Exemption from Required Courses

Students who have previously mastered the material being presented in a required course (not an elective) can request a “course exemption” directly from the course instructor. The request for a course exemption indicates that a student is capable of excelling in all assessments in the selected course. Mastery of course content can be demonstrated by (1) excelling in a graduate-level course with equivalent content within the past five years, or (2) significant life experience related to the course content.

The instructor must sign the course exemption form (available on the Student Resources page, under MPH Program, at http://mysph.yale.edu/students). Exemption forms must be submitted to the registrar each term by the stated deadline on the academic calendar. Exempted courses will be listed on the transcript with a grade of “Q” after the term has ended. Exempted courses cannot be used to satisfy the course unit requirement for the M.P.H. degree.

No exemptions are allowed for the core courses EPH 507 (Social Justice and Health Equity) and EPH 513 (Major Health Threats: Determinants and Solutions). The unique content of these courses provides students with several of the M.P.H. core curriculum competencies and foundational knowledge topics.

Exemption from EPH 508 (Foundations of Epidemiology and Public Health) will require an exemption exam at the start of the term.

In the Executive M.P.H. Program, no exemptions are allowed for EPH 530E (Design Thinking in Public Health Systems), EPH 531E (Strategic Management in Complex Systems), EPH 532E (Leading Effective Teams), EPH 539E (Ethics in Public Health), EPH 540E (Executive Online M.P.H. Capstone), and EPH 541E (Executive Online M.P.H. Capstone). In the case that a student requests exemptions from any other core course, the onus will be on the student to demonstrate how their life experience or previous graduate-level course work meets the competencies addressed by the course in question.