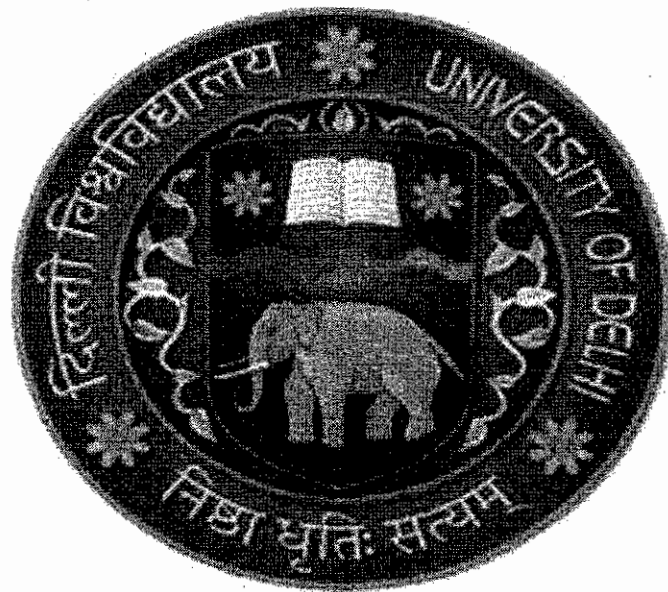


Amendments in the ORDINANCE MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)



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Proposed Amendments to the MPH Ordinance

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	b) During the final examination, an 80-mark viva-voce is conducted, with 40 marks allocated for the general viva and another 40 marks designated for the dissertation.	b) Viva-voce during the 4th semester examination is proposed, with a total allocation of 100 marks. This will include 50 marks for the Dissertation Viva and 50 marks for the Grand Viva.	the respective semester exams. These final examination papers are already included in the core and elective modules in Basic Epidemiology (MPHC104), Advanced Epidemiology (MPHE402), Basic Biostatistics (MPHC105), Advanced Biostatistics (MPHE401), Health Management (MPHC103), Advanced Health Management (MPHE411-15), Health Promotion Approaches and Methods (MPHC202) Social and Behaviour Change
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				Communication in Healthcare (MPHC204). With the final examination proposed to be removed, practical exercises will be conducted at the end of each semester, while the viva voce will be held during the 4th semester examination.
2	Final Marking/Scoring	a) Internal Evaluation of 4 semesters (Theory + I.A.): 800 marks (200 per semester) which is expressed out of 400 for final exam b) Dissertation: 200 marks c) Final Examination: 520 marks; Theory marks 400 (100/per theory papers) + 120 marks for 4 practical exercises (30 marks/exercise)	a) For each of the 20 modules 20 marks will be allocated for the theory examination with an additional 10 marks for internal assessment (I.A.), summing up to a total of 600 marks (30 marks per module) for internal evaluation. b) 50 marks per semester will be assigned to practical exercise totalling to 200 marks. c) Dissertation: 100 marks	Under the previous structure, allocating 200 marks (100 for theory and 100 for internal assessment) evenly across the four semesters posed significant difficulties. This was largely due to the unequal distribution of modules: the 1st semester has 6

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	d) Viva-voce: 80 marks (40 marks for the general viva and another 40 marks for the dissertation.) e) Total: $400+200+520+80=1200$ marks	d) Viva-voce: 100 marks (50 marks for the Dissertation Viva and 50 marks for the Grand Viva) e) Total: $600+200+100+100=1000$ marks	modules, the 2nd semester has 4 modules, and the 3rd and 4th semesters have 5 modules each. • The weightage of Theory and Internal Assessment has been revised to a 2:1 ratio, whereas earlier it was distributed at 1:1 • With the discontinuation of the final examination, a uniform structure across all semesters has been ensured by incorporating practical exercises and viva voce. The marking weightage for practical exercises has been increased,
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				while that for the dissertation has been reduced.
3	Internship	a) Under the proposed structure, students are required to undertake 2 months of internship in an active public health organization. b) Internship carries 2 credit points, without a specific marking weightage.	a) It is proposed that the duration of the internship be reduced to six weeks. b) Completion of the internship shall be mandatory for the award of the MPH degree. Students will be required to submit an Internship Completion Report upon completion of the internship.	• Since no specific time is allotted for the internship in the existing structure, students complete it during the summer break after the 2nd semester, which spans approximately 1.5 months. Accordingly, the duration of the internship has been reduced to six weeks. • Students who are unable to complete their internship during the summer break may do so after the 4th semester.

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				However, the degree will be awarded only upon submission of the Internship Completion Report.
4	Promotion Criteria	a) Semester to Semester: Students shall be allowed to be promoted from Semester I to Semester-II provided she/he has passed at least half of the modules of the current semester. b) Part I to Part II: Admission to Part II of the program shall be open to only those students who have successfully passed at least 7 papers out of papers offered for the part I courses comprising of Semester I and Semester II taken together (10 papers). However, she/he will have to clear the remaining papers	a) It is proposed to have a provision for supplementary examinations. Backlogs from odd semesters will be cleared in the subsequent odd semester, and backlogs from even semesters will be cleared in the subsequent even semester, alongside the regular examinations. Students must successfully pass all modules in order to complete the program.	• Supplementary examinations will provide an opportunity for students who are unable to clear a module in the regular examination to reattempt without losing an entire academic year.

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		while studying in Part-II of the program.		
5	Shifting of MPH 303 module from 3rd semester to 2nd Semester	a) MPH 303 module on "Principles of Social Research" is covered under Semester 3	a) It is proposed to shift MPH 303- module on "Principles of Social Research" from 3 rd semester to 2 nd Semester.	• Shifting of Principles of Social Research module from 3rd semester to 2nd Semester will provide students with the tools required for preparation of synopsis and subsequent designing of the tools which begins post 2nd Semester • It will also help in providing more time to students in the 3rd Semester for Dissertation related work and early submission.
6	Dissertation Process	a) Submission of Dissertation is scheduled for the end of Final (4th) Semester	a) It is proposed that the dissertation process, spanning four months and including data collection, analysis,	• In the existing system, getting the dissertation evaluated from evaluators

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			and report writing, shall commence from the 3rd semester. The submission of dissertations will be scheduled during the second month of the 4th semester (by the mid of February).	becomes a challenge given the tight timelines.
7	Rectification in the full form of MPH program and addition of its affiliating department and University	a) There are inconsistencies in the naming of the MPH program across different platforms. For instance, it is referred to as "Masters in Public Health" on the University of Delhi website and in the existing ordinance, "Masters of Public Health" on the NIHFW website, and "Master in Public Health" in communications with the Faculty of Medical Sciences.	a) It is proposed that the nomenclature of the program be standardized as "Master of Public Health." b) Furthermore, it is proposed that the program's affiliation be explicitly included in the title for greater clarity and consistency. The standardized full title would therefore be: "Master of Public Health at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare in affiliation with the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS), University of Delhi."	• Standardizing the name eliminates inconsistencies across platforms and documents. • A consistent and complete title strengthens recognition of the program in academic and professional circles.

8	Consideration • of external and internal examiners	a) In the existing structure, faculty members from institutes affiliated with the University of Delhi are considered internal faculty, while those from outside the University are regarded as external faculty for the MPH evaluation process.	a) It is proposed that faculty members outside the institute (NIHFW) be considered as external faculty members for the MPH evaluation process.	• This would provide more options to identify examiners for MPH evaluation process.
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The committee discussed each proposed amendment in detail. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the amendments were approved.