# Typical Course of Study

**MPH Year 1**  
3 academic terms: Fall, Spring, and Summer  
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<td>• Qual. Health Research Methods I (1 hr)</td>
<td>• Foundations of Global Health (3 hrs)</td>
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<td>• Survey Research Seminar (1 hr)</td>
<td>• Global Health Project Development (1 hr)</td>
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MPH Year 2
2 academic terms: Fall and Spring

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**Y2 Fall**

Elective options include:
- Clinical Trials
- Decision Analysis
- Health Economics

**Global Health Track**

Elective options include:
- Global Health Politics and Policy
- HSA: Program and Policy Evaluation
- Clinical Trials
- Decision Analysis

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- Clinical Trials
- Decision Analysis

**Y2 Spring**

Elective options include:
- Essential Skills in Global Health
- HSA: Leadership, Policy, and Mgmt. in GH
- Ethics in Global Health
- Health Economics

Elective options include:
- Biostatistics II
- Epidemiology II
- HSA: Program and Policy Evaluation
- Health Economics

Elective options include:
- Epidemiology II
- Essential Skills in Global Health
- Ethics in Global Health

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