

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
DSC 4213	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		
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	Before Fall 2025: Upper Division Writing	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
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.		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
PHC 4935*	Food and Public Health	3	This course will examine the processes involved in food production, distribution, and consumption. Students will learn how the public health and social structural forces influence how we eat and how the food industry influences our health. This course includes discussion related specifically to the food industry in the US & Panama, in addition to looking at global issues. We will explore issues related to social demographics and the processes by which the food industry promotes systems of inequality. Course materials include a combination of course readings, documentary films, guest lectures, and academic field trips. This course is writing intensive, and students are expected to engage in regular in-class critical discussions.		Public Health		Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
PHC 4935*	Health for an Aging Society	3	This course will examine the aging process as it pertains to health, functioning, and quality of life. Students will learn about aging from the life course perspective, while also integrating information from various social science and health disciplines. We will focus on how the public health system impacts the aging process and how older adults interface with society and the health system for caregiving and long-term care needs. Course materials include a combination of course readings, documentary films, guest lectures, and academic field trips. This course is writing intensive, and students are expected to engage in regular in-class critical discussions.		Public Health		Must be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement
PUP 4604	Health Services Organization and Policy	3	This course examines the development of health policy and its practice in American health organizations. Topics include costs, prices, and expenditures, insurance, programs (Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, and long-term care), and reforms in the American system.		Political Science		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
SYA 3741	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
SYP 4062	Sexual & Reproductive Health	3	Students in this course will gain broad exposure to a number of sexual and reproductive health issues.		Sociology		
SYA 4930*	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
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