

## NEW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM (USP)

*The University Scholars Program (USP) offers students the opportunity and challenge of integrating their undergraduate and graduate courses of study into a single, continuous program leading to both a baccalaureate and master's degree. The student's particular requirements will determine the amount of time needed to complete the program, but the two programs can be completed in less time than that required in a conventional program.*

*Once approved at the college level, your college will send the proposal to the Graduate Council (GC) for review and approval. (Requirements for the bachelor's degree must remain unchanged, so there is no review by the Undergraduate Council.) After approval by the GC, the GC will send your proposal to the Senate Council office for additional review via a committee and then to the Senate for approval. Once approved by the Senate, the Senate Council office will report approvals to the Provost, Registrar and other appropriate entities, including the contact person. The contact person listed on the form will be informed when the proposal has been sent to committee and other times as appropriate.*

1. GENERAL INFORMATION				
1a	Bachelor's major name:	<i>Health, Society and Population</i>		
1b	Bachelor's degree:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
	If "Other," explain:			
1c	Bachelor's degree home college:	<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>		
1d	Bachelor's degree home department/school:	<i>Arts and Sciences</i>		
1e	Graduate major name:	<i>Master of Public Health</i>		
1f	Graduate degree:	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's of Education
	If "Other," explain:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Master of Public Health</i>		
1g	Graduate degree home college:	<i>College of Public Health</i>		
1h	Graduate degree home department/school:	<i>Public Health</i>		
1i	Requested effective date:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Semester after approval.	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date <sup>1</sup> :
1j	Contact person name:	<i>Sarah Wackerbarth; Robyn Brown</i>	Email: <i>sbwack0@uky.edu; robyn.brown@</i>	Phone: <i>8-2079;7-6421</i>
2. OVERVIEW				
2a	Provide a brief description of the proposed USP. (300 word limit)			

<sup>1</sup> University Scholars Programs are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No program will be made effective unless all approvals, up through and including University Senate approval, are received.

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The College of Public Health offers a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree that allows students to concentrate in one of four areas: Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Health Behavior, or Health System Policy Analytics. The College of Arts and Sciences offers a Bachelor of Arts in Health, Society and Population degree.

The Colleges propose to establish a University Scholars Program to support matriculation from the Bachelor of Arts in Health, Society and Population (HSP) program into the Master of Public Health program. This will provide a formal path for HSP students to begin graduate study.

An applicant to the University Scholars Program will be a Health, Society and Population major and will apply at the end of his/her junior year. Applicants should have completed at least 90 credit hours of work towards the bachelor's degree, or be eligible for senior standing in the semester they are admitted to the MPH program. The applicants undergraduate grade point average must be at least a 3.5 in the major and 3.2 overall. Applicants must submit both a Graduate School application and a University Scholars application form. Applicants will need to meet the minimum requirements of the Graduate School.

This program will likely yield an increase in the number of students who choose to pursue an MPH at the University of Kentucky. There will be a significant savings of time as students will be able to complete their Master's degree in one year of study past the completion of a BA. Students who earn a MPH in this program will be well-positioned to enter the workforce or to continue training in public health, medicine, or pharmacy at the University of Kentucky or other institutions.

2b Explain the need (e.g. market demand). (300 word limit)

*The US Bureau of Labor Statistics projects an increase in demand for professions typically sought by those earning an MPH degree such as epidemiologist (8.8%), environmental specialist (11.8%), community health worker (18.1%), health services manager (20.5%), and occupational health and safety specialist (8.1%). Many positions in the public health sector require a graduate degree. A recent survey from the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) found that approximately 50% of programs have, or are currently developing, a Scholars-type program to transition undergraduate students into MPH degree programs. We estimate five students will apply for the HSP to MPH University Scholars Program each year.*

2c Describe the target audience. (150 word limit)

*This University Scholars Program is intended to serve high-achieving Health, Society and Population undergraduate students who may have already entered UK with credit for prior learning, and who know at an early on in their undergraduate career that they are interested in pursuing graduate work in Public Health.*

**3. Basic Requirements**

3a  Check to confirm that the USP is open to undergraduates with senior standing who have completed at least 90 hours of course work.

3b Undergraduates must have satisfied all UK Core requirements prior to applying. Yes  No   
If "No," explain. (150 word limit)

3c Application to the USP is at the end of the student's junior year. Yes  No



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4b Provide the Bulletin language for prerequisite or concurrent enrollment courses.

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**5. ADMINISTRATION AND ASSESSMENT**

5a Describe how the proposed USP will be administered, including admissions, student advising, retention, etc. (150 word limit)

*This University Scholars Program will be administered primarily by the Director of Graduate Studies for the Master of Public Health program in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies in Health, Society and Population. Students interested in applying to the USP should confer with the DGS prior to applying. The applications will be reviewed by the College of Public Health's Admissions & Student Affairs Committee. Once admitted, the student will be advised by the DGS regarding the Master of Public Health curriculum, and also by his/her undergraduate advisor to ensure that requirements for the BA degree are met. The DGS and DUS will review undergraduate, USP, and graduate retention data periodically and share information annually with the faculty.*

5b Describe evaluation procedures for the proposed USP. Include how to determine whether the USP is a success or a failure. (250 word limit)

*The primary method for determining the success of the University Scholars Program will be the graduation rates of each cohort determined by the percentage of students completing both the HSP and MPH within two years of entering the Scholars program. Further indications of success will be based on determining the number of students entering advanced professional degree programs or obtaining public health oriented employment after graduation. This information will be gathered from the exit survey of graduates.*

**6. MISCELLANEOUS**

6a Is there anything else about the proposed USP that should be mentioned? (150 word limit)

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**7. APPROVALS/REVIEWS**

Document steps in the approval process below.

Reviewing Group Name	Date Approved	Contact Person Name/Phone/Email
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7a	(Within College) <i>In addition to the information below, attach documentation of department and college approval. This typically takes the form of meeting minutes but may also be an email from the unit heads reporting department- and college-level votes.</i>			
	<i>CPH Academic Affairs &amp; Assessment</i>		/ /	
	<i>CPH Faculty Council</i>		/ /	
			/ /	
			/ /	
7b	(Collaborating and/or Affected Units)			
	<i>Undergraduate Council</i>		/ /	
	<i>Graduate Council</i>	5/11/2020	/ / Roshan Nikou	
			/ /	
	<i>Senate Council Approval</i>		/ /	
7c	(Senate's Academic Councils)		<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Contact Person Name</b>
	Health Care Colleges Council (if applicable)			
	Graduate Council			

**BA to MPH PROGRAM PROGRESSION**

**Bachelor in Arts in Health, Society and Population to Master of Public Health:  
Environmental Health Concentration —PROPOSED CURRICULUM**

YEAR 1	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>UK Core CC1—CIS/WRD 110 Composition &amp; Comm I (3) Foreign language 101 (4) UK Core QFO--MA 111 Intro to Contemporary Math (4) Free Elective (3) UK 101 (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>UK Core CC2—CIS/WRD 111 Composition &amp; Comm II (3) Foreign language 102 (4) HSP 255 (3) UK Core SIR—BST 230 Statistical Thinking for Pop Health (3) UK Core CCC—GRN 250 Aging in Today's World (3)</p>
YEAR 2	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>Foreign language 201 (4) UK Core NPM—BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (or higher) (3) UK Core HUM (3) UK Core SSC + A&amp;S Lab —PSY 100 (4) Free Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 17</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>Foreign language 202 (4) UK Core ACR (3) A&amp;S NS (3) WRD 205 (3) A&amp;S HUM (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 16</p>
YEAR 3- apply to MPH program in Spring	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>A&amp;S HUM (3) HSP Soc Sci Course I (3) HSP Hlth Prf Course I —CPH 201 Intro to Public Health (3) A&amp;S NS (3) UK Core GDY (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP Stats (3) HSP Soc Sci Course II (3) HSP Society and Health Course I (3) CPH 310 Disease Detectives, Epi in Action/HSP Hlth Prf Course II (3) Free Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 4	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>HSP Society &amp; Health Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course III (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course III (3) CPH 601 Occupational and Environmental Health I (3) CPH 605 Epidemiology (3) CPH 663 Foundations of Public Health (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 16</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP 499 (GCCR) (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course IV (3) Free Elective (3) CPH 603 Data Analysis (3) CPH 620 Occupational and Environmental Health II (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
Summer (MPH)	
<p>CPH 609 Public Health Practicum</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 3</p>	
YEAR 5 (MPH)	
<p><b>FALL- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 643 Measuring Health Behavior: Quantitative &amp; Qualitative Approaches (3) CPH 650 Public Health Systems Administration (3) CPH 622 Toxic Agents and their Implications for Public Health (3) MPH-EH Concentration Elective (3) CPH 608 Public Health Capstone (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 672 Evidence-Based Public Health Planning and Practice (3) CPH 621 Understanding and Communicating Environmental Health Risks (3) MPH-EH Concentration Elective (3) MPH-EH Concentration Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 12</p>

**BA to MPH PROGRAM PROGRESSION**

**Bachelor in Arts in Health, Society and Population to Master of Public Health:  
Epidemiology Concentration —PROPOSED CURRICULUM**

YEAR 1	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>UK Core CC1—CIS/WRD 110 Composition &amp; Communication I Foreign language 101 UK Core QFO--MA 111 Intro to Contemporary Mathematics Free Elective UK 101</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>UK Core CC2—CIS/WRD 111 Composition &amp; Comm II Foreign language 102 HSP 255 UK Core SIR—BST 230 Statistical Thinking for Pop Health UK Core CCC—GRN 250 Aging in Today's World</p>
YEAR 2	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>Foreign language 201 UK Core NPM—BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (or higher level) UK Core HUM UK Core SSC + A&amp;S Lab —PSY 100 Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>Foreign language 202 UK Core ACR A&amp;S NS WRD 205 A&amp;S HUM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 3- apply to MPH program in Spring	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>A&amp;S HUM HSP Soc Sci Course I HSP Hlth Prf Course I —CPH 201 Introduction to Public Health A&amp;S NS UK Core GDY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP Stats HSP Soc Sci Course II HSP Society and Health Course I CPH 310 Disease Detectives, Epidemiology in Action Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 4	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>HSP Hlth Prof Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course III (3) CPH 643 Measuring Health Behavior: Quantitative &amp; Qualitative Approaches (3) CPH 605 Epidemiology (3) CPH 663 Foundations of Public Health (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 16</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP 499 (GCCR) (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course IV (3) Free Elective (3) CPH 603 Data Analysis (3) CPH 712 Advanced Epidemiology (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
Summer (MPH)	
<p>CPH 609 Public Health Practicum (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 3</p>	
YEAR 5 (MPH)	
<p><b>FALL- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 650 Public Health Systems Administration (3) CPH 660 Disease Mapping &amp; Data Visualization (3) CPH 615 Cancer Epidemiology (3) or CPH 711 Chronic Disease Epidemiology (3) CPH 608 Public Health Capstone (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 12</p>	<p><b>SPRING- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 672 Evidence-Based Public Health Planning &amp; Practice (3) CPH 621 Understanding and Communicating Environmental Health Risks (3) CPH 612 Infectious Disease Epidemiology (3) MPH-EPI Concentration Elective (3) MPH-EPI Concentration Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>

**BA to MPH PROGRAM PROGRESSION**

**Bachelor in Arts in Health, Society and Population to Master of Public Health:  
Health Behavior Concentration —PROPOSED CURRICULUM**

YEAR 1	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>UK Core CC1—CIS/WRD 110 Composition &amp; Communication I Foreign language 101 UK Core QFO--MA 111 Intro to Contemporary Mathematics Free Elective UK 101</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>UK Core CC2—CIS/WRD 111 Composition &amp; Communication II Foreign language 102 HSP 255 UK Core SIR—BST 230 Statistical Thinking for Population Health UK Core CCC—GRN 250 Aging in Today's World</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 2	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>Foreign language 201 UK Core NPM—BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (or higher level) UK Core HUM UK Core SSC + A&amp;S Lab —PSY 100 Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>Foreign language 202 UK Core ACR A&amp;S NS WRD 205 A&amp;S HUM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 3- apply to MPH program in Spring	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>A&amp;S HUM HSP Soc Sci Course I HSP Hlth Prf Course I —CPH 201 Introduction to Public Health A&amp;S NS UK Core GDY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP Stats HSP Soc Sci Course II HSP Society and Health Course I CPH 310 Disease Detectives, Epidemiology in Action Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 4	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>HSP Hlth Prof Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course III (3) CPH 643 Measuring Health Behavior: Quantitative &amp; Qualitative Approaches (3) CPH 604 Foundations of Health Behavior I (2) CPH 663 Foundations of Public Health (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP 499 (GCCR) (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course IV (3) Free Elective (3) CPH 603 Data Analysis (3) CPH 674 Foundations of Health Behavior II (2)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 14</p>
Summer (MPH)	
<p>CPH 609 Public Health Practicum</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 3</p>	
YEAR 5 (MPH)	
<p><b>FALL- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 605 Epidemiology (3) CPH 650 Public Health Systems Administration (3) CPH 746 Research Method for Health Behavior (3) MPH-HB Concentration Elective (3) MPH-HB Concentration Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 672 Evidence-Based Public Health Planning and Practice (3) CPH 621 Understanding and Communicating Environmental Health Risks (3) CPH 648 Health Disparities (3) CPH 608 Public Health Capstone (3) MPH-HB Concentration Elective (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>



**BA to MPH PROGRAM PROGRESSION**

**Bachelor in Arts in Health, Society and Population to Master of Public Health:  
Health System and Policy Analytics Concentration —PROPOSED CURRICULUM**

YEAR 1	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>UK Core CC1—CIS/WRD 110 Composition &amp; Communication I Foreign language 101 UK Core QFO--MA 111 Intro to Contemporary Mathematics Free Elective UK 101</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>UK Core CC2—CIS/WRD 111 Composition &amp; Communication II Foreign language 102 HSP 255 UK Core SIR—BST 230 Statistical Thinking for Population Health UK Core CCC—GRN 250 Aging in Today's World</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 2	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>Foreign language 201 UK Core NPM—BIO 103 Basic Ideas of Biology (or higher level) UK Core HUM UK Core SSC + A&amp;S Lab —PSY 100 Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>Foreign language 202 UK Core ACR A&amp;S NS WRD 205 A&amp;S HUM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 3- apply to MPH program in Spring	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>A&amp;S HUM HSP Soc Sci Course I HSP Hlth Prf Course I —CPH 201 Introduction to Public Health A&amp;S NS UK Core GDY</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP Stats HSP Soc Sci Course II HSP Society and Health Course I CPH 310 Disease Detectives, Epidemiology in Action Free Elective</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
YEAR 4	
<p><b>FALL</b></p> <p>HSP Hlth Prof Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course II (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course III (3) CPH 643 Measuring Health Behavior: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches (3) CPH 650 Public Health Systems Administration (3) CPH 663 Foundations of Public Health (1)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 16</p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p> <p>HSP 499 (GCCR) (3) HSP Society &amp; Health Course IV (3) Free Elective (3) CPH 603 Data Analysis (3) CPH 621 Understanding and Communicating Environmental Health Risks (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>
Summer (MPH)	
<p>CPH 609 Public Health Practicum</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 3</p>	
YEAR 5 (MPH)	
<p><b>FALL- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 605 Epidemiology (3) CPH 600 Health Services and Systems Organization (3) CPH 785 Health Policy (3) CPH 651 Population Health: Measurement, Management &amp; Improvement (3) CPH 634 Analytic Methods for Healthcare Data (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 15</p>	<p><b>SPRING- MPH</b></p> <p>CPH 672 Evidence-Based Public Health Planning and Practice (3) MPH-HSPA Concentration Elective (3) MPH-HSPA Concentration Elective (3) CPH 608 Public Health Capstone (3)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total Credits: 12</p>

April 13, 2020

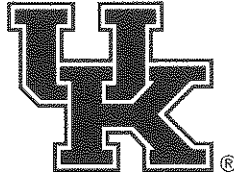
Dear Graduate Council,

On behalf of the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Education Policy Committee discussed and approved the proposed University Scholars Program between the BA in Health, Society and Population and the Master of Public Health 8:0:1 via e-vote that ended Monday, April 13, 2020.

Sincerely,



Michael Samers  
Chair, Education Policy Committee



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Sept. 11, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

The current Health, Society, and Populations Program Faculty was consulted and unanimously approved the creation of a University Scholars Program providing a BA in Health, Society, and Populations and a Master's in Public Health on Sept. 11, 2018. That is, 26 faculty members voted in favor of this program creation, and 0 opposed the program or abstained from voting. This was a revote because of changes in leadership from the prior academic year. The program faculty previously voted unanimously in support of an HSP/MPH USP program proposal on Sept. 27, 2017.

Sincerely,

Robyn Lewis Brown, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Sociology and  
Program Director, Health, Society, and Populations Program  
University of Kentucky

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An Equal Opportunity University

February 13, 2020

Dr. Melinda Wilson  
Graduate Council  
University of Kentucky

Dear Dr. Wilson,

As the current Director of Graduate Studies for the Master in Public Health (MPH) program, I am pleased to write a letter in support of the proposed University Scholars program from the Bachelor of Arts in Health, Society and Population (HSP) program into the Master of Public Health program. This will provide a formal path for the HSP BA students to begin graduate study. The enrolled students will be able to complete their Master's degree in one year of study past the completion of a BA instead of two years. This program will likely yield an increase in the number of students who choose to pursue an MPH at the University of Kentucky. This program will represent an important opportunity for exceptional students to complete their Master's degree in an accelerated timeframe.

The University Scholars Program maintains all HSP and MPH degree requirements. Students will be given the opportunity to complete up to 12 hours of graduate level course work during their fourth year of study, while still undergraduate students. These 12 hours will count as elective hours towards their HSP degree while simultaneously fulfilling MPH required coursework.

This program proposal is submitted after careful consideration of program details by MPH graduate teaching faculty throughout the college. The program has been voted on and approved by the CPH Academic Affairs & Assessment (AAAC) Committee in May 2019. The College of Public Health fully supports the proposed University Scholars Program HSP + MPH 4+1.

Sincerely,



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