Increasingly, public health, community planning, and environmental policy are being integrated into practice and professional work.

There is a growing need for professionals trained across the fields of public health, planning, and policy who know that outbreaks of some infectious diseases are tied to land use changes, who acknowledge that decisions about development can affect air quality that, in turn, affects cardiovascular and respiratory health, and who understand how the built environment affects obesity and asthma rates.

The MA in Urban and Environmental Planning/Master of Public Health (MA-UEP/MPH) dual degree program is designed to integrate the foundations of public health with the principles of urban and environmental policy and planning across a carefully sequenced curriculum. Graduates earn two degrees: an MPH from the School of Medicine and an MA from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Students can complete both degree programs in three years of full-time study, including summer semesters. As some courses meet the requirements of both degrees, the program saves students both time and tuition costs.

Graduates of the dual degree will find that their knowledge of the built environment, along with their understanding of population health issues, gives them a significant advantage on the job market.

Students will be prepared for many types of positions, including those that involve:

- Sustainability planning
- Policy development
- Health impact assessment
- Environmental justice issues

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Students work closely with an advisor to plan a course schedule that meets both core requirements and their specific interests. Generally, in the first and second semesters students take courses in the UEP Program at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences; for the third and fourth semesters courses continue in the MPH Program at the School of Medicine. However, students are encouraged to integrate their knowledge in both programs from the start by taking courses to fulfill degree requirements via cross-registration. The final year is split between the UEP and MPH programs.

AN EDUCATION YOU CAN PUT TO WORK

- Engage in real-world issues and problem-solving.
- Learn to use and apply various tools for research, including GIS mapping software.
- Gain valuable literature review skills.
- Explore health impact assessments and other policy and planning tools.
- Develop project design skills.
- Train to be a leader and an agent of change.
- Conduct interdisciplinary research using qualitative and quantitative analysis.

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