

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ENGINEERING

About

The Department of Environmental Health and Engineering (<https://ehe.jhu.edu/>) (EHE) is a collaborative hybrid uniquely designed to lead pioneering research and fuel technology translation as it prepares the next generation of scholars to solve critical and complex issues at the interface of public health and engineering.

This cross-divisional department builds on the strengths of the Whiting School's Geography and Environmental Engineering department and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School's Environmental Health Sciences department.

EHE's mission is to improve the health of the Earth and its inhabitants. EHE's academic and research activities span the science of biological processes, environmental engineering, environmental and health policy, and data analytics. With its accomplished faculty and visionary students, EHE is poised to use its broad and deep expertise to propel discovery and innovation, as well as to inspire and educate scholars of the 21st century and beyond.

Our broad, multidisciplinary approach creates a collaborative and supportive learning atmosphere for students with diverse backgrounds and interests, while assisting them in developing lifetime careers in environmental and public health research and practice. Our graduates work in academic research institutions, health agencies, health departments, and private industry organizations that are leaders in environmental and occupational health in the U.S. and in many countries around the world.

These areas offer students many opportunities for course selection, research, and training in a setting that enables students to pursue a wide range of environmental health science interests. Our relationships with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine (<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/som/>), the Whiting School of Engineering (<https://engineering.jhu.edu/>), and the School of Nursing (<https://nursing.jhu.edu/>) ensure that our research can be rapidly translated into prevention strategies. In addition, our Department houses a number of centers including the Johns Hopkins Water Institute (<https://water.jhu.edu/>), Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health (<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-education-and-research-center-for-occupational-safety-and-health/>), Center for a Livable Future (CLF) (<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/>), the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT) (<https://caat.jhsph.edu/>), the Center for Health Security (<https://www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/>), and the Center for Public Health Preparedness (<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-public-health-preparedness/>) enhancing our unique academic environment.

Programs

- Environmental Health, MHS (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/environmental-health-engineering/environmental-health-mhs/>)

- Environmental Health, SCM (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/environmental-health-engineering/environmental-health-scm/>)
- Toxicology for Human Risk Assessment, MS (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/environmental-health-engineering/toxicology-human-risk-ms/>)
- Environmental Health, PhD (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/environmental-health-engineering/environmental-health-phd/>)
- Non-Degree Training (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/departments/environmental-health-engineering/non-degree-training/>)

Policies

Students are expected to adhere to the school-wide policies on academics, research, and student life (<http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/public-health/policies/>) in addition to departmental policies. Students who fail to follow or meet the established policies may be subject to dismissal.

SIS Account

Students are responsible for monitoring their SIS account (<http://sis.jhu.edu/sswf/>) on a monthly basis so that problems may be resolved in a timely manner. The Department may deposit funds for tuition and certain fees into accounts, but the student is responsible for charges related to expenses that are not covered by the Department. These charges include late registration fees, even when the Department pays for tuition costs. More information can be found on the Student Accounts (<http://www.jhsph.edu/offices-and-services/student-accounts-and-business-services/>) website.

Course Registration

It is the student's responsibility to register for courses during the appropriate time periods specified by the Office of Records and Registration (<https://www.jhsph.edu/offices-and-services/student-affairs/records-and-registration/>) (and available on the academic calendar). Students are expected to discuss course plans with their adviser before registration and confirm registration details with their adviser every term. Regardless of funding sources such as grants, stipends, etc., students are responsible for any applicable fees if they do not register properly.

Course Waivers

Waiver requests will be considered when a student has taken a similar, graduate-level course(s), with a passing grade, in another division of JHU or another university. A waiver will not be granted for courses in which the student received less than a B or did not receive a letter grade. Please note that approval of a waiver does not reduce the total number of credits a student is required to earn to meet graduation requirements.

Students must complete the course waiver request form and provide documentation (i.e. transcript and syllabus) to support the request. The completed form and supporting documentation should be merged into one PDF and emailed to the academic program administrator. Waivers and substitutions are only approved by the student matters subcommittee, not the adviser. The academic program administrator will return the form to the student and notify them of the decision. A copy will also be kept in the students' academic file.

International Travel

As a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, you may have an opportunity to supplement your education or

conduct research in another country. These opportunities often enrich the academic curriculum, contribute to dissertation research, and allow you to apply the knowledge you obtain in the classroom to the world's communities. While the School encourages participation in these kinds of experiences, international tensions can be high and the resources on the international travel website (<https://my.jhsph.edu/sites/itr/default.aspx>) are provided to assist you in making an informed decision.

Students are not obligated to travel internationally, and each student has the right to decline to travel abroad. If the student is supported by a research project that requires such travel and the student chooses not to travel, the student may be removed from that project following discussions with the principal investigator and the EHE program or track directors.

Graduate students who decide to travel abroad must demonstrate that they understand and voluntarily accept the risks inherent in international travel. To do so, students must first receive the appropriate departmental approvals for the trip through their adviser and program or track director(s). Once approved, students must complete the following steps:

1. Review the JHSPH Student Travel Handbook and student-related information on the JHSPH International Travel site (<https://my.jhsph.edu/sites/itr/default.aspx>).
2. Consult the Department of State website at <http://travel.state.gov>. Information on U.S. embassies, travel advisories (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>), and the availability of transportation should the situation in a country deteriorate may be found on this site.
3. Register your travels with the JHU International Travel Registry (<https://travelregistry.johnshopkins.edu/Travel/>).
4. Complete the International Travel Checklist (https://my.jhsph.edu/sites/itr/Documents/Graduate_Student_Travel_Info%20and%20Checklist_9_Apr_2013.pdf) and Graduate Student Study Release form (https://my.jhsph.edu/sites/itr/Documents/Graduate_Student_Study_Release_Form_9_Apr_2013.pdf). Submit both documents to the academic program administrator at least one week in advance of your proposed travel date.

When traveling in an area where regular communication is difficult, students are encouraged to maintain contact with their adviser and/or the academic program administrator.