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**ROBERT F. WAGNER GRADUATE  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Course Waiver Policy:  
HPAM-GP 1830 Introduction to Health Policy and Management**

This introductory course in the MPA-Health program is designed to familiarize students with some of the basic concepts and ideas concerning the distribution of health and illness in our nation, the organization of the health care system, and the relationship of one to the other. Definitions of health and illness, and tools for their assessment, as well as the historical context for developments in public health and medicine, are discussed and debated. Concerns about the uneven distribution of illness and health care resources in the United States and other nations are also analyzed in the context of trends in the distribution of disease and in the organization of health services and health personnel.

Students who have previously taken courses concerning the organization and delivery of health care services in the United States, the sociology of medicine, or public health may find that Community Health and Medical Care substantially overlaps with their prior coursework.

Students who have taken such courses in the past 5 years, and received a grade of B+ or better, are urged to review the syllabus for HPAM-GP.1830 (available on the Wagner School website). Students who believe they have already covered and mastered this material should submit a memo describing the courses they have previously taken. The waiver request will be forwarded to the appropriate faculty for review.

To submit your course waiver request, please send the following materials:

- Memo describing how you meet the waiver criteria (i.e. graduate or undergraduate coursework). Please include the following in your memo:
  - ✓ Name of University
  - ✓ Name of course as listed on your transcript
  - ✓ Course number & section
  - ✓ Semester/Year course was taken
  - ✓ Grade received in course
- Syllabus from the course taken. If syllabus for the semester/year is not available, may attach a more recent syllabus with a note explaining course content has not changed.
- Copy of Transcript(s) for relevant courses:
  - ✓ Make sure to highlight or circle the relevant prior course(s)

To submit your course waiver request, gather the specific materials outlined in the policies above, then complete the [Course Waiver Request form](#) and attach the documentation in a single pdf document. (the form will only allow one attachment) Make sure to only submit complete waiver requests - incomplete requests cannot be processed.

If you have questions, please email Wagner Student Services at [wagner.studentservices@nyu.edu](mailto:wagner.studentservices@nyu.edu)