MS Degree Requirements

The MS degree in Sociomedical Sciences trains students to apply social science theories, concepts, and methods to public health practice and policy making. Students can customize a program that reflects a particular disciplinary focus or can craft a more interdisciplinary course of study.

The course of study consists of 30 credits including a master’s thesis and is designed to be completed in either full-time (two to three semesters) or part-time (three or more semesters). No required courses may be taken for Pass/Fail. No more than 3 credits may be taken in tutorials (see pg 8).

The table below lists the required and selected courses for this 2021-22 academic year.

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>P6025 Introduction to Public Health (online module)</td>
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<td>P6400 Epidemiology (F)</td>
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<td>SMS Master’s Thesis: P8707 (1cr/F) and P8708 (2cr/SP)</td>
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Theory Selective (choose 2 from the following list):

- P6728 Health Promotion: Theory, Research, and Practice (SP)
- P8736 Theories and Perspectives on Sexuality and Health (F)
- P8745 Social and Economic Determinants of Health (F/SP)
- P8747 Ethics of Public Health (SP)

Methods Selective (choose 2 from the following list):

- P8705 Evaluation of Health Programs (F/SP)
- P8771 Community-Based Participatory Research (SP)
- P8772 Designing Public Health Interventions (SP)
- P8785 Qualitative Research Methods (F/SP)
- P8796 Quantitative Research Design (F/SP)

Public Health Selective (choose 2 from the following list):

- P6775 Health Communication (F)
- P8703 Health Advocacy (F)
- P8709 Gender, Sexuality, Health, and Human Rights (SP)
- P8741 Structural Approaches in Global Health (SP)
- P8750 Race and Health (F)
- P8757 Global Politics of Aging (SP)

General Electives: (may include courses outside of Mailman) 6