MSPH Global Communicable Disease

Important Catalog Information
Due to the planned consolidation during the summer of 2020, of the University of South Florida, the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, and the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, into a single university with a fully aligned and integrated curriculum and a single set of academic policies and procedures, any undergraduate or graduate student who matriculates at one of the three USF institutions on or after May 18, 2020, will adhere to the curricula, policies, and procedures described in the 2020-21 USF undergraduate or graduate catalog, respectively.

- **Concentration:** Global Communicable Disease (Code: PGD)
- **Delivery:** Traditional

The MSPH concentration is designed for students who seek a more individualized, research-oriented program than that provided by the MPH degree. This concentration provides an intense research and technical program of study for science-oriented students with an interest in communicable diseases. Individualized programs of study are determined for students with the cooperation of an advisory committee, which allows students to receive specialized training in the recognition, identification, diagnosis, surveillance, control, and prevention of public health problems related to communicable diseases. This degree concentration focuses on preparing students to fulfill leadership and research roles in solving or containing public health problems in communicable disease throughout the world with particular emphasis on the problems of Florida and underdeveloped nations. Several course offerings and areas of emphasis in required courses have been added to this concentration regarding infection control to allow public health practitioners to expand their knowledge of infection control practices and procedures, particularly in hospital settings. The MSPH culminates with an independent thesis requirement which requires a substantial on-campus time commitment on the part of the student (20 hours per week). The thesis work involves extensive one-on-one interaction between the student, their thesis advisor and their thesis committee. Preference for admission is given to students with a background or demonstrated skills in the biological sciences. Prerequisites may be required.

Master’s Progression Policy
Review the progression policy for the MPH, MHA and MSPH.

Program of Study
If you have questions on your program, please contact your Academic Advisor.

If you are a current student, you may access your Degree Works planner (you may also access Degree Works from my.usf.edu or OASIS. You may view your current progress in Archivum at usf.appiancloud.com/. (See Archivum instructions.)

If you are not a current student, or want to view program requirements from a different catalog year please use these sources:

- 2020/21 USF catalog MSPH planner or COPH catalog section
- 2019/20 USF catalog MSPH planner or COPH catalog section
- Any prior year please view the USF Graduate Catalog Archives

There may be circumstances in which a student may need to change their catalog year. This must be initiated through a discussion with your academic advisor. Details regarding USF policy on changing catalog year can be found at https://catalog.usf.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=1375#students-major-degree-requirements.

Global Communicable Disease Concentration Guidelines
- Thesis preparation, writing, defense and committee meetings

Competencies
- MSPH Competencies
- Global Communicable Disease Competencies

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