

## APPLYING TO SUMMER SESSION

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Please review the following information carefully as the process varies for different applicants.

#### New HSPH Degree Applicants

Current degree applicants will be contacted by email in February with an invitation to participate in Summer Session. The SOPHAS application will be used to support enrollment in summer classes if students plan to begin their program at that time.

*Current degree applicants should not submit an additional SOPHAS application.*

#### Current HSPH Degree Students

All current HSPH students will be contacted separately by email in February with details for Summer Session registration and deadlines.

#### Non-Degree Applicants (including TAP and Affiliates)

All non-degree applicants must apply via SOPHAS, [www.sophas.org](http://www.sophas.org). The deadline to complete and submit the application is February 1, 2012. Be sure to read all instructions carefully and complete sections a–f on the following pages.

For any questions regarding this process, please contact:

Isabelle Bourdonné  
Special Programs Coordinator  
617-432-1030  
[summerprograms@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:summerprograms@hsph.harvard.edu)

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for admission to the Summer Session.

For further information on the Summer Session, please refer to the website: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/summer](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/summer)

Please note, admission to, or academic performance in, the Summer Session does not guarantee admission to the school's other full- and part-time academic degree programs, which require a separate application and admission process. If you are interested in applying to a degree-granting program either before or after attending the Summer Session, please consult the Office of Admissions website: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/admissions](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/admissions)

Similarly, admission to a degree-granting program at HSPH does not guarantee admission to the Summer Session. Because Summer Session courses are rigorous and space is limited, current and entering HSPH students may not, in some instances, be admitted to Summer Session courses.



“THE ENVIRONMENT IS INCREDIBLY STIMULATING: THE BEST TEACHERS, MOTIVATING LUNCH SEMINARS, AND VERY MOTIVATED PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY AT HSPH SUMMER SESSION!”

— Ruben Osnabrugge, MSc  
Erasmus Medical Center  
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

## NON-DEGREE APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

### SOPHAS Application

Non-degree applicants must apply through SOPHAS and include (upload) the following in their SOPHAS application:

#### a. Statement of Intent

The statement of intent should describe the applicant's interest in public health, reason for applying to the Summer Session, and career plans. The statement should not exceed 500 words.

#### b. Transcripts

Applicants should submit copies of transcripts for each post-secondary institution where they received a degree. The SOPHAS application process requires that applicants enter grade information for each of the transcripts they submit. However, **non-degree** applicants may override this requirement by following the detailed instructions described in the online Transcript Abbreviation Form (TAF). This form can be accessed by visiting: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/summer](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/summer)

If an academic institution does not provide transcripts, the registrar of the school may submit remarks, rank in class, position in examinations, course curriculum, and so forth in place of a transcript. If an institution does not keep records in English, the transcript must be translated into English. Copies of diplomas will not be accepted in place of the transcript.

#### c. Resume or CV

Please upload an up-to-date copy of your resume or curriculum vitae to SOPHAS.

#### d. Tests

##### 1. TOEFL or IELTS – Required for non-native English speakers

All applicants applying to the Summer Session from countries where English is not the language of instruction, including those who are U.S. permanent residents and U.S. citizens who were granted permanent residency or citizenship after January 1, 2010, must self-report either a TOEFL score report or an IELTS score in SOPHAS and email or mail a copy of the score report to Summer Programs (see section e for contact information). For more information, visit: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/admissions/application-requirements/test-score-designations/index.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/admissions/application-requirements/test-score-designations/index.html)

##### 2. GRE – Recommended for all students

Non-degree applicants for the Summer Session are strongly encouraged to self-report their GRE scores or an appropriate substitute in SOPHAS and email or mail a copy of the score report to Summer Programs (see section e for contact information). Scores from such standardized tests can provide important information about applicants' quantitative aptitude in particular. If the transcript submitted from a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate program does not include a grade for a college-level mathematics course, it is expected that a standardized test score will be submitted. For details, visit: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/admissions/application-requirements/test-score-designations/index.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/admissions/application-requirements/test-score-designations/index.html)





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— Timothy R. Smith, MD, PhD, MPH  
Department of Neurological Surgery  
Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

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#### e. Course Selection Form

The Course Selection Form is available in the online brochure and application instructions. Please submit it by email or mail to:

Isabelle Bourdonné  
Summer Session for Public Health Studies  
677 Huntington Avenue, G-4  
Boston, MA 02115-6023  
or  
summerprograms@hsph.harvard.edu

**Please note: Non-degree students may not take more than two classes in each session. Applicants selecting a limited enrollment course (indicated by a \*) must provide a brief statement explaining their interest in the course and its relation to their work/course of study.**

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Descriptions of course content, information, and requirements can be found in this brochure and on the school's website: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/registrar/courses-and-schedules](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/administrative-offices/registrar/courses-and-schedules)

#### f. Application Fee

A nonrefundable application fee of \$115, payable to SOPHAS, is required to complete the application.

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— Kathy Tater, DVM, DACVD (Board Certified in Veterinary Dermatology)  
MPH candidate, HSPH  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Tufts University  
Consultant, Veterinary Information Network

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## FEE AND TUITION SCHEDULE

### Deposit/Registration Fee

Once admitted to the Summer Session, a nonrefundable registration fee/deposit of \$125 is required from all students. This fee is due by April 30, 2012. This nonrefundable fee does not include certain course materials (i.e., textbooks estimated at \$60 per course). In addition, participants are responsible for all other expenses associated with attending courses and/or living in Boston (i.e., food, housing, transportation, health insurance coverage).

### Tuition

Tuition rates for the summer of 2012 are not yet available. In the 2011 Summer Session, tuition for each 2.5 credit course was \$2,225. In the past, tuition rates have increased by approximately five percent.

**Please note:** There is no financial assistance or scholarships available for the 2012 Summer Session.

## CANCELLATION POLICIES

### Withdrawal

Admitted students who withdraw from Summer Session courses on or before July 6, 2012, for Summer 1 and July 30, 2012, for Summer 2 will be reimbursed 100 percent of their tuition fee. A written request to withdraw must be received on or before those dates to receive the full reimbursement. Withdrawal after those dates corresponds to a pro-rated schedule.

### Course Cancellation Policy

We reserve the right to cancel courses with insufficient enrollment.

## HOUSING

Students must arrange for their own housing. There are a variety of accommodation options available in the area, including apartments, dorms, guest houses, bed and breakfast establishments, and hotel rooms. For information about housing for summer students in the Boston area, please visit: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-life/housing](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/student-life/housing)

## LINKS FOR OTHER GROUPS PARTICIPATING IN SUMMER COURSES

**Global Health Effectiveness applicants:** For information on applying to the GHE Program, please follow this link: [www.globalhealthdelivery.org/ghd-academic-offerings/harvard-global-health-effectiveness-program](http://www.globalhealthdelivery.org/ghd-academic-offerings/harvard-global-health-effectiveness-program)

**Program in Clinical Effectiveness and Clinical Scholars applicants:** For information on applying to the PCE Program, please follow this link: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/academics/clinical-effectiveness](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/academics/clinical-effectiveness)

**June Course in Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics:** For information on applying to the CEB Program, please follow this link: [www.hsph.harvard.edu/academics/clinical-epi-bio/index.html](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/academics/clinical-epi-bio/index.html)

# SUMMER SESSION 2012 COURSE SELECTION FORM FOR NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

## I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (Please Print)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. COURSE SELECTION

Please check the courses to which you are applying for admission. Students may register for a maximum of 5 credits per session. All courses are 2.5 credits. If you need to select a second course in case you do not get into your first selection, please indicate your choices on the line provided as follows:

1a – first course-first choice                      2a – second course-first choice  
1b – first course-second choice                      2b – second course-second choice

**Please note:** If you are selecting a limited enrollment course (indicated by a \*) you must provide a brief statement explaining your interest in the course and its relation to your work/course of study and submit it along with this form.

### Summer 1

- \_\_\_\_ BIO 202, Principles of Biostatistics, Part I (8:30–10:20)
- \_\_\_\_ BIO 517, Using Next Generation Sequencing Analysis and Public Health (3:30–5:20)
- \_\_\_\_ EPI 295, Introduction to Pharmacoepidemiology (3:30–5:20)
- \_\_\_\_ EPI 500, Fundamentals of Epidemiology (10:30–12:20)
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 510, Introduction to Management of Health Care Organizations (8:30–10:20)
- \_\_\_\_ ID 215, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology (3:30–5:20)
- \_\_\_\_ SHH 201, Society and Health (3:30–5:20)

### Summer 1 Limited Enrollment

- \_\_\_\_ GHP 532, Introduction to Global Health Care Delivery (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 276, Methods and Applications in Health Services Research (3:30–5:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 277, Current Issues in Health Policy (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 530, Measuring Health Outcomes (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ ID 251, Ethical Basis of the Practice of Public Health (10:30–12:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ ID 251, Ethical Basis of the Practice of Public Health (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ RDS 286, Decision Analysis in Clinical Research (1:30–3:20)\*

### Summer 2

- \_\_\_\_ BIO 203, Principles of Biostatistics, Part II (8:30–10:20)
- \_\_\_\_ BIO 234, Research Synthesis and Meta Analysis (3:30–5:20)
- \_\_\_\_ EH 201, Introduction to Environmental Health (1:30–3:20)
- \_\_\_\_ EPI 202, Elements of Epidemiologic Research (10:30–12:20)
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 209, Economics for Health Policy (10:30–12:20)
- \_\_\_\_ IID 232, Global Health and Infectious Diseases: Vector-borne and Zoonotic Infections (1:30–3:20)
- \_\_\_\_ IID 233, Global Health and Infectious Diseases: Infections Transmitted through Water and Food (3:30–5:20)
- \_\_\_\_ NUT 217, Global Nutrition (8:30–10:20)

### Summer 2 Limited Enrollment

- \_\_\_\_ BIO 214, Principles of Clinical Trials (10:30–12:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ BIO 224, Survival Methods in Clinical Research (8:30–10:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ BIO 501, Linear and Longitudinal Regression (3:30–5:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 253, Improving Quality in Health Care (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 299, Research with Large Databases (3:30–5:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ HPM 512, Medical Informatics (1:30–3:20)\*
- \_\_\_\_ RDS 288, Methods for Decision Making in Medicine (1:30–3:20)\*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_