

School of Public Health and Community Medicine

Master of Public Health in International Health



About this degree

The School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW Sydney offers a specialisation stream in International Health within the Master of Public Health (MPH).

Public health professionals have a vital role to play in advancing international, or global, health. The critical health and development issues facing the world's populations require urgent and co-ordinated action. Public health plays a central part in investigating health conditions, developing and evaluating responses and advocating for change. Globally, many populations are still struggling with a high burden of disease and weak under-funded health systems, leading to vast health inequalities between and within countries. On a backdrop of global economic crisis, concerns with climate change, global expansion of the tobacco and fast food industries, recognition that communicable diseases know no boundaries, global health issues are major priorities. Whilst high level political interest has led to important initiatives such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which include targets related to controlling HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and improving child survival and maternal health, solutions remain complex and illusive.

This stream aims to ensure that participants are familiar with the global context for health and development from a public health perspective. As well as understanding distribution of health and disease, and public health interventions available to tackle them, they will also critically evaluate the social, political and economic contexts that shape the

global health. Students will learn about the data, the actors, the contexts and the processes through which global health policies are formulated and promoted, and the impact of global economic policies on health. Students will learn to critique international aid and to consider the realities of national policy makers in resource constrained settings.

Who should do this stream?

This program is aimed at any students interested in learning public health from a global perspective and developing a broader understanding of international health and development issues. Students from developing countries may find the stream particularly relevant as they will be provided with skills and knowledge that should assist them in addressing key health issues in their home countries. However it is equally suited to students from more developed settings, enabling them to contribute effectively to international health and development.

Mode of delivery

This program can be taken either full-time or part-time. Courses are offered internally on campus with face-to-face teaching, or externally by distance mode using a combination of intensive workshops and online teaching.

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STREAM STRUCTURE

Students must complete eight courses from the list below:

THREE MPH CORE COURSES:

- PHCM9041 Foundations in Public Health & Health Care Systems
- PHCM9498 Epidemiology & Statistics
- PHCM9012 Health Promotion

ONE STREAM-DEFINING COURSE:

- PHCM9605 International Health

THREE COURSES FROM INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ELECTIVES:

- PHCM9010 Community Development
- PHCM9050 Immunisation Policy & Practice
- PHCM9108 Program Design & Evaluation
- PHCM9132 Applied Research Methods
- PHCM9443 Health Economics & Finance for Developing Countries
- PHCM9522 Politics, Surveillance & Health
- PHCM9606 Reproductive, Maternal & Children's Health
- PHCM9609 Rural & Remote Int'l Health
- PHCM9612 Environmental Health
- PHCM9622 The Global HIV Epidemic
- PHCM9662 Health Aspects of Crises, Emergencies and Disasters
- PHCM9782 Challenges Infectious Diseases
- PHCM9783 Communicable Disease Control in Humanitarian Emergencies and Disasters
- PHCM9784 Tropical Disease Control
- PHCM9786 Non-Communicable Disease
- PHCM9787 Infection Prevention & Control
- PHCM9789 Bioterrorism & Health

ONE MORE SPHCM ELECTIVE:

Any other SPHCM Elective, Internship, or Research Project in International Health