

Health Policy and Administration

Admission Requirements

- **Prior Degree** Bachelor's degree in any field.
- **Grade Point Average** Admitted students typically have at least a combined undergraduate/graduate grade point average of 3.00/4.00. However, all applicants are given a holistic evaluation of their application. Applicants with less than a 3.00 are encouraged to apply if they believe that their application is strong in other areas.
- **Tests** GRE not required.
- **Letters of Recommendation** Three required, uploaded via the SOPHAS application.
- **Resume or CV** Required, uploaded via the SOPHAS application.
- **Personal Statement** Applicants will upload a 500-800 word statement focused on their interests/experiences in public health and the program they are applying to specifically, goals with the degree, and why they would be successful in the program. For students applying to research focused programs, the personal statement should also address potential research interests.
- **English Proficiency** Additional information on the English proficiency test requirement for international students can be found on the [UIC Admissions website](#). Minimum test scores for this program are:

Exam	Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing
TOEFL iBT (exams taken on or after January 21, 2026)	4.5	4	4	4.5	4.5
TOEFL iBT (exams taken prior to January 21, 2026)	80	19	17	20	21
IELTS Academic	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
PTE Academic	54	51	47	53	56

Degree Requirements

- **Minimum Semester Hours Required** 43
- **Coursework**

School-Wide Core Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses (22 semester hours)		
IPHS 450	Foundations and Determinants of Public Health	
IPHS 451	Public Health Policy, Systems and Advocacy	

IPHS 452	Public Health Planning, Practice, and Evaluation
IPHS 453	Public Health Management and Leadership
IPHS 454	Quantitative Methods and Analysis I
IPHS 455	Quantitative Methods and Analysis II
IPHS 456	Introduction to Research Design for Public Health
IPHS 650	Applied Practice Experience (3 hours)
IPHS 698	Integrative Learning Experience

Non-Credit Training Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Training		
	Human Subjects Research	
	Title IX Training - Sexual Harassment	
	SPH Academic Integrity Tutorial	

Divisional Requirements

In addition to School-Wide Core requirements and Non-Credit Training requirements, students complete the following divisional requirements:

Code	Title	Hours
Divisional Core Required Courses (12 semester hours)		
HPA 431	Public Health Law and Ethics	
HPA 444	Strategic Planning and Budgeting/Finance	
HPA 460	Introduction to the Economics of Health and Healthcare	
HPA 567	Public Health Policy Analysis	

Electives (9 semester hours)

Students are encouraged to use the electives as an opportunity to take coursework from elsewhere within the school; based upon their career interests and their academic and professional preparation at the time of matriculation. Students should work with their faculty advisors in making the selection.