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The Master in Global Health Policy (MGHP) is a full-time, two-year degree program offered by the College of Public Policy (CPP) at HBKU. The program connects national health system contexts with international or global challenges in health policy.

Program Focus

The interdisciplinary program introduces students to a wide range of skills, practices, theoretical approaches, and frameworks across disciplines, including health policy and politics, public policy, public health, development studies, and ethics.

The program introduces students to theoretical concepts and analytical approaches to interrogating contemporary challenges in health policy and the opportunity to gain real-world practical experience by working closely with industry partners and international health organizations during their studies.

The MGHP program draws from multiple fields of study:
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Data Science
- Economics
- Policy Analysis
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Research Methodology
- Sociology

Curriculum

A 36 credits program taught in English over two years that includes:

7 core courses (21 credits)
- GHP 601 Foundations of Global Health Policy
- GHP 602 Global Health Economics & Financing
- GHP 603 Health Systems in the Global South
- GHP 604 Data, AI and Methods in Contemporary Health Policy
- GHP 605 Health Policy in Crises & Emergency Settings
- GHP 606 Global Health Advocacy, Diplomacy and Leadership
- GHP 609 Research Methods

3 elective courses (9 credits) or 2 elective courses (6 credits) for students pursuing the Thesis option instead of the Capstone.
- GHP 607 Designing & Implementing Health Policy
- GHP 608 Global Health and Ecological Resilience
- PEV 606 Foundations of Evaluation
- PEV 661 Benefit-Cost Analysis for Program Evaluation
- PPO 602 Ethics, Law, and Public Policy
- PPO 621 Economics for Public Policy

Capstone Project (6 credits) or Thesis (9 credits)

Faculty

Dr. Logan Cochrane	Professor
Dr. Sultan Barakat	Professor
Dr. Esmat Zaidan	Associate Professor
Dr. Evren Tok	Associate Professor
Dr. Mohammad Al-Saidi	Associate Professor
Dr. Kimberly Moloney	Associate Professor
Dr. Ozcan Ozturk	Associate Professor
Dr. Asmaa Al-Fadala	Assistant Professor
Dr. Hira Amin	Assistant Professor
Dr. Hina Khalid	Assistant Professor

Admission and Application Requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the Master in Global Health Policy should have a bachelor's degree with a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4.0) from a recognized university. Applicants from diverse academic backgrounds are welcome to apply, with preference given to those with experience in healthcare, public health, or policy-related fields.

Applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 to demonstrate their proficiency in English.

Further details about the language proficiency requirement and the process to seek exemption (where this is an option) are available on the website: admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Application requirements

A completed online application form: admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Academic transcripts

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied with an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results

Official copies of standardized test results must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:

▸ TOEFL: 4981
▸ IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

Letters of recommendation

Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from an academic referee. Letters that are not directly written for this program, or are incomplete, will not be accepted.

Personal statement of interest

Applicants should submit a personal statement as part of the online application. The statement should explain why the candidate is applying to the program, and how their studies will contribute to the achievement of their personal objectives, including information about the applicant's research interests and achievements.

Resume/Curriculum vitae

Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae as part of the online application.

Identification document:

All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatari ID.

Student funding

The College of Public Policy provides opportunities for funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.

Admission inquiries

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