

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL POLICY MINOR

**Banner Code:** HSP

## Academic Advising

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The minor in health and social policy introduces students to the context and process for public policymaking in health care and social services. Students will examine the current environment for health and social policy, learn the basic elements of the public policymaking process, and apply this knowledge in a practical research endeavor. This minor is a joint program offered by the Department of Health Administration and Policy (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/health-administration-policy/>) and the Department of Social Work (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). This minor is not intended to be for students with a major in health administration as many of the required courses overlap with the required minor coursework.

HAP 395	Healthcare Finance
SOCW 410	Substance Use, Misuse, and Disorder: Programs and Policies
SOCW 415	Child and Family Welfare
SOCW 435	Introduction to Gerontology
GCH 405	Global Health Interventions: History and Systems <sup>1</sup>

Total Credits 3

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GCH 405 requires a prerequisite course: GCH 205 Global Health (Mason Core) (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students should complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Students should be familiar with university-wide requirements for minors described in AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students will take five (5) core courses and one (1) elective course in an area of health and social policy interest.

#### Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
HAP 301	Health Care Delivery in the United States	3
HAP 312	Healthcare Law	3
or SOCW 400	Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services	
HAP 442	Introduction to Health Care Politics and Policy	3
GCH/SOCW 445	Social Determinants of Health	3
HAP 445	Introduction to Health Services Research	3
or SOCW 471	Research in Social Work	
Total Credits		15

#### Elective

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Select one from the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
HAP 290	Lifestyle Management	
HAP 310	Healthcare Ethics	