



**UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA**
College of Public Health

Fall 2021 Graduate Student Cohort

Greetings,

Congratulations on your acceptance to University of Georgia College of Public Health! Welcoming new students to campus is one of the most exciting parts of the year and we look forward to seeing you at the **CPH Graduate Student Orientation** tentatively scheduled for **August 16 & 17**.

Our admissions team has enjoyed getting to know you throughout the application process, and are excited to introduce you to the rest of the college community when you arrive. In anticipation of your arrival, we are planning New Student Orientation. This program includes presentations designed to acquaint you with graduate student life here at UGA, with your fellow cohort, and faculty, and with the people and services that will help your time here be smooth and easy. It is also designed to give you the opportunity to also handle business around campus, enabling you to prepare sufficiently for class start date of August 18th.

Enclosed is the **Tentative** Agenda for the Graduate Student Orientation, along with information on logistical matters such as parking, identification, email, campus-wide orientations, and housing. Please be sure to review all of the information, to visit the website for your official RSVP to orientation, and to contact us if you have questions. The document contains many hyperlinks; therefore, it is recommended that you be online in order to access pertinent websites.

You are beginning a great academic adventure, and we look forward to seeing things unfold for you. We'll see you around campus and at college events, and we look forward to assisting you in any way we can as you work towards your graduate degree. Once again, congratulations and welcome to the UGA Public Health community!

Best wishes,

Dean Marsha Davis, Ph.D.

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2021 CPH Graduate Student Orientation Tentative Program

Please be sure to register by completing [this survey](#). The final agenda will be emailed before orientation.

***The agenda below is only tentative and will change. Final agendas will be sent once the schedule has been set.*

Time	Event	Location
Tentative Agenda - Monday, August 16		
12:30 PM	Check In & Refreshments	Wright Hall Annex
1:00 PM- 1:30 PM	Student Services Welcome Mumbi to Introduce (1:00pm) Dean: Marsha Davis & Erin Lipp - 1:02 pm Academic Affairs: Mumbi Anderson - 1:15 pm PHA- 1:30 pm Communications: Rebecca Ayer & Lauren Baggett - 1:35	Wright Hall Annex
1:30-2:05 PM	Departmental Panel Welcome Mahmud Kahn – 1:40pm Timothy Heckman, Ph.D. – 1:45pm JS Wang, Ph.D. – 1:50pm Jose Cordero, Ph.D. – 1:55pm Q&A	Wright Hall Annex
2:05-2:30 PM	Institute Panel Welcome Curt Harris, Ph.D. – 2:05 Kerstin Emerson, Ph.D. – 2:10 Christopher Whalen, Ph.D. – 2:15 Andreas Handel, Ph.D. – 2:20 Q&A	Wright Hall Annex
2:30 PM	Ten Minute Break	
2:40-3:45 PM	Session III: Degree Program Breakouts MPH Program Mumbi Anderson & Jacquelyn Hughes EHS Erin Lipp, Ph.D. HPRB Jessica Muilenburg, Ph.D. EPI/BIOS Andreas Handel, Ph.D. MHA Lesley Clack	MPH: Wright Hall Annex HPRB: Wright Hall 121 EHSC: Rhodes Hall 115 EPID/BIOS: Russell Hall 217 MHA: TBD

3:45-4:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">MPH Program Breakouts</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">EPI/BIOS</td> <td>Andreas Handel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DMAN</td> <td>Curtis Harris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GRNT</td> <td>Kerstin Emerson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EHSC</td> <td>Erin Lipp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HPAM</td> <td>Mumbi Anderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HPRB</td> <td>Jessica Muilenburg</td> </tr> </table>	EPI/BIOS	Andreas Handel	DMAN	Curtis Harris	GRNT	Kerstin Emerson	EHSC	Erin Lipp	HPAM	Mumbi Anderson	HPRB	Jessica Muilenburg	DMAN: Bowstrom Road EHSC: Rhodes Hall EPID: Russell Hall 217 GRNT: Hudson Hall HPRB: Wright Hall 121
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Tentative Agenda - Tuesday, August 17

12:30 PM	Refreshments & Check-in	Wright Hall Annex
1:00-2:30 PM	Faculty Key Research Presentations	Wright Hall Annex
2:35-3:35 PM	Research Building Workshop Research, Casey Roberson	Zoom Links TBD
3:40-4:40 PM	Professional Skills Building Workshop Professionalism, Jacquelyn Hughes UGA Mentor Program, Jeremy Daniel	Zoom Links TBD
5:00 PM	Dinner or Happy Hour	

Incoming Student “To Do” List

The following information should be helpful to you as you plan your move to Athens and the University of Georgia. The “to-do list” is divided into two categories: Pre-Arrival Checklist and Post-Arrival Checklist. All steps may or may not apply to your individual situation. If you have questions, contact the appropriate office or the CPH Academic Affairs office (cphadm@uga.edu).

Pre-Arrival Checklist

Provide Verification of Lawful Presence: The University of Georgia must verify that you are lawfully present in the United States before allowing you to enroll. Please see the [instructions for providing proof of lawful presence](#) for information on how to provide this information.

Complete Final Admissions Details: If you recently completed a degree and your acceptance letter indicated that you must provide a final transcript or proof of degree, request the official final documents be sent from your previous institution before you arrive in Athens. Transcripts should be sent to the Graduate School. The College of Public Health does not receive transcripts. For questions email gradadm@uga.edu and include your 810 number.

Get Your UGAMail Account: Refer to the email sent from EITS regarding the creation of your MyID. Please be sure to set up your MyID. For additional information on MyID creation, go [here](#). Contact EITS directly for assistance at helpdesk@uga.edu.

Housing: Family and Graduate Housing in 1-3 bedrooms is available for graduate students, their spouses, domestic partners, and children in one of 20 apartment buildings on campus, including The Health Sciences Campus. Rent includes power, water, cable, laundry, and high-speed internet. Register at housing.uga.edu. If you would prefer to live off campus or unable to secure an apartment through them, consider using online classifieds, such as the [Athens Banner-Herald](#) or [Flagpole](#), to identify potential properties or property management companies.

University Health Center Forms: You must provide [proof/certification of your immunization](#). Questions and completed immunization forms should be directed to the [University Health Center](#) at (706) 542 - 8617.

Apply for A Parking Permit: If you plan to drive a car, motorcycle, or scooter to campus, you will need a UGA parking permit. Information and instructions are on the [Parking Services website](#). Parking spaces for cars are assigned based on a priority system. If the majority of your classes will be on the Health Sciences Campus, it is advised you register for the HSC lots. Students may also wait until they arrive to apply for a parking permit.

Disability Resource Center: If you have a disability and need accommodations, contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at (706) 542 - 8719, upon acceptance to UGA. The DRC coordinates and provides a variety of academic and support services to students with disabilities. To learn more or to begin the process of registering a disability, visit the [DRC website](#).

International Students: Make plans to attend the week-long orientation activities provided by the International Student Life Office. Learn about the campus and community, and make new friends. Visit the [ISL website](#) for information about the schedule and temporary housing for the orientation.

Post-Arrival Checklist

Check-in with Your Department: Make sure that you attend the CPH New Student Orientation that will be held on August 16-17th. Doctoral students should also be sure to check with your department for additional departmental or Teaching Assistant (TA) meetings. The University's TA orientation is TBD. Visit [HERE](#) for updated information.

Registration: CPH requires that you be advised for courses prior to registering for class. MPH students can be pre-advised by contacting mph@uga.edu and requesting an informal advising session. All other students should contact their department. Once cleared you may register online via the [ATHENA](#) online registration system.

NOTE: International students must visit the [Office of Global Engagement](#) before registering for classes to set up their files and obtain registration clearance.

Pay Fees: Depending upon when you register for classes, Phase I or Phase II of registration, there will be a deadline for payment of fees. Missing one of these deadlines may result in late fees and/or cancellation of classes. Billing information is sent to your UGA email account. Your student account is accessible via [MyUGA](#). If you have a graduate assistantship, you may deduct your fees from your paycheck. Contact the [Bursar's Office](#) for questions regarding your account.

Get a UGACard: Please check with your Department before going to get your UGACard. Some departments require a special type of card (a proximity card) for access control to buildings and labs. Your department will provide you with the necessary forms for you to get the correct type of card. Proximity cards are issued only with a signed authorization form from your department. Refunds/adjustments will not be given if you purchase the wrong type of card. The UGACard is the official University of Georgia identification card for students, faculty, staff, official campus visitors, and their dependents. The UGACard is your key to accessing many facilities and services throughout campus. *You must be registered for the current semester in order to purchase and use the UGACard.* The UGACard is non-transferrable and can only be used by the student to whom it is issued. Misuse of the UGACard may result in disciplinary action by University Judiciary. Visit the [UGACard Office website](#) for more information about the UGACard and how to get one. After the UGACard Office produces your card the staff will scan your hand image to create access security for your card. This feature will prohibit another person from using your card to access University services.

Health Insurance: UGA has a nationally ranked [University Health Center](#) that caters to many student health emergencies and psychological needs. It is highly recommended that students obtain health insurance because the University Health Center cannot provide major medical services. UGA has negotiated a [group health insurance policy](#) that meets most of the needs of students. NOTE: International students are required in most cases to purchase the international student health insurance through the Office of International Education (OIE); before purchasing insurance, international students should contact OIE at (706) 425-3274 or visahelp@uga.edu.

International Students: Take your immigration documents and passport to the [Office of Global Engagement](#) located at 1324 S. Lumpkin St.

Download the UGA App: Easily locate buildings on campus or find out when the next bus will arrive at your stop with the [UGA App](#) in the Apple App Store. Other features include the Food Services meal planner, Athletic Association scores and news, daily schedules for Recreational Sports, access to the GIL (Galileo Interconnected Libraries) catalog, Customizable maps, People search, and more!

Get Involved: To [get involved](#) and feel a part of the UGA community, consider joining a student organization, academic student organization, or other group of students/peers. CPH has an active

registered student organization, Public Health Association, and all students are encouraged to become members or just attend meetings and events.

Graduate Student Handbooks & Curricula

MPH Program

In addition to detailing the principles of community living and the standards by which each member of the CPH community agrees to conduct him/herself, the handbook outlines all rules and regulations, college policies and procedures, and further resources. If you would like to review the student handbook before you arrive on campus, the most recent version is available on our [website](#). This year's student handbook will be posted online shortly before Orientation Day.

Ph.D. Health Promotion and Behavior Program

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. For information on the Ph.D. curriculum, you can visit our [website](#).

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Epidemiology & Biostatistics

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review the most recent version, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view. For additional curricular information on the M.S. & Ph.D. programs, please contact the department at doctoral@uga.edu.

M.S. & Ph.D. Programs in Environmental Health Science

New students will receive this year's handbook as a part of the departmental orientation. If you would like to review curricula, please visit our [website](#), and select the program you wish to view.

Directories & Campus Resources

CPH Social Media pages: You can like us on [facebook](#) or connect with us on [linkedin](#).

CPH Directory: The College of Public Health directory includes administrative as well as departmental contact information and can be accessed via our [website](#). To view the faculty or staff biosketches, just click on the person's name in bold.

Campus Resources: Additional frequently used campus resource links for students can be found on UGA's [website](#).

CPH Visitor's Guide: If you would like to visit campus prior to orientation and would like directions, parking and transportation instructions, and additional information on our facilities' [locations](#) and contacts, please review our [Visitor's Guide](#) prior to your visit.

Academic Calendar 2021-2022

Fall 2021

Based on 50 minute classes (MWF), 75 minute classes (TTH), 15 weeks of classes + Exams

Orientation	Aug. 16	Monday
Advisement	Aug. 16	Monday
Registration	Aug. 17	Tuesday
Classes Begin	Aug. 18	Wednesday
Drop / Add for undergraduate and graduate level courses	Aug. 18 – 24	Wednesday - Tuesday
Holiday: Labor Day - No Classes	Sept. 6	Monday
Midterm	Oct. 11	Monday
Withdrawal Deadline	Oct. 25	Monday
Fall Break - No Classes	Oct. 29	Friday
Last Day of Classes prior to Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 23	Tuesday
Holiday: Thanksgiving - No Classes	Nov. 24– 26	Wednesday - Friday
Classes Resume	Nov. 29	Monday
Friday Class Schedule in Effect	Dec. 7	Tuesday
Classes End	Dec. 7	Tuesday

Reading Day	Dec. 8	Wednesday
Final Exams	Dec. 9 - 15	Thursday - Wednesday
Commencement	Dec. 17	Friday
Grades Due	Dec. 20	Monday, 12 PM

Spring 2022

Based on 50 minutes classes (MWF), 75 minutes classes (TTH), 15 weeks of classes + Exams

Orientation / Advisement	Jan. 6	Thursday
Registration	Jan. 7	Friday
Classes Begin	Jan. 10	Monday
Drop / Add for undergraduate and graduate level courses	Jan. 10 - 14	Monday - Friday
Holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Jan. 17	Monday
Midterm	Mar. 3	Thursday
Last Day of Classes prior to Spring Break	Mar. 4	Friday
Spring Break	Mar. 7 - 11	Monday – Friday
Classes Resume	Mar. 14	Monday

Withdrawal Deadline	Mar. 24	Thursday
Classes End	May 3	Tuesday
Reading Day	May 4	Wednesday
Final Exams	May 5 - 11	Thursday - Wednesday
Commencement	May 13	Friday
Grades Due	May 16	Monday, 12 PM

Summer 2022

May Session

Based on 150 minutes daily, 15 days of classes

Registration	May 17	Tuesday
Classes Begin	May 18	Wednesday
Drop / Add	May 18 – 19	Wednesday - Thursday
Midterm	May 27	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	May 27	Friday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 30	Monday

Classes End	June 8	Wednesday
Final Exams	June 9	Thursday
Grades Due	June 13	Monday, 12 PM
Date of conferral of Summer 2022 degrees	Aug. 8	Monday

Extended Summer Session

Based on 205 minutes per week for 11 weeks (2250 minutes for a 3 hour course).

Registration	May 17	Tuesday
Classes Begin	May 18	Wednesday
Drop / Add for undergraduate and graduate level courses	May 18 - 24	Wednesday – Tuesday
Holiday: Memorial Day	May 30	Monday
Midterm	June 24	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 24	Friday
Holiday: Independence Day	July 4	Monday
Classes End	Aug. 3	Wednesday
Final Exams	Aug. 4 - 5	Thursday - Friday

Date of conferral of Summer 2022 degrees	Aug. 8	Monday
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Grades Due	Aug. 8	Monday, 12 PM
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Thru Term

Based on 60 minutes daily, 38 days of class

Orientation	June 8	Wednesday
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Advisement / Registration	June 9	Thursday
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Classes Begin	June 10	Friday
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Drop / Add	June 10 - 16	Friday - Thursday
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Holiday: Independence Day	July 4	Monday
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Midterm	July 7	Thursday
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Withdrawal Deadline	July 7	Thursday
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Classes End	Aug. 3	Wednesday
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Final Exams	Aug. 4 - 5	Thursday - Friday
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Date of conferral of Summer 2022 degrees	Aug. 8	Monday
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Grades Due	Aug. 8	Monday, 12 PM
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Short Session I

Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation	June 8	Wednesday
Advisement / Registration	June 9	Thursday
Classes Begin	June 10	Friday
Drop / Add	June 10 – 13	Friday - Monday
Midterm	June 23	Thursday
Withdrawal Deadline	June 23	Thursday
Holiday: Independence Day	July 4	Monday
Classes End	July 7	Thursday
Final Exams	July 8	Friday
Grades Due	July 11	Monday, 12 PM
Date of conferral of Summer 2022 degrees	Aug. 8	Monday

Short Session II

Based on 120 minutes daily, 19 days of classes

Orientation / Advisement / Registration	July 8	Friday
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Classes Begin	July 11	Monday
Drop / Add	July 11 - 12	Monday - Tuesday
Midterm	July 22	Friday
Withdrawal Deadline	July 22	Friday
Classes End	Aug. 4	Thursday
Final Exams	Aug. 5	Friday
Date of conferral of Summer 2022 degrees	Aug. 8	Monday
Grades Due	Aug. 8	Monday, 12 PM