There are two required courses and three electives (15 credits total). Students select their three electives, and may choose to complete a 200-hour international practicum.

**Required (6 credits):**

**HPP 580 - Comparative Healthcare Systems:** Overview of the characteristics of main health care systems and policies in selected countries. Topics of study include financing, insurance and delivery, access, and cost of health care services.

**HPP 583 - Introduction to Global Health:** Introduction to major health issues in developing world, factors which affect health status, models for tackling these problems, and the role of industrialized countries in improving global health. Students explore major causes of morbidity and mortality and explore strategies to improve health.

*Electives with course descriptions are listed on the next page.*
Electives (9 credits)

HPP 507 - Violence as a Public Health Issue: This course examines violence from a public health perspective in the United States and globally. It covers topics from interpersonal to structural violence and approaches to violence prevention.

HPP 560 - Globalization and Health: This seminar will identify the linkages of globalization and human health and examine the positive and negative impacts globalization may pose for the public health, safety and security of the world’s population. We will analyze different theoretical and empirical research methods used in confronting a range of global public health issues and policies today. The analyses of globalization perspectives will purposefully cross disciplines and expand upon the broader context of global public health governance and the inter-connectedness of human health to world affairs. Topics of discussion will include opportunities and threats of globalization associated with public funding limits, new technologies and health sector reform; demographic and health transitions; transportation and trade (associated with such things as food, pharmaceuticals, and tobacco); travel and tourism; and the emergence and re-emergence of infectious diseases.

HPP 601 - Application of Social and Behavioral Theories in Public Health Interventions - Survey of socio-behavioral theories commonly used in public health education interventions at the individual, group, and community levels.

HPP 614 - International Health, Population, and Development: The course will examine current global health issues particularly within the context of development and international health policy. Questions covered include: How do developing countries grapple with forces such as globalization, debt and inequality? What roles do governments, international organizations and multi-national corporations play in development? How are community and participatory development promoted? Other topics include: international trade, political development, inequality, poverty, culture and social change, gender, and international cooperation.

HPP 622 - Program Evaluation in Health and Human Service Organizations: Concepts of program evaluation and their application to the health field. Emphasis on theoretical concepts and application to development of practical skills in program evaluation.

HPP 636 - Global Maternal and Child Health: This course is designed to give students an overview of the issues pertinent to the health of mothers and children globally. Topics will include morbidity and mortality, antenatal care, labor/delivery, family planning, child health, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS. The health status of mothers and children is an important indicator of the health of a nation, so in this course, the major maternal child health indicators of developed countries will be contrasted with those of underdeveloped countries.

HPP 644 - International Organizations and Population Health: This course will examine international organizations and the role that they play on population health in both developed and developing countries.

HPP 662 - Emerging Infectious Diseases: Etiological agents, epidemiology, and disease characteristics of emerging parasitic, viral, and bacterial diseases and practical approaches to limiting emergence. Microbiology 255 or 310/312 or Biology 101 are not required but highly recommended pre-requisites.

HPP 698 – Global Health Practicum: Opportunity for supervised field observation to gain practice experience in selected public health agencies.

HPP 704 - Health Program Planning: Foundation for program planning in community health education and other public health areas. Provides basic planning principles, processes, and methods. A multi-disciplinary approach integrating the use of theory and practice.

NUTRITN 578 – International Nutrition: Malnutrition as it exists in developing countries and its socioeconomic background. Protein-energy malnutrition, famine, vitamin and mineral deficiency diseases, synergism between nutrition and infection, and the role of international agencies in fighting malnutrition.