Program Change Request

New Program Proposal

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Viewing: MIA/MPH-INTA/HPCH-INTA/HPCH : Master of International Affairs and Master of Public Health Combined Degree Program

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Academic level: Graduate
Effective Term: 2020-2021
Department: International Affairs
Department 2: Hlth Promotion & Comm Hlth Sci
College: Bush School of Gov & Pub Serv
College 2: Public Health
Program type: Combination
Degree designation: MIA/MPH - Master of International Affairs/Master of Public Health
With a major in: International Affairs/Health Promotion & Community Health Sciences (INTA/HPCH)
Associated Program: Not Applicable
With a concentration in: International Affairs/Health Promotion & Community Health Sciences (INTA/HPCH)

Catalog Program Title:
Master of International Affairs and Master of Public Health Combined Degree Program

CIP and Fund code: 4509010001

Rationale for Proposal
This combined degree program will allow students to receive a Master of Public Health degree and a Master of International Affairs degree in a three year period, through a reduction in required credits for the MPH (see companion proposal from School of Public Health) and the recognition by the Bush School of 12 SPH credits toward the MIA degree. This arrangement meets the spirit of the University regulation contained in the “Guidelines for the Establishment of Two-Degree programs at the Masters Level” that programs requiring 48 hours or more "may be allowed to be reduced to 36 hours" in two-degree programs. It also meets the SACSCOC requirement that each degree has a minimum of 30 student credit hours independent of the other degree.

Program hours: 78
Is this program eligible for financial aid?: Yes

Catalog Program Requirements
Master of International Affairs in International Affairs

Program Requirements

Student Advisory Committee

The International Affairs department MIA student’s advisory committee consists of the student’s designated faculty advisor and the Department Head of the International Affairs department, who has the responsibility of approving the proposed degree plan for an INTA student. The Department Head or the student’s advisor serves as chair. When necessary, recommendations in cases of academic deficiency will be made to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Degree Plan

The student’s advisory committee, in consultation with the student, will develop the proposed degree plan. The degree plan must be completed and filed with the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies prior to the deadlines imposed by the student's college, and no later than dates announced in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies calendar of deadlines for graduation.

This proposed degree plan should be submitted through the online Document Processing Submission System located on the website https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu. Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition if it is deemed necessary by the advisory committee to correct deficiencies in the student's academic preparation. No changes can be made to the degree plan once the student’s Request for Final Examination or Request for Final Examination Exemption is approved by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Credit Requirement

A minimum of 48 semester credit hours of approved courses that include a core curriculum of five courses, a summer internship or intensive language and cultural study, and a specialized track of study is required for the Masters Degree of International Affairs.

For students enrolled in the collaborative degree program that leads to the Master of International Affairs degree and the Master of Public Health degree, 36 credits from the Bush School are required plus 12 credits from an approved list of courses in the School of Public Health.

Transfer of Credit

A student who has earned 12 hours of graduate credit in residence at Texas A&M University may be authorized to transfer courses in excess of the limits prescribed above upon the advice of the advisory committee and with the approval of the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater might be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution. Otherwise, the limitations stated in the preceding section apply. Coursework in which no formal grades are given or in which grades other than letter grades (A or B) are earned (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.) is not accepted for transfer credit. Courses appearing on the degree plan with grades of D, F or U may not
be absolved by transfer work. Credit for thesis research or the equivalent is not transferable. Credit for coursework submitted for transfer from any college or university must be shown in semester credit hours or equated to semester credit hours. An official transcript from the university at which the transfer coursework was taken must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

Courses used toward a degree at another institution may not be applied for graduate credit. If the course to be transferred was taken prior to the conferral of a degree at the transfer institution, a letter from the Registrar at that institution stating that the course was not applied for credit toward the degree must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Grades for courses completed at other institutions are not included in computing the GPR, with the exception of courses taken at the Texas A&M University Health Science Center.

Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses

Some departments may have more restrictive requirements for transfer work. If otherwise acceptable, certain courses may be used toward meeting credit-hour requirements for the master’s degree under the following limitations.

1. The maximum number of credit hours which may be considered for transfer credit is the greater of 12 hours or one-third (1/3) of the total hours of a degree plan. The following restrictions apply:

   Graduate and/or upper-level undergraduate courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution, or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater will be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the student was in degree-seeking status at Texas A&M University, or the student was in degree-seeking status at the institution at which the courses were taken; and if the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution.

   Courses previously used for another degree are not acceptable for degree plan credit.

2. The maximum number of credit hours taken in post-baccalaureate non-degree (G6) classification at Texas A&M University which may be considered for application to the degree plan is 12.

3. A zero credit 684 and 685 course is only allowed for non-thesis master’s students. Other courses, including 691 research hours, are not eligible for zero credit.

4. Any combination of 684, 685, 690 and 695 may not exceed 25 percent of the total credit hour requirement shown on the individual degree plan:

   A maximum of 8 hours of 684 (Professional Internship) and/or
   A maximum of 8 hours of 685 (Directed Studies), and
   Up to 3 hours of 690 (Theory of Research), and
   Up to 3 hours of 695 (Frontiers in Research).

5. A maximum of 2 hours of Seminar (681).

6. A maximum of 9 hours of advanced undergraduate courses (300- or 400-level).

7. For graduate courses of three weeks’ duration or less, taken at another institutions, up to 1 hour of credit may be obtained for each five-day week of coursework. Each week of coursework must include at least 15 contact hours.

8. No credit hours of 691 (Research) may be used.

9. Continuing education courses may not be used for graduate credit.

10. Extension courses taken are not acceptable for credit.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student’s advisory committee and approved by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

Final Examination

The Bush School does not require a comprehensive final examination for completion of the Masters Degree of International Affairs.

Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences

Program Requirements

Student’s Advisory Committee
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Student Advisory Committee

The Student Advisory Committee for the MPH consists of an assigned faculty advisor. After receiving admission to the program and before enrolling for coursework, the student will consult with their assigned faculty advisor to receive additional information related to curriculum and processing of the degree plan. The faculty advisor must have graduate faculty membership in the academic program. If at any point of the student's time in pursuit of the degree the assigned advisor is no longer available, the department will assign a new advisor and require a comprehensive advisory session to ensure the student is making progress according to degree program requirements.
**Degree Plan**

The student’s advisor, in consultation with the student, will develop the proposed degree plan. The degree plan must be completed and filed with the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies prior to the deadlines imposed by the student’s college, and no later than the dates announced in the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies calendar of deadlines for graduation.

The proposed/final degree plan should be submitted through the online Document Processing Submission System located on the website [https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu](https://ogsdpss.tamu.edu). Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition if it is deemed necessary by the advisor to correct deficiencies in the student’s academic preparation.

**Credit Requirement**

A minimum of 45 hours of coursework is required for the Master of Public Health degree. To demonstrate integration and application of subject matter learned and the development of written and oral communication skills, a student will be required to take [SOPH 680](#) as part of the culminating experience requirement to graduate. Concentration and elective courses vary among the core disciplines and will be addressed during advising and creation of the degree plan. Electives may be taken upon approval/advice from the student’s assigned advisor and will be listed by rubric, section, and description in the degree plan.

In case of established collaborative degree programs, a minimum of 42 hours of coursework is required for the Master of Public Health Degree.

**Transfer of Credit**

A student may transfer up to 9 hours of graduate credit to the Master of Public Health degree program on the advice and approval of the student’s advisory committee, department Chair, and school Academic Affairs Dean, and with the approval of the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. Courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater may be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution. Otherwise, the limitations stated in the preceding section apply. Coursework in which no formal grades are given or in which grades other than letter grades (A or B) are earned (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.) is not accepted for transfer credit. Courses appearing on the degree plan with grades of D, F, or U may not be absolved by transfer work. Credit for coursework submitted for transfer from any college or university must be shown in semester credit hours or equated to semester credit hours. An official transcript from the university at which the transfer coursework was taken must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

Courses used toward another degree at another institution may not be applied for graduate credit. If the course to be transferred was taken prior to the conferral of a degree at the transfer institution, a letter from the registrar at that institution stating that the course was not applied for credit toward the degree must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. Grades for courses completed at other institutions are not included in computing the GPR.

**Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extensions, and Certain Other Courses**

If otherwise acceptable, certain courses may be used toward meeting credit-hour requirements for the master’s degree with the following limitations.

The maximum number of credit hours allowed toward the MPH as transfer credit is 9.

Courses previously used for another degree are not acceptable for credit.

A zero credit 684 and 685 course is only allowed for non-thesis master’s students. Other courses, including 691 research hours, are not eligible for zero credit.

A maximum of 6 hours of 684 (Professional Internship/Practicum), and 9 hours of 685 (Directed Studies), if approved on the degree plan.

Undergraduate courses are not allowed to transfer to the MPH degree program.

Continuing education courses may not be used for graduate credit.

Extension courses are not acceptable for credit.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student’s advisory committee, department Chair, school Academic Affairs Office, and approved by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies.

**Master of International Affairs in International Affairs**

**Additional Requirements**

- **Residence**
- **Time Limit**
- **Foreign Languages**
- **Internship or Practicum**
- **Application for Degree**

**Residence**

A student must complete 12 hours in resident study at Texas A&M University to satisfy the residence requirement for the Master in International Affairs.
Students who are employed full-time while completing their degree may fulfill total residence requirements by completion of less-than-full time course loads each semester. In order to be considered for this, the student is required to submit a Petition for Waivers and Exceptions along with verification of his/her employment to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies. See Residence Requirements.

### Time Limit

All degree requirements must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until seven years after the end of the semester in which it is taken. Graduate credit for coursework that is more than seven calendar years old at the time of graduation may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

### Foreign Languages

A foreign language background is not required for admission into the program. To graduate, however, a student must successfully pass a foreign language exam administered in accordance with the ratings of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. For this test the student must demonstrate a minimal proficiency in speaking and comprehension at the established rating of “intermediate low.”

### Internship or Practicum

During the summer term a student has the option of either participating in an internship related to the student’s international career plans or enrolling in an intensive foreign language and cultural study. Internships in the United States or abroad provide practical experience in an organization or agency engaged in the conduct of some dimension of world affairs. A student who requires more preparation to successfully complete the foreign language test requirement may substitute enrollment in an approved immersion-type program of language instruction in place of the internship. A person who takes his/her language instruction at an institution other than Texas A&M University must obtain admission and cover all costs.

### Application for Degree

For information on applying for your degree, please visit the Graduation section.

### Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences

#### Additional Requirements

- **Residence**
- **Time Limit**
- **Scholastic Requirements**
- **Foreign Languages**
- **Internship or Practicum**
- **Application for Degree**

### Residence

No residence requirement exists; however, attention is directed to the rules regarding Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses.

### Time Limit

All degree requirements for a master’s degree must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years. Coursework which is over seven calendar years old may not be applied to master’s degree. Time limits for coursework on the degree plan may also apply to transfer coursework.

### Scholastic Requirements

To maintain good academic standing, a MPH student must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.000 GPR. If a student fails to attain a cumulative 3.000 GPR, he or she is placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation must raise his/her cumulative GPR to a 3.000 or above according to requirements to be set forth in the probation letter. Typically, this means raising the cumulative GPR to a 3.000 or higher by the end of the next long semester (fall/spring). If this requirement is not met, the School of Public Health’s Academic Affairs Office will recommend that the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies block the student from further enrollment. If a student is blocked from further enrollment in the MPH program, he or she shall not be permitted to enroll in other MPH courses.

### Foreign Languages
No specific language requirement exists for the Master of Public Health degree program.

## Internship or Practicum

Students in the MPH are required to fulfill a practicum requirement. Specific course names and numbers by department are **PHEB 684**, **PHEO 684**, **PHPM 684**, and **HPCH 684**. Instructions on submission and successful completion of the practicum are posted on the School of Public Health practicum website as well as with the department’s practicum coordinator. Students are to work specifically with their department practicum coordinator on meeting this curriculum course requirement. Students must be in good academic standing, have completed all core public health courses, or be enrolled concurrently in no more than one core course at the time they enroll in the 684 course, and have no registration or university blocks related to enrollment.

## Application for Degree

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Supporting the proposed Master of International Affairs/Master of Public Health Combined Degree Program

The School of Public Health (SPH) and the Bush School of Government and Public Service (BUSH) propose two combined degree programs a Master in Public Health and a Master in International Affairs in a three-year period. Both programs lead to a Master of International Affairs in International Affairs. One leads to a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management; the other leads to a Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Science.

The combined degree programs for the master of public health and the master of international affairs degrees are a natural fit. Diseases do not stop at borders. That is both a public health and a national security reality. Public health work is increasingly international. International affairs increasingly deals with issues of global cooperation on preventing and responding to pandemics and other transborder health emergencies. Bilateral agreements between countries and international organizations (like the World Health Organization) play an important role in managing public health issues. These two two-degree programs will help to prepare students to deal with the international elements of public health issues.

1) Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management and Master of International Affairs in International Affairs

Students will complete 42 credit hours in Public Health. As part of this proposal, the School of Public Health will petition the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to reduce the minimum credits for the Master of Public Health degree to 42 credit hours (from 45) for students enrolled in this program. Students will complete 36 credit hours in International Affairs and the Department of International Affairs will recognize 12 credits from SPH that meet the learning outcomes of both degrees, bringing the total credits to 48 for the Master of International Affairs degree. This arrangement meets the spirit of the University regulation contained in the “Guidelines for the Establishment of Two-Degree programs at the Masters Level” that programs requiring 48 hours or more “may be allowed to be reduced to 36 hours” in two-degree programs. It also meets the SACSCOC requirement that each degree has a minimum of 30 student credit hours independent of the other degree. Appended to this memo is a list of SPH courses that can be recognized by the Department of International Affairs as involving international content and/or providing instruction in topics and skills relevant to a career in international affairs.
The chart below indicates the path for a student to complete the combined degree program in three years:

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As the chart above indicates, the student’s primary enrollment will be SPH for the first four semesters of his/her program (fall 1, spring 1, summer 1, fall 2). During that time the student will complete 42 credits, including all but one of the required courses for the degree. Three of those credits will be a BUSH course (INTA 606). INTA 606 is a required course for the master of international affairs degree and only offered in the fall semester.

The student’s primary enrollment will be BUSH for the final four semesters of his/her program (spring 2, summer 2, fall 3, spring 3). During that time the student will complete 36 credits along with a required internship or language immersion (not for credit) in the second summer semester. Three of those credits will be the SPH capstone course (SOPH 680). SOPH 680 is a required course for the master of public health degree with a major in health policy and management. The student will enter BUSH with one required course for the master of international affairs degree (INTA 606) completed. In the three semesters of enrollment in BUSH the student will complete the remaining required courses for the degree (INTA 608, BUSH 631, BUSH 635 or INTA 605, INTA 670). The student may request a waiver of INTA 670, the capstone course requirement, if the student’s SOPH 680 capstone course has international content. The student will also complete the two three-course concentrations required for the degree.

If the student decides during the course of study to drop one of the degrees being sought, the requirements for the other degree will revert to the normal requirements for that degree.
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ADDENDUM

Courses in School of Public Health that also meet the learning outcomes for Master of International Affairs degree

PHPM 606 – Health Systems Management
PHPM 614 – Strategic Planning and Marketing
PHPM 619 – Organizational Theory
PHPM 623 – Health Care Financial Management I
PHPM 625 – Management Strategies and Principles for Public Health Organizations
PHPM 633 – Health Law and Ethics
PHPM 637 – Political Foundations of Public Health
PHPM 638 – Global Health Systems: Design and Analysis
PHPM 639 – Global Health
PHPM 684 – Practicum (if in international context)
HPCH 603 – Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health
HPCH 604 – Social Ecology and Global Health
HPCH 605 – Applied Research
HPCH 607 – Biological Basis of Health and Common Diseases
HPCH 610 – Community Organization and Assessment
HPCH 611 – Program Planning
HPCH 612 – Public Health Interventions
HPCH 613 – Program Evaluation
HPCH 620 – Introduction to Border Health
HPCH 625 – Health of Refugees and Displaced Populations
HPCH 637 – Principles of Health Program Management
HPCH 636 – Study in China: Global Health Experience
HPCH 684 – Practicum (if in international context)
PHEO 612 – Global Environmental Health
SOPH 670 – Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences