# Health Services and Policy, PhD

## Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see [MyUI](https://my.uiowa.edu).

## Health Services and Policy, PhD

### Academic Plans

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Advanced Research Interest Area course  
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Departmental Research Seminar

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### First Year

#### Any Semester

Complete Preliminary Exams

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#### Fall

- BIOS:4120 Introduction to Biostatistics  
- CPH:7270 Principles of Scholarly Integrity: Public Health  
- HMP:5005 Introduction to Healthcare Organization and Policy  
- HMP:5610 Health Policy  
- HMP:7250 Organizational Behavior and Theory in Health Care  
- Departmental Research Seminar

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### Second Year

#### Fall

- CPH:6100 Essentials of Public Health  
- HMP:7550 Cost Effectiveness and Decision Analysis  
- HMP:7960 Analytic Issues in Health Services Research I  
- Advanced Research Interest Area course  
- Departmental Research Seminar

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### Third Year

#### Fall

- HMP:7940 Primary Data and Mixed Methods  
- HMP:7990 Thesis/Dissertation  
- Elective course  
- Departmental Research Seminar

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### Fourth Year

#### Fall

- HMP:7990 Thesis/Dissertation  
- Departmental Research Seminar  
- Comprehensive Exam

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### Fifth Year

#### Any Semester

Prospectus Defense  
- HMP:7990 Thesis/Dissertation  
- Departmental Research Seminar  
- Comprehensive Exam  
- Final Exam

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### Total Hours

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a Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.
b Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, all courses taken are eligible to
count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.
c. Usually completed by the end of the first year.
d. Must be taken during the first year of the PhD program.
e. No formal registration required.
f. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.
g. Work with faculty advisor to select appropriate elective coursework.
h. Written and oral examination; usually completed by fourth year fall semester if entering with a master’s degree or by fifth year fall semester if entering without a master’s degree. See the General Catalog and department website for specifics.
i. Typically completed within a year after passing the Comprehensive Exam.
j. Dissertation defense.