

# HEALTH POLICY, MS (TITLE CHANGE PENDING SCHEV APPROVAL)

Banner Code: HH-MS-HTHP

## Academic Advising

Website: <https://chhs.gmu.edu/students/academic-advising/graduate-advising#hap>

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The master's program in health policy prepares students to become analysts and informed decision-makers at the local, state, and national levels, to be policy consultants, to support the work of foundations, or to engage with public health and advocacy organizations in the U.S. and abroad. Students are expected to graduate with the knowledge and skills needed to analyze health policy issues; examine health system approaches; formulate new policies; and support policy development in health care financing, healthcare delivery system innovations, and the allocation of scarce resources.

Students will learn how health care services in the U.S. are delivered and paid for, how well the U.S. health care system performs from an individual and societal perspective, and how various key stakeholders influence the formation and development of health policy.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions Requirements

Applicants must meet the admission standards and application requirements specified in Graduate Admissions and must apply using the online Application for Graduate Admission (<https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid>). The application process is competitive, and applications are considered for the fall and spring semesters. For application deadlines and detailed application requirements, refer to the CHHS Admissions website (<http://chhs.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate/deadlines.cfm>).

### Policies

For policies governing all graduate degrees, see AP.6 Graduate Policies.

### Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer a maximum of 12 credits from graduate courses taken at other institutions or taken at Mason in non-degree status. Transfer credit is subject to university and college policies and must be approved by the program director and the dean. Students who enroll initially through non-degree studies should seek course advising through the department and should submit their application to the MS program in their first semester of study.

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## Degree Requirements

Total credits: 42

### Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Health Delivery and Policy Issues</b>		
HAP 640	Current Issues in Health Policy	3
HAP 652	Essentials of Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
HAP 715	Health Economics	3
HAP 742	Health Policy Development and Analysis	3
HAP 764	Health Policy and Government Payment Systems for Health Care Services	3
<b>Public Policy Process</b>		
PUBP 730	US Institutions and the Policy Process	3
PUAD 615	Administrative Law	3
PUAD 750	Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	3
<b>Policy Analysis</b>		
HAP 645	Introduction to Health Services Research	3
HAP 719	Advanced Statistics in Health Services Research I	3
HAP 730	Health Care Decision Analysis	3
<b>Capstone</b>		
HAP 793	Final Project in Applied Health Policy	3
Total Credits		36

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Select six credits from the following:</b>		6
Courses not listed below must be approved by the student's advisor.		
HAP 621	Organization Behavior and Healthcare Leadership	
HAP 632	Grants Funding and Development	
HAP 647	Regulatory Requirements for Health Care Systems	
HAP 661	Policy Development and Analysis for Community Health Programs	
HAP 662	Health Policy for Elders and People with Disabilities	
HAP 686	Quality Improvement in Health Services	
HAP 703	Financial Management in Health Systems	
HAP 745	Health Care Security Policy	
HAP 746	Health Policy Leadership	
HAP 750	Legal Issues in Health Administration	

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GCH 600	Health Promotion Methods
GCH 610	Health Behavior Theory
GCH 611	Health Program Planning and Evaluation
GCH 712	Introduction to Epidemiology
BIOD 609	Biodefense Strategy
BIOD 620	Global Health Security Policy
PUAD 630	Emergency Planning and Preparedness
PUAD 633	Hazard Mitigation Policy
PUAD 635	Emergency Preparedness: Interagency Communication and Coordination
PUAD 645	Policy Analysis
PUAD 649	Advocacy and Lobbying
PUAD 651	Virginia Politics, Policy, and Administration
PUBP 709	Professional Writing for Policy
PUBP 712	Policy Systems Analysis and Management Science
PUBP 734	Administrative Law and Public Policy
PUBP 735	Lobbying and Interest Representation
PUBP 739	Media and Public Policy
PUBP 744	Federal Institutions and Management
PUBP 761	Social Entrepreneurship and Public Policy
Or advisor-approved elective course	
Total Credits	6