

Program Guidelines for the Master Degree Program in School of Public Health

Amended and approved by the departmental meeting on April 10, 2019

Amended and approved at the Academic Affairs Online Conference on May 7, 2019

Amended and approved by the Academic Affairs Conference on May 16, 2019

Amended and approved by the departmental meeting on August 11, 2021

Amended and approved by the Academic Affairs Meeting on September 22, 2021

I. Maximum length of study: same as specified by TMU regulations.

II. Credits and courses

1. Students should select courses from one of the following tracks:

Environmental health, Epidemiology / Biostatistics, or Community health. The track selected should be consistent with the specialty of one's academic advisor. (International students are exempted from the requirement of following a specific track)

2. One needs to fulfill the "Mandatory / optional course" specifically for his or her year of enrollment to graduate.

3. Graduation requirement for English proficiency

a. Those enrolled in 2016 (academic year) or before must fulfill one of the following requirements:

- General English Proficiency Test B2 certificate
- TOEIC > 750
- TOEFL ITP > 527
- TOEFL iBT > 71
- 2 credits from undergraduate English proficiency classes. These credits cannot be included as part of the graduation credits.

b. Those enrolled in 2017 (academic year) or after should adhere to TMU Guidelines for Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements. (International students are exempt)

III. Academic advisor

1. In accordance with TMU Guidelines for Advisors' Qualifications

2. Application form to select an advisor should be submitted to the department in the first semester of study, and to be approved by the program director.

3. Advisor can continue to serve as a co-advisor after retiring from TMU.

4. When changing academic advisor, a formal application should be submitted to the department, and to be approved by the academic advisory board. Students can only change academic advisor once for the entire duration of study. Credits and course work should be adjusted as well, in accordance with the area of specialty of the new advisor.

5. Each faculty can advise the maximum of two students per year (not including students from other department).
6. Student should complete a thesis related to the specific track of study.

IV. Thesis topic and defense

1. Thesis oral defense should be conducted in accordance to TMU Implementation Guidelines of Master and PhD Degree Examination Regulations.
2. Students who have fulfilled all credit requirements and have passed all classes should attend a thesis proposal defense session and a thesis progress report session. The sessions can be conducted either in the form of an in-person oral presentation or in the form of reviews, to be determined by the joint review board. Thesis topic and content should be within the scope of public health research. Upon approval by the joint review board, students can then proceed to apply for a formal oral defense.
3. The thesis should be revised based on comments from oral defense committee members, after passing the oral defense. Upon fulfilling requirements of university administrative procedures, diploma can then be awarded.

V. Issues or topics not covered here in this document should comply with other regulations of Taipei Medical University and Ministry of Education.

VI. Guidelines and any modifications of guidelines specified here in this document is effective upon approval by the Academic Affairs Committee.