

Taipei Medical University

Master Program in School of Public Health

Ph.D. Program in School of Public Health



Program Guidelines

September, 2026

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

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

II. Course Credits and Graduation Requirements

1. Students should select courses from one of the following tracks: Environmental & Occupational health, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, or Health Behavior & Policy. The track selected should be consistent with the specialty of one's academic advisor.
2. One needs to fulfill the "Mandatory / optional course" specifically for his or her year of enrollment to graduate.
3. Those enrolled in 2024 (academic year) must complete at least 36 hours of the "Research and Learning Passport" program. After passing the review, students will be eligible to apply for the defense.
4. Graduation requirement for English proficiency should adhere to TMU Guidelines for Graduate School English Language Proficiency Requirements.

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. When holding the defense, student must provide the "Turnitin Report" for review by the defense committee. The similarity index for both the draft and the final version of the thesis must not exceed 30% (with appropriate exclusion of references and quoted material). If plagiarism or any form of academic misconduct is confirmed by the defense committee, the student will be deemed to have failed the defense.
4. 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.

Required and recommended elective courses-Master Program

	2026 Fall	2027 Spring	2027 Fall	2028 Spring
required courses	• Seminar (A053E002 / A) • Applied biostatistics (A053E007) • Applied epidemiology (A053E017)	• Seminar (A053E003 / A)	• Seminar (A053E004 / A)	• Seminar (A053E005 / A) • Scientific Writing in Public Health (A054E002) • Thesis(3080E997)
elective courses	• Spatial epidemiology & applications of Geographic Information Systems (A055E003) • Special topics in environmental health(I) (3085E121)	• Community health (A053E012) • Analysis of multivariate data (A055E018) • Special topics in environmental health(II) (3085E122) • Global burden of disease: methods & applications (A053E023)		
elective courses offered on alternating years	• Special topics in health policy and behavioral science I (3085E104)	• Special topics in health policy and behavioral science II(3085E105)	• Environmental & occupational health (3080E194) • Special topics in health behavior research methods (3085E114)	• Indoor air quality (3085E117)

- 1.Required credits (16 credits = 10 course credits + 6 thesis credits)
- 2.A minimum of 14 elective credits is needed to graduate. A maximum 8 credits of the PhD program in School of Public Health and Core Courses for PhD Students in College of Public Health, and a maximum 4 credits of any postgraduate courses in TMU .
- 3.“**Research Ethics**” is a required course for both Master’s and Ph.D. programs. Although it carries 0 credits, enrollment is mandatory.
- 4.Since many of our courses are offered by the College of Public Health, it may be difficult to find them if you search under the School of Public Health. It is recommended that you enter the **course code** directly to select courses.
- 5.Please note that only courses with the **letter “E”** in the course code are taught in English. Students are not allowed to take courses taught in Chinese.

Program Guidelines for the Ph.D. Degree Program in School of Public Health

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

II. Course Credits and Graduation Requirements

1. Students should select courses from one of the following tracks: Environmental & Occupational health, Epidemiology & Biostatistics, or Health Behavior & Policy. The track selected should be consistent with the specialty of one's academic advisor.
2. One needs to fulfill the "Mandatory / optional course" specifically for his or her year of enrollment to graduate.
3. Those enrolled in 2024 (academic year) must complete at least 36 hours of the "Research and Learning Passport" program. After passing the review, students will be eligible to apply for the defense.
4. 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.

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 year 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.

IV. Ph.D. qualifying examination and dissertation proposal defense

1. Ph.D. qualifying examination will take place after the first year of study, and after one has at least taken 16 credits. Students have to pass Ph.D. qualifying examination before 3rd year of study, and have to pass proposal defense before 4th year.
2. Topics for qualifying examination:
 - a. For all students: Research Method, Planning, and Design
 - b. Study track specific: Special topics in Environmental Health; Special topics in Epidemiology; Special topics in Health Policy and Behavioral Science.
 - c. If failed the first try, students can take it again in the following semester.
 - d. If failed twice, students will be dis-enrolled from the program.
3. Students can apply for proposal defense after passing the qualifying examination. A formal application should be filed with the department administrative faculty. The list of committee members and a proposal needed to be submitted together with the application form. Proposal topic and content should be within the scope of public health research.
4. The proposal defense is open to public. If failed, the proposal should be revised in accordance to comments from the committee. The defense can be held again in the following semester.
5. After passing the proposal defense, a progress update with committee members should be organized by the academic advisor each semester.

V. Dissertation defense.

1. Additional regulations for students enrolled before 2016 (academic year) NOT APPLICABLE for international students, and hence, no English version is provided here.
2. Additional regulations for students enrolled after 2016 (including 2016)
 - a. Pre-requisites for dissertation defense
 - i. Published one original article in SCI or SSCI journals, and have submitted another original article in SCI or SSCI journals. A letter of acceptance will suffice to prove publication.
 - ii. The student has to be the sole first author, with Taipei Medical University affiliation.

- iii. The bulk of the research has to be directed by the advisor in SPH and the advisor has to be the corresponding author. If there is a co-advisor, the co-advisor can be listed as the co-corresponding author.
 - iv. The publication should be part of the dissertation.
 - v. Students must participate in at least one international conference with a peer-reviewed paper (meeting the requirements of Clause V.2.a.ii and V.2.a.iii) and present it as an oral or poster presentation. For students admitted in 2024 (academic year) or earlier, only an oral presentation is required.
- b. Preliminary review of dissertation defense: With the approval of one's academic advisor, a student can then file for application for dissertation defense in the first week of the semester. A faculty committee will then review all requirements. Supporting documents, such as letter of acceptance of paper, conference attending records, etc. should be submitted as well. If all requirements are fulfilled, a student then may proceed with dissertation defense.
- c. Dissertation defense: Dissertation oral defense should be conducted in accordance to TMU Implementation Guidelines of Master and PhD Degree Examination Regulations. The oral defense is open to public. Time, location, and topic of the oral defense is announced one week before the defense. If the oral defense was unsuccessful, the student can hold the defense again in the following semester or later. If failed again, the student will be dis-enrolled from the program. When holding the defense, student must provide the "Turnitin Report" for review by the defense committee. The similarity index for both the draft and the final version of the thesis must not exceed 30% (with appropriate exclusion of references and quoted material). If plagiarism or any form of academic misconduct is confirmed by the defense committee, the student will be deemed to have failed the defense. If successfully defended, the dissertation 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.

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elective courses	• Spatial epidemiology & applications of Geographic Information Systems (A055E003) • Special topics in environmental health(I) (3085E121)	• Analysis of multivariate data (A055E018) • Global burden of disease: methods & applications (A053E023) • Community health (A053E012) • Special topics in environmental health(II) (3085E122)	• Application of social science research methods (A055E005)	• Consultation of public health practice (A055E015)
elective courses offered on alternating years	• Special topics in health policy and behavioral science I (3085E104)	• Special topics in health policy and behavioral science II(3085E105)	• Special topics in health behavior research methods (3085E114) • Special topics in global public health I (A055E006)	• Special topics in global public health II (A055E011) • Indoor air quality (3085E117) • Environmental & occupational epidemiology (A055E004)

- 1.Required credits (24 credits = 12 course credits + 12 thesis credits)
- 2.A minimum of 12 elective credits is needed to graduate. A maximum of 8 credits from other programs within Taipei Medical University can be included as part of Graduate Program the elective credit requirement.
- 3.“**Research Ethics**” is a required course for both Master’s and Ph.D. programs. Although it carries 0 credits, enrollment is mandatory.
- 4.Since many of our courses are offered by the College of Public Health, it may be difficult to find them if you search under the School of Public Health. It is recommended that you enter the course code directly to select courses.
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Taipei Medical University
Master Program in School of Public Health
Master Thesis (20, Times New Roman)

English Title (20, Times New Roman)

Graduate student: ○-○ ○ (18, Times New Roman)

Advisor: Professor, ○-○ ○ (18, Times New Roman)

July, 2028 (16, Times New Roman)

Taipei Medical University
Ph.D. Program in School of Public Health
Ph.D. Dissertation (20, Times New Roman)

English Title (20, Times New Roman)

Graduate student: ○-○ ○ (18, Times New Roman)

Advisor: Professor, ○-○ ○ (18, Times New Roman)

July, 2029 (16, Times New Roman)

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臺北醫學大學公共衛生學系指導教授申請表
Advisor Application Form
School of Public Health, Taipei Medical University

姓名 Name		學號 Student ID	
組別 Group		填表日期 Date of Form Completion	
指導教授簽名 Advisor Signature			
共同指導教授簽名 Co-Advisor Signature	若沒有共同指導教授，此欄位可空白 If there is no co-advisor, this field may be left blank.		
系主任簽名 Department Chairperson Signature			
核定日期 Approval Date : _____年 YYYY_____月 MM_____日 DD			

公衛學院研究所學術學習護照

Research and Learning Passport for College of Public Health

姓名 Name :

學號 Student ID :

系所 Department : 公共衛生學系 School of Public Health

日期 Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	時間 Time (00:00~00:00)	時數 Hours	活動名稱 Activity Name	主辦單位簽章 Organizing Unit's Stamp/Signature	學生所屬系所簽章 Student's Department Stamp/Signature

113 學年度起入學新生須完成「研究生學術學習護照」至少 36 小時 (含) 以上，經審查通過後，方可申請學位考試。

Those enrolled in 2024 (academic year) must complete at least 36 hours of the "Research and Learning Passport" program.

After passing the review, students will be eligible to apply for the defense.