GPHP Value Statement

Our teaching, research, and service are guided by core values. These values derive from our context as a school of public health in a developing world setting and from basic principles of professional conduct and human rights.

We are committed to cultivating critical thinking that allows us and our graduates to question reality and tackle the root causes of health problems.

We believe in equality among people and act to enhance health equity by focusing on underserved communities, and working for social justice.

We believe that each of us has a role to play in advancing knowledge and improving health, and we work to instill a sense of civic responsibility.

We focus our efforts on our region of the world to bring to light local/regional health issues and to enhance our relevance.

Our work is reinforced by our commitment to integrity and professional ethics.

Recognizing the complexity of health, we value teamwork, interdisciplinary engagement, and partnerships with stakeholders.

We believe in integrating our instruction, research, and service to bring theory and practice together for maximum impact.

We believe that diversity in our faculty and students and in our practice sites enhances our ability to understand the perspectives and the circumstances that influence health, and thus create change.

We are committed to excellence in all that we do, and believe our faculty and alumni provide leadership and vision to improve the health of people and communities.
Established in 1954, the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) was the first school of public health in the Arab region. It prepares professionals to address, analyze, and respond to the most pressing public health concerns in Lebanon and the region. FHS is committed to an interdisciplinary perspective as reflected in the variety of specializations of its faculty, in the scope of its research projects, and in its emphasis on the application of social sciences to the investigation of health and disease.

In addition to having an accredited Graduate Public Health Program (GPHP) offering MS and MPH degrees, FHS offers a Master of Science degree in Environmental Sciences-major in Environmental Health (as part of an Interfaculty Graduate Environmental Sciences Program) and an Executive Master in Health Care Leadership. FHS also offers four undergraduate BS degrees (Environmental Health, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Audiology Sciences and Medical Imaging Sciences) and contributes to the teaching of public health to medical students at the American University of Beirut.

FHS Alumni live in over 34 countries around the world. Many of these graduates have made important contributions to the promotion of public health in Lebanon, the Arab region, and the world.

The Graduate Public Health Program at the Faculty of Health Sciences

The Graduate Public Health Program at the Faculty of Health Sciences provides advanced training in public health to prepare professionals, both practitioners and academicians, who can competently assess, research, and respond to health needs and current public health issues in Lebanon and the region. The GPHP promotes multidisciplinary and community based research as well as community service as means to improve instruction, advance knowledge, and address public health issues and needs of relevance to the population served.

Accreditation

The Graduate Public Health Program received accreditation from the US Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) in October 2006 and was reaccredited in 2012 for 7 years. The AUB GPHP is the first CEPH-accredited public health program outside the Americas.

Degrees Offered

- Master of Public Health
- Master of Science in Epidemiology
- Master of Science in Population Health
Master of Public Health (MPH)

About the Program
The MPH program is a professional degree that provides students with interdisciplinary educational experiences emphasizing the biological, epidemiological, environmental, sociological, behavioral, managerial, and policy dimensions of public health. Students choose specialized training in an area of concentration and engage in relevant community-based experiences in public health practice.

Our students come from all over the world, from a variety of degrees, and graduate from the program to work in leading health care organizations and diverse settings of public health.

Aim of the Program
The aim of the MPH program is to prepare professionals who are able to investigate critical public health issues and who can develop, implement, and evaluate programs and policies that aim to promote and advocate for the health of populations in Lebanon and countries of the region.

Areas of Concentration
Epidemiology and Biostatistics (EPBS)
Students concentrating in EPBS gain an in-depth understanding of concepts and methods of epidemiology and biostatistics that are applied to community and facility-based health issues. Students are prepared to become proficient in the design, conduct, analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of epidemiologic research and in the management and analysis of routine health data sources.

Health Promotion and Community Health (HPCH)
Students concentrating in HPCH acquire a broad understanding of the underlying determinants of health and community health. Students are prepared to design, implement, and evaluate interventions to promote health of groups and communities using participatory approaches.

Health Management and Policy (HMP)
Students concentrating in HMP gain an in-depth knowledge of the unique management and policy issues relevant to operations in health care organizations, finance, and information systems. Students gain competence in the application of management tools in health care settings.

Curriculum and Credit Requirements
The MPH program is comprised of four required components totaling 42 credits.
- Core courses: 19 credits which emphasize basic public health competencies.
- Concentration courses: 12–13 credits which provide students with specialization in a chosen discipline of public health.
- Elective courses: 4–7 credits which enable students to select topics of particular interest.
- Public health experience courses: 4–6 credits which consist of a research project, a practicum, and a culminating experience.

Students with relevant and sufficient previous work experience in their chosen area of concentration may be exempted from the practicum. However, students exempted still have to complete 42 credit hours of study.

Duration
- Full-time students generally need 18 months to complete their degree. However, in exceptional cases, sponsored and scholarship students who need to graduate within 12 months can do so provided they fulfill the 42 credit requirement.
- Students enrolled on a part-time basis are allowed up to four years to complete their degree.

Job Opportunities
Graduates of the MPH program may assume positions in a variety of settings such as community-based organizations, regional and international agencies, schools, universities, health care institutions, and consulting agencies.
Master of Science in Epidemiology (MS-EPID)

About the Program
The MS-EPID program provides students with a thorough understanding of the distribution and determinants of diseases of relevance to Lebanon and the region, with a focus on prevention and control, and provides rigorous training in design and analysis of epidemiological studies. The MS-EPID program emphasizes mastery of epidemiological research methods.

Aim of the Program
The aim of the MS-EPID program is to provide training in epidemiological principles and methods for understanding etiology and patterns of disease, and in the assessment, monitoring and investigation of health problems in a community or clinical setting.

Curriculum and Credit Requirements
The MS-EPID program is comprised of three components totaling 30 credits.
- Required courses: 21 credits which provide students with competency in epidemiological principles and in key elements of epidemiological research.
- Elective Courses: 3 credits which enable students to select topics of particular interest.
- Thesis: 6 credits which provide the opportunity for training in independent research.

Duration
- Students enrolled on a full-time basis can finish in two years.
- Students enrolled on a part-time basis are allowed up to four years to complete their degree.

Job Opportunities
Graduates of the MS-EPID program may assume positions in governmental, non-governmental, and international organizations as well as in hospitals, clinical and public health research-based institutions, and pharmaceutical companies. Graduates may be employed as research associates, study coordinators, data analysts, epidemiologists, and public health practitioners and scientists.
**Master of Science in Population Health (MS-PopH)**

**About the Program**
Population health has become an important international concern and field of study. The MS-PopH program provides students with a thorough understanding of approaches to population studies as they relate to health, particularly reproductive health. Special attention is given to population and reproductive health issues in the Middle East region. Students undertake independent research for their thesis, with potential for involvement in collaborative projects undertaken with faculty members.

**Aim of the Program**
The aim of the MS-PopH program is to provide training in population and reproductive health, focusing on the health dimensions of population processes and the consequences for health associated with reproduction (reproductive health).

**Curriculum and Credit requirements**
The MS-PopH program is comprised of three components totaling 30 credits.
- **Required courses:** 21 credits which emphasize the determinants and health consequences of population change, in addition to approaches for the investigation of population and reproductive health concerns and for the evaluation of research findings in a population and health policy context.
- **Elective Courses:** 3 credits, which enable students to select topics of particular interest.
- **Thesis:** 6 credits which provide the opportunity for training in independent research.

**Duration**
- Students enrolled on a full-time basis can finish in two years.
- Students enrolled on a part-time basis are allowed up to four years to complete their degree.

**Job Opportunities**
The expanding activity on the part of national and international organizations within Lebanon, the region, and the world in the area of population health will provide jobs for the graduates of the MS-PopH program in governmental, non-governmental, and international organizations, as well as in universities and research-based institutions that deal with population and reproductive health.
Admission Requirements
All applicants for admission to FHS graduate programs should have maintained a good academic record in their university education (undergraduate and/or graduate). The applicant is expected to demonstrate proficiency in English by achieving the required minimum score on either the University English Entrance Exam (EEE), TOEFL, or IELTS examination.

More information on general university admission requirements can be found on the AUB website (aub.edu.lb) by following the track below:
AUB Home > Admissions > Catalogue > Graduate Catalogue > Admissions Office

The online graduate application with current application deadlines may be accessed through the AUB website (aub.edu.lb) by following the track below:
AUB Home > Admissions > Graduate Studies > Online Graduate Application

More information on FHS admission requirements can be found on the AUB website (aub.edu.lb) by following the track below:
AUB Home > Admissions > Catalogue > Graduate Catalogue > Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) > Faculty of Health Sciences

Tuition Fees
For information about the tuition fees for graduate studies, please refer to the AUB website (aub.edu.lb) by following the track below:
AUB Home > Admissions > Tuition Fees and Financial Aid

Financial Aid
Opportunities for financial aid are available for qualified graduate students at FHS in the form of Graduate Assistantships and Graduate Scholarships.

The AUB Graduate Assistantship (GA)
Graduate assistantships cover partial or full tuition of the student in return for a specified number of work hours per week. Recipients are selected on the basis of their academic record and departmental needs.
The application for graduate assistantship can be found under the “Financial Aid” section of the online application.

FHS Graduate Scholarships
A limited number of partial or full scholarships are available for students from Lebanon and the Arab region interested in the MPH and MS programs at the Faculty of Health Sciences. Full scholarships cover tuition and related academic expenses, travel to and from country of residence, and basic living expenses. Partial scholarships provide financial support for a range of these expenses.
The application for the FHS graduate scholarship can be found under the “Financial Aid” section of the online application.

More information on scholarship opportunities and the application process can be found on the AUB website (aub.edu.lb) by following the track below:
AUB Home > Academics > Faculties > Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) > Regional Graduate Scholarship

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