

The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

Brandeis University

MS International Health Policy and Management & MBA Nonprofit Management Dual Degree

Founded as Brandeis University's first professional school in 1959, the Heller School prepares graduates for leadership and management roles in complex mission-driven organizations worldwide. Whether working in the United States or abroad, our graduates offer skills derived from rigorous academic training combined with their passion to address pressing societal issues.



The task of translating new policies in health care systems into successful programs often encounters barriers including weak management, or policy-makers and managers who do not share a common understanding of desired health outcomes. In this rapidly globalizing arena, health care policy-makers and managers also need comprehensive knowledge of the principles underlying the economics and management of health systems, resource mobilization and allocation — including issues of equity, cost effectiveness and efficiency, building public-private partnerships, and regulation. Fully accredited by the AACSB, the MS/MBA provides students with the training to address the unique management issues facing organizations whose mission is to help underserved and vulnerable populations, or to improve social and health outcomes more broadly.

Curriculum

The MS/MBA is an intensive two-year program encompassing five consecutive semesters. Students develop the skills and judgment to mobilize people from diverse backgrounds and deliver quality services while using resources efficiently. Student learn to achieve organizational financial health and accountability while studying health policy with an international community of students from over 50 countries around the world. Below is an example of a plan of study.

Fall One	Spring One	Summer
Leadership & Organizational Behavior (4) Financial Accounting (4) Economics (2) Statistics (2) Social Policy Frameworks (2) International Health Systems (4)	Operations Management (4) Strategic Management (4) Financial Management (4) Managerial Accounting (4) Cost Effectiveness (2)	Marketing (4) Corporate Finance (4) Social Justice & Management (2) Team Consulting Project (6)
Fall Two	Spring Two	
Human Resource Management (4) Evaluation (2) Managing Policy & Practice (4) World Health (2) Management of Health Care Organizations (4)	Electives (16)	

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) or resume
- Detailed statement of purpose describing your career objectives and work experience
- A management problem analysis
- Three original letters of recommendation (at least one professional and one academic) on official letterhead sent directly to the Admissions Office from the recommenders. These letters must be accompanied by a Brandeis University recommendation form.
- Original or certified true copies of transcripts from all university-level studies, sent directly to the Admissions Office from each university. Transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by an official English translation.
- An official GMAT or GRE score report (GMAT preferred)
- Official TOEFL or IELTS score report is required for all international applicants whose native language is not English.

Detailed instructions on completing an application can be found in the Admissions section of the Heller website.

Financial Aid

Financial aid to the dual degree program is based on merit and is awarded assuming that the applicant will enroll in the dual degree program. If an applicant is offered admission to only one program, or if an applicant chooses to only enroll in one program, that program alone will offer admission and financial aid. If a student currently enrolled in either program chooses to apply, and is offered admission to the dual degree, all previous offers of financial aid for subsequent semesters are voided and a new, joint offer of admission with financial aid is made. Financial aid awards are offered in terms of a partial tuition scholarship.



Careers

The Heller School prepares students for leadership roles in a complex, multi-cultural society. The School's academic rigor and intellectual integrity provide a solid core that will stretch to push traditional boundaries, giving students the skills and perspectives to make a difference and to have a major impact on the lives of people here and abroad. The Office of Career Services assists students in developing and implementing their career goals and works with employers to find the best talent for their organizations. The staff counsel students individually to map out career plans and strategies, assist with resume and cover letter development, offer networking contacts, and practice interviewing techniques. Heller Alumni are also supported as they develop or make transitions in their careers.

Admissions

All applications are evaluated by the Admissions Committees of both programs. If both committees recommend admission, one joint offer of admission is made. Applications to the dual degree program can be completed at <http://heller.brandeis.edu>. The Admissions Office will coordinate the application and review process between the MS and MBA programs.

At the Heller School, we pride ourselves on individualizing the application process and making sure that our prospective students are completely supported as they consider a Heller education. Our Admissions staff will help you determine an appropriate program based on your academic interests; answer questions, and guide you through your application process. The Admissions staff is available Monday through Friday to answer your questions via phone or email, listed below.

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