall Year 2 (10 credits)

- Health Policy & Political Analysis
- Advanced Research Methods
- Health Economics & Policy Seminar
- Economics Elective
- Thesis & Research Apprenticeship

Spring Year 2 (1 credit)

- Health Economics & Policy Seminar
- Thesis & Research Apprenticeship

Sample Thesis Topics

- How do Medicare drug price negotiations affect innovation, prescribing, and patient access?
- Do accountable care organizations (ACOs) or bundled payments improve quality while reducing costs?
- How do hospital mergers affect prices, quality, and patient outcomes?
- Does AI-assisted diagnosis improve outcomes, reduce costs, or change physician behavior?
- How do deductibles, copays, or high-deductible health plans affect healthcare utilization and financial risk?
- Can financial incentives or behavioral nudges increase vaccination, cancer screening, or medication adherence?

Academic Advising & Professional Development

- All full-time HPM students are assigned **three advisors**: Faculty, Academic, and Professional
- Students have access to:
 - Individualized career coaching, including resume and cover letter reviews
 - Mock interviews
 - Job search strategies
 - Salary negotiation guidance
 - Career development workshops featuring expert panelists and guest speakers
 - Large and engaged alumni network
- Students receive an individualized writing assessment during their first semester, along with personalized feedback to strengthen their academic writing.

MS, MPH, or MHA: Which Is Right for You?

2-year Full-Time	M.S. Health Economics & Policy	MPH in Health Policy & Management	MHA
Coursework Emphasis	Advanced Economics Quantitative Methods Data Science	MSPH Core Curriculum Policy & Analysis HPM Electives	Healthcare Leadership Finance Operations
Degree Orientation	Analytical/Quantitative	Professional/Analytical	Professional/Management
Research	Thesis and Research Apprenticeship	Independent Study Available	Independent Study Available
Credits	43 Credits	52 Credits	55.5 Credits

Career Opportunities



Doctoral & Research Pathways

- PhD programs in health economics, policy, and related quantitative fields
- Research, policy evaluation, and academic careers



Government & Public Sector

- CMS, HHS, CBO, MedPAC, and other Congressional organizations
- State legislative/executive government



Nonprofits, Think Tanks & Foundations

- Research organizations, foundations, advocacy groups, and government contractors
- Examples: RAND, Mathematica

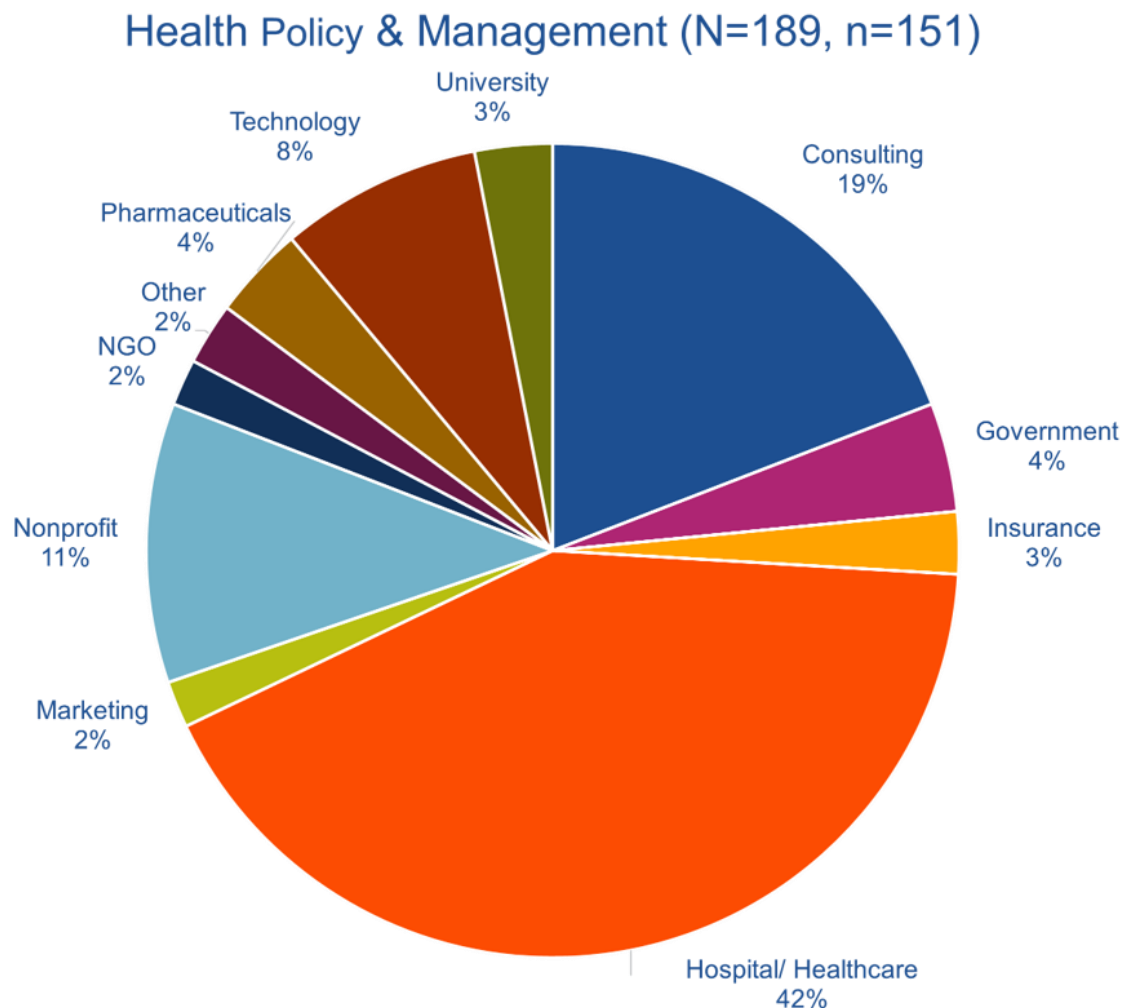


Private Sector & Industry

- Healthcare consulting; pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms, health technology companies, investment firms
- Health systems, HEOR, analytics

Post-Graduate Outcomes, Class of 2025

(as of 1/23/26)



Recent Employer Partners (2025-26)

- Albert Einstein COM
- Analysis Group
- Audible
- Berkeley Research Group
- Boston Consulting Group BRC
- Care Design NY
- Care for the Homeless
- Centene/Fidelis
- Chartis Group
- Clinton Health Access Initiative
- Community Service Society
- Community Health Care Association of NYS
- Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists
- Deloitte LP
- ECG
- EmblemHealth
- Exponent Consulting
- Eversana
- Fund for Public Health
- Global Health Strategies
- Havas Health
- Impact Advisors
- IPG
- IQVIA RWI
- J&J
- KPMG
- Manatt
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Mayo Clinic
- McKinsey
- MDCalc
- MD Anderson Cancer Ctr
- Merck
- Metropolitan Jewish Health
- Memorial Sloan Kettering
- NYC Dept of Health
- NYC H+HC
- New York State Dept of Health
- NewYork-Presbyterian
- Northwell
- ORISE
- Pfizer
- Progyny
- Project Renewal
- Revalia Bio
- Ridgeline Health
- SandboxAQ
- Taikang Healthcare
- UCLA Health
- UNICEF
- UPMC
- Veeva Systems
- Veterans Admin.
- Vizient
- VMG

Is this program right for you?

Students with interests in Health and backgrounds in:

- Social sciences: economics, public policy, political science
- Methods: statistics, data science
- Life sciences: biology

Academic preparation:

- Strong quantitative and analytical skills
- Demonstrated independent research experience
- Foundational knowledge in economics or related field
- Solid communication skills
- Programming experience in SAS, Stata, or R preferred but not required

Application Process

Application Opens: Fall 2026

Priority Deadline: January 15, 2027

Final Deadline: February 1, 2027

Required Materials:

- Online application
- Personal statement & supplemental questions
- Resume/CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- GRE or GMAT scores

Additional Requirements:

- English proficiency for international applicants (if applicable)



Next steps / more information

- Website: [Health Economics & Policy | Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health](#)
- Contact us
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- Q&A