Public Health

+ College for Public Health and Social Justice

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW ///

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Master of Public Health

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• Environmental and occupational health
• Epidemiology
• Global health
• Health management and policy
• Maternal and child health
• Public health practice
• Joint concentration available

Master of Science in Public Health

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Ph.D. in Public Health Studies

The Ph.D. in public health studies requires 72 credit hours and offers seven concentrations:

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Dual Degree Options

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• Law: M.P.H. in health management and policy and J.D.
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• Doctor of Philosophy in public health studies (Ph.D.)

COURSES AVAILABLE ///

APPLICATION DEADLINE ///

M.P.H. and M.S.  Ph.D.

FALL | Feb. 15 (rolling thereafter)  Dec. 1
SPRING | N/A  N/A
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ADMISSION CRITERIA ///

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Career Paths:
Graduates are employed at federal, state and local health agencies; consulting firms; consumer advocacy organizations; community-based organizations and health care centers; hospitals; universities; and research centers.

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