

USC SCHOOL	Sol Price School of Public Policy
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Health Policy and Management
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Health Administration
POST CODE	1102
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Fall 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

The Master of Health Administration builds a solid foundation emphasizing managerial, analytical and public policy skills for those entering the health field.

The MHA curriculum provides students with both breadth and depth. Upon graduation, students will have core competence in management and operations, health economics and policy analysis, healthcare finance, health information technology, and quality of care. The USC MHA program aims to prepare students for management positions in hospitals, managed care systems, physician groups, ambulatory care systems, consulting groups, as well as government agencies.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

This program is open to all majors; the most common are Public Policy, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Health and Human Services, Business Administration, and Global Health.

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
varies	Statistics (e.g. PPD 303, HP 340, Psyc 274, BISC 305, etc.)	Required	varies

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (# units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
PPD 506*	Introduction to Microeconomics – Applications in Health	2
PPD 509*	Problems and Issues in the Health Field	4
PPD 510a*	Financial Management of Health Services	4
PPD 511	Health Information Systems	2
PPD 512	Health Administration Residency Seminar	2
PPD 513	Legal Issues in Health Care Delivery	2
PPD 514	Economic Issues Applied to Health	4
PPD 515	Strategic Management of Health Care Organizations	4
PPD 516*	Financial Accounting for Health Care Organizations	4
PPD 517	Concepts and Practices in Managing Health Care Organizations	2
PPD 518	Quality of Care Concepts	2
PPD 545*	Public and Nonprofit Organizational Behavior	4
PPD 558	Multivariate Statistical Analysis	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

2-4	TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8	TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

48	TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE
8	TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)
40	MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

PPD 506, 516, and PPD 545: If a student has taken an equivalent, upper division course in microeconomics (for PPD 506), financial accounting (for PPD 516), and/or organizational behavior (for PPD 545) they may substitute those courses with elective units instead. For example, if a student has taken PPD 318, a financial accounting course, they may take 4 units of electives instead of PPD 516.

PPD 509, PPD 510a, PPD 516, and PPD 545: For Price's undergraduate Public Policy students, they may take PPD 509 towards their undergraduate degree requirement for PPD 413, PPD 510a for PPD 407, PPD 516 for PPD 318, and/or PPD 545 for PPD 320, up to the minimum required units of the MHA program (32 units or more).

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Name of Authorizing Master's Program Dean

April 9, 2021

Date Approved

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Authorizing Dean's Title