Ph.D. Program

Students must complete at least 72 units including the following:

REQUIRED COURSES (12-13 courses/48-52 units)

- HLT POL 200A Health Systems Organization and Financing, I
- HLT POL 200B Health Systems Organization and Financing, II
- HLT POL 225A Health Services Research Design (6 units)
- HLT POL 225B Health Services Research Design (6 units)
- HLT POL 237C Health Services Research Methodology (6 units)
- BIOSTATS 201A Applied Regression
- BIOSTATS 201B Applied Regression
- Stats Course(s) Additional statistics course(s), 200-level or above (Letter or S/U Grade)
- HLT POL 226A Readings in Health Service Research (2 units)
- HLT POL 226B Readings in Health Service Research (2 units)
- HLT POL 227B Special Topics in Health Services
- HLT POL 423 Practices of Evaluation in Health Services
- EPIDEM 100 Or an equivalent introductory survey course or show proof of an equivalent graduate-level introductory epidemiology course that meets the requirements for an MPH, MS, PhD, or MD program

ELECTIVE COURSES (5 courses/20 units)

SUGGESTED ELECTIVE COURSES
Students select 5 elective courses in the department of Health Policy & Management. Elective courses are taken with the dissertation objective in mind. Students are expected to audit HPM 227A (Fall) and 227B (Winter) throughout during the entire Ph.D. program unless they have a class conflict. They are encouraged to enroll in HPM 227A one time as an elective. A maximum of two 400-level courses maybe be counted. Elective courses may also include those from other disciplines, such as Economics, History, Political Science, etc.

COGNATE/ COURSES
Cognate studies give students a depth of knowledge in a field that is complementary to Health Policy and Management. Students are required to take Ph.D.-level coursework that satisfies the requirements of at least one cognate. The cognate area should be chosen in the student’s first or second year of study and completed during the second year of study. Cognate areas include: Economics, Epidemiology, Health Care Outcomes, Organizational Behavior, Pharmaceutical Economics, Public Policy Studies, Psychology, and Sociology.

- Courses that apply toward the degree MUST be taken on a letter-graded basis.
- Exception: the additional statistics course beyond BIOSTATS 201A/B may be taken for a letter or S/U grading option.
## Recommended Course Sequencing for Ph.D. Program in Health Policy and Management

**Cohort entering Fall 2018**

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* Schedule subject to change.

### YEAR 3+

Once you have passed the written qualifying exam and completed the required coursework, enroll in **HPM 597** under your advisor for 12 units. When you have passed your oral qualifying exam and advanced to candidacy, enroll in **HPM 599** under your committee chair for 12 units.

* Students are expected to audit HPM 227A (Fall) and 227B (Winter) throughout during the entire Ph.D. program unless they have a class conflict. They are encouraged to enroll in HPM 227A one time as an elective. They are required to enroll in HPM 227B one time, usually to present a draft of their dissertation proposal.

**Cognate Areas:** Economics, Epidemiology, Health Care Outcomes, Organizational Behavior, Pharmaceutical Economics, Public Policy Studies, Psychology, and Sociology. Students taking the Economics cognate may need to take some cognate courses in Year 1 to complete coursework in Year 2. **See the Doctoral Student Handbook for the cognate advisors and a list of courses for each cognate area.**