# M.A./M.P.H. JOINT DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

#### **Overview**

The Master of Arts in International Administration/Master of Public Health (MAIA/MPH) degree is offered jointly by the University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences and the Miller School of Medicine's Department of Public Health Sciences. The MPH degree with a second master's degree in international administration is designed for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of public health with a broader emphasis in globalization and health, international health policy and international development.

### **M.P.H. Admission Requirements**

Application - Applicants must submit their application online through SOPHAS (https://sophas.org/), the centralized application service of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) (https://www.aspph.org/). All application materials, including transcripts, test scores, statement of purpose/personal statement, resume/CV, and letters of recommendations, must be submitted directly through SOPHAS. Applicants to the joint degree MPH/MAIA must apply to both Department of Public Health Sciences MPH program and to the College of Arts and Sciences MAIA program separately. Joint degree applicants should check with each program regarding admissions requirements.

• **Transcripts** – Applicants must submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities. All foreign transcripts must be official and submitted in the original language. If the original language is not English, an official translation must be submitted along with the transcript. All non-U.S. transcripts must be evaluated by the World Education Service (https://www.wes.org/) (WES) using ICAP course-by-course evaluation service.

Standardized Test Scores - The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is not required for the MPH program.

• English Proficiency Exam - International students are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (https://www.ets.org/ toefl/) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (https://www.ielts.org/en-us/). If English is *not* a student's native language, the TOEFL/IELTS requirement *may be waived* if the applicant holds an undergraduate or graduate degree from an English-teaching academic institution within the United States or from an English-speaking country.

• **Resume/Curriculum Vitae** – Applicants must include a detailed resume including employment, public health experiences, community service, research, and academic or professional honors. Public health experience is not required in order to be considered for admission.

• Statement of Purpose/Personal Statement – Applicants are required to submit a statement of purpose that details their academic interest in the program. The statement should discuss any experiences in public health including field experience, research, training, education or other related qualifications. Applicants should discuss how earning the degree will contribute to their future professional and career goals, as well as to the future of public health. Applicants should also address any academic deficiencies, if applicable.

• Letters of Recommendation – Applicants must provide three letters of recommendation from individuals who are best able to assess their ability to be successful in a graduate degree program. Ideally, recommenders are recent professors, researchers or employers in a related field. Letters should be signed and on letterhead. Applicants will be asked to include the contact information of their recommenders on the SOPHAS application and recommenders will be sent an online form to complete via email.

For more information about our application process, please click here (https://graduatestudies.publichealth.med.miami.edu/admissions/application-process/). To obtain detailed curricula on all our program offerings, please visit our website (http://publichealth.med.miami.edu/).

#### For further information, please contact:

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#### M.A.I.A. Admission Requirements

The Master of Arts in International Administration (MAIA) program accepts rolling admissions. Interested students may apply to the program at any time.

- Online Application
  - · Please complete the online application by clicking here (https://www.applyweb.com/miamigrd/).

#### Application Fee

- · An \$85.00 non-refundable application fee is paid online upon submission of the application.
- Statement of Purpose
  - The statement of purpose is the most important element of your application packet. This letter needs to reflect who you are, your goals and why you would be an asset to the MAIA program. It is very important to ensure it is grammatically correct and as detailed as possible. The statement of purpose should be no more than two pages in length. Please review before your submit.

Below is a link to help you get started:

OWL Statement of Purpose Guidelines (https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue\_owl.html).

- · Letters of Recommendation
  - Three letters of recommendation must be provided. One letter should be from a faculty member. Two letters should be from an employer, colleague, or other professional source.
- Official Transcripts
  - You must provide official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended. Official transcripts in languages other than English must also be submitted with a certified English translation.
- Resume
  - Please provide a copy of your resume if it is available.
- · Admissions Interview
  - · The admissions interview may be conducted in person, over the phone, or via video conference.
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - · A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Official TOEFL (or IELTS) Score
  - All international students are required to take this exam in order to demonstrate sufficient English competency. The "Test Of English As A Foreign Language (TOEFL)" exam is offered as a paper-based test (PBT) or an internet-based test (IBT). A score of 550 is required for the PBT; a score of 80 is required for the IBT.
  - Students may also take the "International English Language Testing System (IELTS)" exam to demonstrate sufficient competency in English. A score of 6.5 or higher is required.
  - · All international students must provide a copy of their results on either exam.
  - · International students from countries whose primary language is English are not required to take this exam.

For further information, please contact:

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#### **Curriculum Requirements**

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MPH REQUIREMENTS (30 credit hours)		
Core Courses		
EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
EPH 617	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	3
or EPH 620	Health Education and Behavior	
EPH 621	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
EPH 631	Public Health Administration	3
or EPH 632	U.S. Health Systems	
EPH 641	Environmental Health	3
Generalist Concentration		
EPH 602	Biostatistics II	3
or BST 625	Survey of Statistical Computing	

EPH 607	Interdisciplinary Health Communication	3
EPH 644	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3
or EPH 656	Qualitative Research Methods	
or EPH 647	Community Based Participatory Research and Social Network Analysis	
Capstone		
EPH 682	Generalist Capstone Project	2
MAIA REQUIREMENTS (30 credit hours)		
IGS 610	Intelligence and National Security	3
IGS 611	International Organizations Masters Project (Master's Project)	3
IGS 612	International Administration and Social Entrepreneurship	3
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
IGS 615	International Political Economy	3
MAIA Elective Courses		12
Total Credit Hours		60

## Sample Plan of Study

The MPH degree with a second master's degree in International Administration is designed for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of public health with a broader emphasis in globalization and health, international health, international health policy and international development.

The average program duration is 2.5 years and the total required credits to earn both degrees is 60 credits. Prospective students must apply to both schools to be accepted to the joint degree program.

Year One		
Fall		Credit Hours
EPH 600	Introduction to the Science Practice of Public Health	3
EPH 601	Medical Biostatistics I	4
EPH 617	Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	3
IGS 614	World Affairs and Diplomacy	3
	Credit Hours	13
Spring		
EPH 621	Fundamentals of Epidemiology	3
EPH 632	U.S. Health Systems	3
EPH 602	Biostatistics II	3
IGS 611	International Organizations Masters Project	3
	Credit Hours	12
Summer		
MAIA Elective		3
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	Credit Hours	6
Year Two		
Fall		
EPH 607	Interdisciplinary Health Communication	3
EPH 641	Environmental Health	3
IGS 613	Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security	3
IGS 612	International Administration and Social Entrepreneurship	3
	Credit Hours	12
Spring		
EPH 644, 647,	Fundamentals of Program Evaluation	3
or 656	or Community Based Participatory Research and Social Network	
	Analysis or Qualitative Research Methods	
EPH 682	Generalist Capstone Project	0
		2
IGS 615	International Political Economy	3

IGS 610	Intelligence and National Security	3
	Credit Hours	11
Summer		
MAIA Elective		3
MAIA Elective		3
	Credit Hours	6
	Total Credit Hours	60