



College of Medicine, Florida State University

B.S. Degree in Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences (IMS)

List of Health Management Policy & Information - Public Health Administration & Policy Focus Electives

See an Academic Advisor and review Curriculum Sheet for more information

*Purple highlight = special topics course, must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement

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Course #	Name	Credits	Description	Prerequisites	Department Offering Course	University Requirements	Misc Information
ECP 4530	Economics of Health	3	This course provides an overview of the U.S. health care system and the role that economics plays in advancing our understanding of it. Topics included are the demand for medical care and health insurance, the role and impact of government in funding health care services (Medicare and Medicaid), cost benefit analysis, pharmaceuticals and the FDA, organ donation and vending, as well as health care and insurance in other developed countries. Throughout the course, students have opportunities to improve their writing through instruction and assigned papers.	ECO 2013 and ECO 2023	Economics	Upper Division Writing Competency	Fall, Spring
GEO 4450	Medical Geography	3	This course applies geographical concepts and techniques to health-related problems, including the ecology of health, disease diffusion, medical cartography, and health care access.	GEO 1400	Geography		Fall, Spring
PAD 4372	Leadership and Communication in Emergency Management	3	This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamental concepts, theories, principles, and practices of public information and communication in a risk environment as well as effective leadership principles in an emergency management shared power context.		Public Administration		Spring
PAD 4833	International and Comparative Disaster Management	3	This course discusses practical and theoretical issues associated with international disaster management. Risk, hazards, and disasters are addressed from a global perspective with particular emphasis placed on the differences in key issues between developing and developed countries.		Public Administration		Spring
PAD 4844	Public Health and Emergency Management	3	This course is designed to provide an overview of international public health events that have either evolved into disasters, or are born of disasters. In addition, this course looks at preventing and preparing for public health disasters. A variety of threats and case studies are reviewed with an evaluation of future threats. Additionally, epidemiology and the discovery and reporting of events are reviewed.		Public Administration		
PHC 4030	Introduction to Epidemiology	3	This course is an introduction to epidemiology, i.e., to the study of the description and determinants of disease frequency in human populations. The course focuses on "how we know what we know" about the causes of disease in human populations.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PHC 4101	Introduction to Public Health	3	This course introduces students to key public health concepts, the history of public health, and how the core areas of public health can be integrated to promote health at a population level. The course covers principal areas of public health, including analytic methods, epidemiology, social and behavioral factors, environmental issues, and medical care.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu

PHC 4157	Health Policy and Society	3	This course introduces students to the major public health concerns currently facing the U.S. population and a variety of policies intended to address them. The course begins with an overview of how the American health care system works and how it compares to other health care systems across the world. Students also examine how issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age influence the availability, cost and quality of the health care individuals receive.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PHC 4470	Health Behavior and Health Promotion	3	This course introduces students theoretical perspectives regarding health behavior, health promotion and public health, as well as relevant and contemporary health research. Students are challenged to think critically about health behaviors as well as health policies and politics. Students are encouraged to engage in critical thinking, reading, writing, and discussion regarding all facets of health behavior, health promotion, and public health.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PUP 4931*	Health Services Organization and Policy	3	This course studies policy alternatives and the policy-making process on a specific contemporary policy question in America, e.g., science research and development, energy, regulation, taxes, environment. Varies with the instructor and semester. May be repeated to a maximum of nine semester hours.		Political Science		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu Fall, Spring, Summer Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
SYA 4930*	Sociology of Death and Dying	3	Sociology of Death and Dying is the study of the structure of the human response to death, dying, and bereavement in their socio-cultural, interpersonal, and individual context. Cultural and medical factors shaping a "good death", formation of death perceptions and grief over the life course, functions of the funeral, death-related ethical debates; and traumatic deaths are the topics to be discussed.		Sociology		Fall, Spring, Summer Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
SYA 4930*	Sexual & Reproductive Health	3	Students in this course will gain broad exposure to a number of sexual and reproductive health issues and the interdisciplinary theorizing of feminist, medical social scientists, and public health scholars. We will explore a variety of topics including: demographic trends in fertility, the social construction of sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights, the medicalization of sexual functioning, and the effects of racism, poverty and sexism on sexual health and reproduction.		Sociology		Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
SYA 4930*	Politics of Reproduction	3	Human reproduction is typically thought of as simply a natural phenomenon, yet reproduction is as profoundly social as it is merely biological. As such, studying the multiple aspects of reproduction offers an analytic window onto the intersection between private issues and public concerns, between individual bodies and broader patterns of social configurations.		Sociology		Note: Sometimes taught as IFS 3137 Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
SYD 3020	Population and Society	3	This course examines the causes and consequences of population change in the United States and the world with an assessment of the impact of demographic change on various social institutions.		Sociology		Fall, Spring, Summer
SYO 4402	Medical Sociology	3	This course explains why and how social structure influences the distribution of health and illness and illustrates how the medical care system is organized and responds.		Sociology		Fall, Spring, Summer
SYP 3730	Aging and the Life Course	3	This course explores how changing life course patterns have influenced retirement, health care, politics, and family structure. It also considers the policy choices that have to be made in the twenty-first century as the baby boom generation reaches retirement age.		Sociology		Fall, Spring, Summer