MA UEP/MPH Dual Degree Program
Tufts University

This dual degree program at Tufts builds on the UEP Program in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the MPH Program at the School of Medicine. A student completing this dual degree program earns two masters degrees: an MPH from the School of Medicine and an MA from the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning. The dual degree program will require, normally, six semesters of full-time study. Students in the program must be accepted into both programs independently. Upon acceptance, students will be required to meet with the coordinators from each program to plan an overall course of study that matches the student’s background, interests, and degree requirements. Tuition and fees will be assessed and paid to each school based on the semester of enrollment. Students will be eligible for financial assistance based on current policies at each department.

Students will enroll in three semesters at UEP and three semesters (including summers) at the MPH program according to the plan of study approved by both program coordinators. Program coordinators will serve as the joint advisors to enrolled students. Each coordinator will be primarily responsible for ensuring that students satisfy the graduation requirements of their respective programs and that the appropriate number of unique courses is taken. The preferred sequence of enrollment is for students to enroll in UEP for their first and second semesters. The student will then enroll in the MPH program in their third and fourth semesters, and split their final year between UEP and MPH enrollment. Students are encouraged to integrate their knowledge in both programs from the start, as those enrolled in either program may take courses to fulfill degree requirements via cross registration.

In addition to satisfying core requirements of both UEP and MPH programs, students in the MA UEP/MPH program will be required to enroll in one jointly sponsored course (currently UEP 294 Public Health and the Built Environment) after their first year in the program. This course and the biostatistics core course in the MPH program will be double-counted courses used to fulfill requirements for both degrees. In addition, two elective credits must be chosen from an approved list (see below) and will be counted towards each degree.

**UEP Requirements**

**Core (4 credits)**
- UEP 250 Foundations of Public Policy and Planning
- UEP 251 Economics for Planning and Policy Analysis
- UEP 252 Cities in Space Place and Time
- UEP 255 Field Projects: Planning and Practice

**Double-Counted Courses (4 Credits)**
- PH 205 Biostatistics
- UEP 294 Public Health and the Built Environment

Two additional credits of electives selected from the approved list of shared electives
Electives (4 or 5 Credits)
4 electives must be taken from a list of approved UEP electives

Internship Requirement (0 Credits)\(^1\)

Thesis or Capstone Exam Requirement (1 or 2 Credits)\(^2\)
Students will complete a thesis (1 or 2 credits) or capstone exam (1 credit)

Total UEP Credits: 14 Credits, plus Internship

**MPH Requirements**

**Core (4 Credits)**
PH 201 Principles of Epidemiology
PH 204 Occupational and Environmental Health
PH 215 Public Health & Health Care: Politics, Policies & Programs
HCOM 522 Health Behavior and Health Communication

**Program Methods (2 Credits)**
PH 216: Health Care Organization: Budgeting and Management
PH 221 Public Health Methods of Inquiry (0.5 credit) plus
0.5 credits selected from an approved list of Public Health Methods courses

**Double-Counted Courses (4 Credits)**
MPH 205 Biostatistics (MPH Core Requirement)
UEP 294 Public Health and the Built Environment
Two additional credits of electives selected from approved list of shared electives

**Applied Learning Experience (ALE) (1 Credit):**
Two 0.5 credit courses: PH 301 ALE Planning and PH 302 ALE Implementation

**Electives (2 Credits)**
Two additional credits of approved MPH electives

Total MPH Credits: 13 Credits

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\(^{1}\)In most cases the Applied Learning Experience (1 credit) required MPH course will meet the UEP internship requirement.

\(^{2}\) MPH faculty will be available to serve as second reader on the thesis or capstone exam committee when subject is relevant to their expertise.
**Current Approved List of Shared Electives***

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*Additional courses can be added if approved by the Academic Affairs Committee of the MPH Program and by the faculty of the UEP Program.*