## Typical Course of Study

### MPH Year 1

3 academic terms: Fall, Spring, and Summer  
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| **Fall** | • Epidemiology I (4 hrs)  
• Biostatistics I (4 hrs)  
• HSA: Public Health Practice (3 hrs)  
• Intro to Health Policy (2 hrs)  
• Qual. Health Research Methods I (1 hr)  
• Survey Research Seminar (1 hr)  

**Elective options:**  
Decision Analysis (3 hrs) | • Epidemiology I (4 hrs)  
• Biostatistics I (4 hrs)  
• HSA: Public Health Practice (3 hrs)  
• Foundations of Global Health (3 hrs)  
• Global Health Project Development (1 hr)  
• Qual. Health Research Methods I (1 hr)  
• Survey Research Seminar (1 hr)  

**Electives not recommended:** | • Epidemiology I (4 hrs)  
• Biostatistics I (4 hrs)  
• HSA: Public Health Practice (3 hrs) |
| **Spring** | • Biostatistics II (4 hrs)  
• Epidemiology II (4 hrs)  
• Protocol Development I (1 hr)  
• The Science of Health Behavior (1 hr)  

**Elective options include:**  
Essential Skills in Global Health  
HSA: Leadership, Policy, and Mgmt. in GH  
Ethics in Global Health  
Health Economics | • The Science of Health Behavior (1 hr)  
• Essential Skills in Global Health (3 hrs)  
• HSA: Leadership, Policy, and Management In Global Health (3 hrs)  
• Ethics in Global Health (1 hr)  

**Elective options include:**  
Biostatistics II  
Epidemiology II  
HSA: Program and Policy Evaluation  
Health Economics | • Biostatistics II (4 hrs)  
• HSA: Program and Policy Evaluation (3 hrs)  
• Health Economics (2 hrs)  
• Protocol Development I (1 hr)  
• The Science of Health Behavior (1 hr) |
| **Summer** | • Research Ethics (1 hr)  
• Grant Writing (1 hr)  
• Protocol Development II (1 hr)  
• Public Health Practicum (6 hrs)  

**Elective options include:**  
Public Health Practicum (8 hrs) | • Public Health Practicum (8 hrs)  
• Research Ethics (1 hr)  
• Protocol Development II (1 hr)  
• Public Health Practicum (6 hrs) |

*First-year students are encouraged to attend one or more sessions of thesis presentations in February.*

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**Course registration information and electives:** https://medschool.vanderbilt.edu/mph/course-registration  
**YES:** https://yes.vanderbilt.edu
# MPH Year 2

2 academic terms: Fall and Spring

Students must be registered for at least 8 hours of academic credit in the fall and spring (6 in the summer) to qualify for full-time student status. Students work independently with the support of the mentoring committee on their Thesis. Students may take electives during this time with the approval of their academic advisor.

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**Y2 Fall**

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

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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