Commonly asked questions

Welcome back from winter break! We hope you were able to find some time for rest and fun. Below you will find some commonly asked questions and answers, along with some suggested links to bookmark.

What is an MPH program of study and is mine already approved?
The Graduate School requires all graduate students to complete a program of study. This form tells the Graduate School which courses you will take to earn your Master of Public Health degree. The program of study is due by Week 1 of your second to last term in the program. You can complete it earlier. In your final term, you will complete an exam scheduling form to notify the Graduate School that you plan to attempt your ILE (Integrated Learning Experience). At that time, they will audit your program of study to ensure that you have met all requirements for graduation. Your program of study is approved after it has been signed by the Graduate School. Read more on page 2.

What should I discuss when I meet with my advisor?
We strongly encourage you to meet each quarter with your advisor. Topics for discussion may include elective courses, course sequencing and your timeline, academic progress and strategies for success, your career goals, professional development opportunities, the internship, and the ILE.

What is the ILE and when should I start thinking about it?
The Integrative Learning Experience (ILE) is the culminating experience in the MPH program and also part of the MPH Summative Assessment. You will complete your ILE in your final term. Each MPH option has its own ILE; you should review the ILE Guide early in your program to understand the requirements. Some ILEs are a professional portfolio and students tend to prefer to work on these ILEs as they progress through the MPH program. The ILE Guide is specific to your cohort year and can be found with the handbooks: https://health.oregonstate.edu/academics/handbooks.

Select webpages to bookmark:
- health.oregonstate.edu/academics/mph/current
- health.oregonstate.edu/academics/handbooks
- career.oregonstate.edu/
- counseling.oregonstate.edu/
- registrar.oregonstate.edu/
- gradschool.oregonstate.edu/graduate-student-success
- gradschool.oregonstate.edu/graduate-writing-center
- gradschool.oregonstate.edu/current

Upcoming Events

Every Friday, 1-2pm
CPHHS Research Seminars

MPH Student Meetings
- Thursday, January 14, 9-10am
  Zoom ID: 930 0414 7487
  Passcode: 752715
- Friday, January 15, 12-1pm
  Zoom ID: 977 1275 5404
  Passcode: 424452
- Friday, January 22, 2-2:30pm
  MPH Virtual Networking Workshop**
- Friday, January 29, 2-3:30pm
  MPH Virtual Networking Event**

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Winter Term Virtual Office Hours
Tonya Johnson
Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm & Wednesdays 12-2pm
https://oregonstate.zoom.us/my/tonyajohnson71
Passcode: 828912

Amanda Armington
Wednesday 10-11am & Thursday 3-4pm
https://oregonstate.zoom.us/my/amandaarmington
Passcode: 152861

**Registration required
Getting Ready to Graduate?

If you plan to graduate in Winter or Spring terms, below is a list of things to remember. If you have questions, please come to one of the MPH Student Meetings or contact Amanda Armington.

Visit The Graduate School’s Forms webpage to complete all three requirements:

1. Make sure your program of study has been approved by the Graduate School and is up to date.
2. Complete your diploma application.
3. Complete an exam scheduling form for your ILE at least 2 weeks prior to your ILE.
4. Complete your ILE and all course requirements.

Program of Study

The Graduate School requires all graduate students to file a program of study. Detailed instructions on the program of study are available in each MPH option handbook. Some highlights to remember are listed below.

- Students are responsible for completing the program of study form on the digital program of study platform. Signatures are routed through DocuSign.
- Your advisor and Dr. Ellen Smit (as Academic Unit Chair) will sign your program of study. School Heads and committee members do not sign MPH programs of study. If you have a minor, your minor professor will also sign.
- A new 15-minute tutorial is available on https://health.oregonstate.edu/academics/mph/current to help you complete your program of study.

- The program of study must be approved by the Graduate School by the first week of the second to last term of the student’s program. For example, if you plan to graduate in Spring term, your program of study must be approved by week 1 of Winter term. You can always make changes to your approved program of study if your plans change.

MPH Internships

Are you planning to complete your internship in the Spring? If you haven’t already done so, please connect with Tonya Johnson to discuss details. It may also be helpful to review information in the MPH Internship Orientation in Canvas and the MPH Internship Handbook.

Please note, the internship paperwork (Application and Learning Contract) for Spring internships is due by March 12, 2021.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Jan 4: First day of class
- Jan 10: Last day to add a class without dept approval
- Jan 10: Last day to drop a class with 100% tuition refund
- Jan 18: MLK Jr. Day (Holiday)
- Jan 24: Last day to drop a class with 50% tuition refund
- Feb 19 by noon: Last day to change the grading basis of a course
- Feb 19: Last day to withdraw from a course (no refunds)
- Mar 12: Last day to apply for graduation
- Mar 15-19: Finals week
- Mar 19: Winter term ends
- Mar 21: Spring internship paperwork due
- Mar 20-28: Spring break

All dates can be found at registrar.oregonstate.edu/osu-academic-calendar

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