

# Social Health

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<b>Overview:</b>	<p>The Social Health specialisation in the MPH uses the social sciences as its base; it uses a multidisciplinary approach that integrates a variety of humanities and social sciences perspectives on health and health care. It incorporates subjects from health ethics, sociology of health and illness, medical anthropology and the history of health care. The Social Health specialisation draws on national and international developments in health care knowledge and practice that urge us to address health in new ways. The Social Health specialisation provides higher order skills in social health with an emphasis on critical analysis, and written and verbal communication. The social and political dimensions of illness and suffering and the cultural differences in the understanding of health care delivery present important challenges, not only to practitioners, but also to administrators and planners. For example, a social health approach provides the opportunity to address such areas as: social determinants of health, complex ethical health issues arising out of the use of stem cell research, and the development of culturally sensitive population health programs.</p>																																						
<b>Objectives:</b>	-																																						
<b>Structure &amp; Available Subjects:</b>	200 Point Program: 14 subjects and a research project 175 Point Program: 12 subjects and a research project 150 Point Program: 10 subjects and a research project																																						
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POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50
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### Recommended Group 1 Electives

A minimum of four subjects from the list below.

# Please note that 2010 is the last year of offer 505-535 and 505539.

# 505-996 and 505-995 will be offered in alternate years commencing with 505-996 in 2010.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90213 Ethical Dimensions in Health Care	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90071 Aboriginal Health: Past to Present	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90199 Gender and Health	Semester 1	12.50
DEVT40007 Health and Development	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90207 Health Ethics	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90075 Living Longer: Global Perspectives	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90205 Social Determinants of Health	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90210 Behaviour Society and Health	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90212 Community:Theory and Practice	August	12.50
505-995 Critical Debates in Population Health	Not offered 2010	12.50
POPH90209 Health Systems	August	12.50
POPH90208 Key Concepts in Medical Anthropology	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90203 Social Analysis in Health 1	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90204 Social Analysis in Health 2	Semester 2	12.50

### Research Project

The research project is compulsory and allows students to consolidate their MPH studies in a particular discipline(s). Some research projects have pre-requisites and/or recommended subjects to help guide course planning. These subjects are offered in two consecutive semesters i.e. Semester 1 and 2 or 2 and 1. All students should consult with the MPH coordinator early in their enrolment to identify possible research project topics and supervisors.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90105 Research Project in Social Health	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50

**Related Course(s):**

Master of Public Health