

At a Glance:
PHASE, Health Policy Institute (HPI), and Baltimore Community Practicum (BCP) Courses

	Health Policy Institute (308.852)	PHASE (308.851)	Baltimore Community Practicum (550.864)
Eligibility	<i>Any currently enrolled BSPH graduate student is eligible to apply.</i>		
Prerequisites	None	None	None
Internships with...	Maryland General Assembly (state legislature) legislators and staff	State and local health departments and public health agencies and national public health membership associations	Community-based organizations (CBOs) and public health agencies in Baltimore City; organizations are SOURCE partners
Terms and Credits	Must enroll in both 3 rd and 4 th terms Variable credit (minimum 3 total), Pass/Fail	3 terms (Must enroll in all 3: 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th) Variable credit (minimum 3 total), Pass/Fail	2 nd and 3 rd terms (must enroll in BOTH terms) 2 to 3 credits per term (usually 2), Pass/Fail
Time Commitment	Legislators will determine the internship start date. All students must start no later than January (during the winter break) in alignment with the start of the legislative session. Internships will run through May. Some legislators may request interns to begin as early as December. Each legislator will determine the schedule and weekly time commitment with their selected fellow, but the <i>minimum</i> commitment is 10 hours per week for the duration of the internship, with most averaging 12-14 hours per week. As this is a fast-paced 90-day legislative session, flexibility is required, and students should expect weekly hours to fluctuate widely throughout the session depending on legislative workload.	The host site determines the schedule and required weekly time commitment for their intern. The minimum commitment is 6-10 hours per week for the duration of the internship.	Community organizations request a BCP student to work either 4 hours/week or 8 hours/week throughout both 2nd and 3rd terms. Community organizations have also indicated if they prefer the BCP student to work mostly on-site at the organization or a hybrid schedule (some time spent on-site at the organization and some time working remotely). Specific details are listed with each BCP project description.

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Program Structure	Course requirements include mandatory completion of: - Introductory sessions in December orienting students to the legislative process and basics of legal research - Orientation and once-a-term check-in meetings with HPI faculty and other HPI fellows - Internship agreement form and monthly update reports - Required deliverables for the legislator's office - Oral presentation on experience and lessons learned at HPI symposium in late April/early May	Course requirements include mandatory completion of: - Orientation and once-a-term check-in meetings with PHASE faculty and other interns - Internship agreement form and monthly update reports - Required project deliverables for the host site - Oral presentation on experience and lessons learned at the PHASE symposium in May	Course requirements include mandatory completion of: - BCP educational plan with community partner - Several modules and class assignments - Oral presentation on experience and lessons learned - Final paper and deliverables - Required Weekly Seminar - 2nd term: Tuesdays, 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm EST - 3rd term: Tuesdays, 12:15pm -1:05pm EST (mix of synchronous and asynchronous sessions)
Internship Location	Legislators will decide whether their fellowships will be in-person or hybrid. All in-person activities will take place in Annapolis, MD. Students must provide their own transportation to and from Annapolis at their own expense.	Projects may include in-person, remote, or hybrid opportunities. Most in-person or hybrid opportunities typically are Baltimore-based and accessible via public transportation, but some may require you to drive to the location. There are also internships that may require you to travel to various sites around Maryland, which could require a car. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation at their own expense.	All BCP internships are in Baltimore City and accessible via public transportation, but there are others which will require you to drive to the location. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation at their own expense. There are no additional text books to purchase.
Application Timeline	Applications will open in late October/early November. Selected applicants will receive an invite to interview in Nov/Dec, with final placements announced by December.	Applications will open in September. Selected applicants will receive an invite to interview in October, with final placements announced in late October.	Applications are due by Wed, September 16, 2026 by 11:59 pm ET. Selected applicants will receive an invite to interview (Sept 24-Oct 8, with final placements announced October 9
Learn More	https://livejohnshopkins.sharepoint.com/sites/MyBSPH-Practice/SitePages/HPI.aspx	https://livejohnshopkins.sharepoint.com/sites/MyBSPH-Practice/SitePages/PHASE.aspx	http://SOURCE.jhu.edu/BCP

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* Contact practice@jhu.edu for questions related to the MPH Practicum Requirement.

* Refer to the Course Directory and Courseplus for course descriptions / learning objectives, etc.