

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

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The Department of Health Services Policy and Management promotes individual and community health through improvements in the organization and management of public health and health care delivery.

The department offers the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.), and three dual degrees: the Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health (M.S.W./M.P.H.), the Master of Public Health/Master of Public Administration (M.P.H./M.P.A.) and the Juris Doctor/Master of Health Administration (J.D./M.H.A.) (see Graduate Dual Degree Programs). At the doctoral level, the department offers the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.).

The Department of Health Services Policy and Management does not offer an undergraduate major at this time.

Courses

HSPM 401 - Independent Study (3 Credits)

Enrollment and topic to be approved in advance by advisor and instructor.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Research

HSPM 412 - Health Economics (3 Credits)

Designed to serve as an introduction to economic principles and applications used in the health sector. The role economics plays in various aspects of health care, demand-side and supply-side factors and issues, how various health care systems are impacted.

HSPM 491 - Special Topics in Health Services Policy and Management (3 Credits)

Emerging issues in Health Services Policy and Management. May be repeated for a total of 6 credit hours as content varies by title.

HSPM 500 - Introduction to Health Care Management and Organization (3 Credits)

Provide students with overview of health services management, management techniques and the different roles and functions of the different health care services. Use of field trips and guest speakers from different health care providers.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

HSPM 509 - Fundamentals of Rural Health (3 Credits)

Overview of the delivery and financing of health care in the rural U.S., with emphasis on vulnerable rural populations and access to care.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction: GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

HSPM 510 - Comparative Health Systems and Health System Efficiency, Effectiveness, Sustainability and Equity (3 Credits)

Comparative health systems of the world including health system organization, management, financing, resource use and health outcomes.

HSPM 513 - Issues in Health Care Information Management (3 Credits)

An introduction to data management in healthcare institutions for undergraduate students and non-HSPM major graduate students. Topics include the nature of medical data, legal protections surrounding such information, and basis strategies for managing information technology resources.

Prerequisites: HSPM 500.

HSPM 514 - Introduction to Health Services Delivery and Policy (3 Credits)

Overview of health services delivery in the United States, including organization and financing of health care, health insurance practices, primary and long-term care among other topics.

HSPM 530 - Finance in Health Administration (3 Credits)

Introduction to health care finance. Course will teach reimbursement structures, regulatory mechanisms, cost control, and related factors unique to healthcare organizations.

Prerequisites: BADM 225.