

Social Health

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Overview:	<p>The Social Health specialisation in the MPH is underpinned by the social sciences; 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 that address health in new ways. 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. The Social Health specialisation provides higher order skills in social health with an emphasis on critical analysis, and written and verbal communication.</p>																														
Objectives:	-																														
Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>200 Point Program: SIX core subjects and TEN elective subjects or EIGHT elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.</p> <p>175 Point Program: SIX core subjects and EIGHT elective subjects or SIX elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.</p> <p>150 Point Program: FIVE core subjects and SEVEN elective subjects or FIVE elective subjects and either a Research Project or Professional Practice unit of 25 points.</p>																														
Subject Options:	<p>Core Subjects Student must complete POPH90217 unless they have been granted 50 points Advanced Standing (150 point program) or an exemption has been granted.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90014 Epidemiology</td> <td>March</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90013 Biostatistics</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods</td> <td>Semester 2</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management</td> <td>July</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90227 Public Health in Practice</td> <td>Not offered 2011</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Highly Recommended Electives</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>POPH90205 Social Determinants of Health</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>POPH90203 Social Analysis in Health 1</td> <td>July</td> <td>12.50</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90217 Foundations of Public Health	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90014 Epidemiology	March	12.50	POPH90013 Biostatistics	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Semester 2	12.50	POPH90218 Public Health Leadership and Management	July	12.50	POPH90227 Public Health in Practice	Not offered 2011	12.50	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	POPH90205 Social Determinants of Health	Semester 1	12.50	POPH90203 Social Analysis in Health 1	July	12.50
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POPH90204 Social Analysis in Health 2	September	12.50
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Other Electives

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90206 Health Policy	March	12.50
POPH90207 Health Ethics	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90199 Gender and Health	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90208 Key Concepts in Medical Anthropology	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90209 Health Systems	August	12.50
POPH90210 Behaviour Society and Health	Not offered 2011	12.50
POPH90211 Critical Debates in Population Health	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90212 Community:Theory and Practice	Not offered 2011	12.50
POPH90213 Ethical Dimensions in Health Care	Semester 1	12.50
POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design	February	12.50
POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50

Pre-Requisite Subjects for the Research Project Option

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90231 Surveys and Qualitative Methods	Semester 2	12.50
POPH90200 Principles of Social Research Design	February	12.50
POPH90201 Social Sciences Research Methods	Semester 1	12.50

Research Project

Students may apply to enrol in a Research Project in Social Health.

Those students who do undertake (or are currently enrolled in) the Research Project please note the following important information:

Students who have already completed one semester of their Research Project will be completing their project over two semester's (12.5 points per semester) so please enroll in the remaining semester.

Students who have not commenced their Research Project have the option of applying to enrol in a year-long research project or a semester-long research project.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
POPH90105 Research Project: Social Health	Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
POPH90225 Research Project: Social Health	July, Semester 1	25

Related Course(s):

Master of Public Health