

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Yale School of Public Health MS is designed to give you the skills to change the world, whether you're looking to enter the workforce or continue your education.



Program Highlight

The Master of Science (MS) degree program in Public Health is designed with an emphasis on mastering skills in Biostatistics, Chronic Disease Epidemiology, Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases, or Health Informatics. The program focuses on the theory and application of statistical methodology in biomedical science, the foundations behind clinical research in epidemiology, and the practice of informatics across clinical and public health domains. If students are enrolled full time, degrees in Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases can be completed in one year and degrees in Biostatistics and Health Informatics can be completed in two years. Unless stated otherwise, students can enroll full time or part time.

2025 Student Profile

Total Number of Students: 152
Average Age: 23
International Students: 87%

The Impact of a YSPH MS on Your Career

At YSPH, we strive to ensure the highest possible return on the investment our students make in us. The YSPH MS is a highly marketable degree. Postgraduation, around a third of students work in business and industry, a third go into university research, and a third go on to further education. Some graduates also work in government, consulting, and pharmaceuticals.

How to Apply



Applications are submitted through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at gsas.yale.edu/admission. The application deadline is December 1.

GRE Scores - General test scores are required for the MS in Biostatistics only; school code 3987. GRE scores are not accepted for other MS programs.

TOEFL OR IELTS Scores - Required of most applicants whose native language is not English. See requirements at gsas.yale.edu.

About our Concentrations

Biostatistics teaches students theoretical, statistical, and biostatistical methods for analyzing data. The technical skills students acquire in data analysis are valued in managed care organizations, medical research, and the pharmaceutical industry. Some students go on to pursue a PhD, while others find positions as data scientists, biostatisticians, or quantitative researchers.

Chronic Disease Epidemiology students are trained in study design, population sampling, methods to reduce bias, systematic literature reviews, and meta-analysis. Graduates work in clinical settings, industry, or academia, or pursue an MD.

Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases features two areas of specialization from which students can choose: clinical or quantitative. (If enrolled part time, maximum time to completion is two years.)

- The clinical area of specialization provides research training for clinicians and clinical trainees interested in furthering their research expertise. Students will be prepared to design observational and/or experimental studies to help understand the relationship between host, microbial, and environmental factors.
- The quantitative area of specialization focuses on the analysis of communicable disease data, as well as modeling and simulation. Students will be prepared to analyze datasets that arise in the context of outbreaks, epidemics, and endemic infectious diseases.

Health Informatics is the study of information sciences, data science, and, more broadly, health policy, social and behavioral science, biostatistics, and epidemiology. Health Informatics students learn to develop the tools and methods for processing, accessing, and analyzing data. (Part-time enrollment is not permitted.)

Financial Aid

Students may apply for Teaching Fellowships and Research Assistantships for financial assistance.

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