

**MHS MA DEGREE CHECKLIST**

*Turn in this form to the MHS DGS before registration.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (e.g. spring 2018, summer 2018, spring 2019): \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED 30 CREDIT HOURS:** Use the table below to track your earned graduate credit hours.

Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2019	Total Hours
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**MHS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:** Indicate below the courses you have already taken with a check mark (✓) and those you plan to take next semester with a star (\*).

**Required Courses:**

- \_\_\_ *MHS 6100, Theories and Methods in Critical Health Studies* [3 hours]
- \_\_\_ *MHS 7000, Interdisciplinary Research Methods* [3 hours]
- \_\_\_ *MHS 6300, Social Studies of Science and Medicine* [3 hours]
- \_\_\_ *MHS-approved methods course* [3 hours]. Course dept & number: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ *MHS-approved theory course* [3 hours]. Course dept & number: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ *Thesis Workshop*. All students working on research projects should participate in the MHS Thesis Workshop. Students *may but are not required to* earn credit for their participation through MHS 7200 [1 hour].
- \_\_\_ *MHS Colloquium*. As part of engagement with the MHS scholarly community, graduate students should attend the MHS colloquium series as their schedule allows. These lectures are typically early morning or at lunchtime on Tuesdays. You will receive announcements by email. Students *may but are not required to* earn credit for their participation through MHS 7100 [1 hour].

**Elective Courses:** Students select elective courses with guidance from their faculty adviser and/or the MHS DGS.

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**Additional Program Requirements**

- No more than two undergraduate courses (6 hours) may be taken for graduate credit.
- No more than two courses (6 hours) may be taken from any one of Vanderbilt’s professional schools, including medicine, law, public health, nursing, education, and divinity.
- No more than 6 credit hours of independent research courses (MHS 7850/1, 7880/1/2, 7830/1/2, and 7999) may be used to satisfy the MA requirements.
- Students must take at least one 3-hour course outside MHS.
- The MA requires a written Comprehensive Exam. The MHS DGS, in consultation with the student, MHS Graduate Committee and student’s faculty adviser, will write the exam essay questions. Students have 48 hours to write two essays (8 pages each). The exam is open note and open book. Students take the exam during their last semester of study and no later than one week after the last day of class.
- Students seeking exceptions to course requirements must email a request to the MHS Director and cc the MHS Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and their faculty adviser.

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### Registration Guidance:

- Incoming graduate students register for fall courses in mid to late July. Students will register for spring courses in November. Students register for courses online through YES. Some courses require additional paperwork. Instructions and links to the required forms are provided below. Please fill out the required forms and turn them in to Lisa Hawkins ([lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu)). **The forms are due by the first day of class.**
- **Courses offered for MHS credit in fall 2017** include MHS 6400<sup>M</sup> Quant Methods, MHS 6500<sup>T</sup> Pathology and Difference, MHS 7100: Research workshop, MHS 7200: Thesis Workshop, MHS 7305: Foundations of Global Health, ANTH 5109: Food Politics in America, ANTH 6120<sup>M</sup> Sociocultural Field Methods, ANTH 6141 Anthropology of Healing, ANTH 7150 Urban Ecology, ANTH 8010 Special Topics - Community Health Research, ANTH 8010: Special Topics - Human Evolutionary Genetics, ANTH 8010 Special Topics - Political Violence, DIV 7128<sup>T</sup> Critical Race Theory and Social Ethics, BMIF 6300 Foundations Of Biomedical Informatics, WGS 8301<sup>T</sup> Gender and Sexuality: Feminist Approaches PUBH-5520: Introduction to Health Policy, PUBH 5521<sup>M</sup> Survey Research Seminar, PUBH 5522<sup>M</sup> Qualitative Health Research Methods I. (*<sup>M</sup> indicates this course counts as MHS-approved methods course; <sup>T</sup> indicates this course counts as MHS-approved theory course.*)
- **Additional courses** may count toward credit in electives, methods, and/or theoretical requirements if they are related to your specific research interests. Consult with the DGS and/or your faculty adviser to request credit for other courses.
- Students working on **independent research, service learning, or internships** may earn credit through MHS 7850, 7880/1/2, or 7830/1/2, respectively. Complete the Directed Reading form available on the Graduate School Website [https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/forms/request\\_for\\_independent\\_study\\_form.pdf](https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/forms/request_for_independent_study_form.pdf). Submit the form to Lisa Hawkins ([lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu)) before the first day of class. Discuss your project with your adviser well in advance of this deadline.
- **Undergraduate and professional school courses** – Students must get permission from their adviser and the course instructor. Complete the Request for Graduate Credit form available at [https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/forms/request\\_for\\_graduate\\_credit\\_form.pdf](https://gradschool.vanderbilt.edu/forms/request_for_graduate_credit_form.pdf). Submit the form to Lisa Hawkins ([lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:lisa.hawkins@vanderbilt.edu)) by the first week of class. Be sure to contact the instructor and your adviser well in advance of this deadline.
- **Courses in other departments** – Email the instructor to request permission to take the course. Sometimes departments reserve seats for their graduate students. If that is the case, you will receive an error message when you try to register on YES. If that occurs and you already have instructor permission to take the course, contact the DGS of the department offering the course to request enrollment.
- **Thesis Research** (MHS 7999, 1-6 hours) – Students completing a thesis may (but are not required to) take 6 credit hours of MHS 7999. MHS 7999 is ungraded. Students may enroll in MHS 7999 through YES without any forms. Do not enroll in MHS 7999 unless you are 100% certain you will complete a thesis.
- **Spring 2018 courses** will not be listed until October. However, we expect these courses to be offered: MHS 6100 Theories and Methods in Critical Health Studies, MHS 6200 Conceptual and Methodological Issues in Health Disparities Research [tentative], MHS 6300 Social Studies of Science and Medicine, MHS 7306 Essential Skills in Global Health, and MHS 7319 Lab Technologies in Low Resource Settings.