

Public Health (PH) Master's Along the Way (MAW) Steps:

*These steps are only for the Public Health graduate program.

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Review with SSHA Graduate Services

Connect with a [SSHA Graduate Coordinator](#) or contact SSHA Graduate Services (ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu) to review MAW course completion and program requirements.

For Masters Along the Way (MAW):

- Minimum of 2 semesters at UC Merced
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Complete at least ten 4-unit courses (or 40 units); including all core required courses (24 units) and four elective courses (16 units).

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Confirm approval of the Second Year Paper

You must receive a “pass” on the Second-Year Paper to be awarded the MSPH.

Once you have received a “pass” on the Second-Year Paper, please email the Graduate Chair and the SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator to confirm you have passed the second-year paper with your Faculty Advisory Committee CC'd.

- **Email:** Maria-Elena Young (mariaelena@ucmerced.edu) & jclear3@ucmerced.edu
 - **CC:** ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu & the Faculty Advisory Committee Members

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Complete MAW Candidacy form

If you are advancing **ONLY** for the **Masters Along the Way**, complete [MAW Advancement to Candidacy webform](#).

- For Student Type: select “PhD”

If you are advancing for **BOTH PhD and Masters Along the Way**, complete the [Ph.D. Advancement to Candidacy webform](#).

- To include MAW: click the MAW field on the Ph.D. candidacy form

*This form must be processed and approved before you can move forward with your MAW graduation application.

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Apply for MAW Graduation

After receiving MAW candidacy confirmation and approval from **both** Graduate Division and Office of the Registrar, move forward with submitting the [graduation application](#) for the MAW. If there is no option for a Masters, do not submit the application and contact ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu & jclear3@ucmerced.edu immediately.

*This form must be completed by the Graduate Division deadline for the semester concurrent with the expected graduation term.

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Submit Master's Degree Final Report Form

Submit a completed and signed [Final Report for Master's Degree form](#) to the Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) by the Graduate Division deadline for the semester concurrent with the expected graduation term.

- Email: gradservices@ucmerced.edu
 - CC: Your Faculty Advisor, the Graduate Chair, jclear3@ucmerced.edu, & ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu

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Review and Complete Graduation Requirements

Submit the MAW requirements by the [Graduate Division deadlines](#):

Option 1 – Thesis:

- a signed thesis signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Thesis to ProQuest

Option 2 – Capstone Project (Second-Year Paper):

- a signed Second-Year Paper signature page to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your graduate chair, graduate advisor, and SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit your Second-Year Paper to eScholars.

*Detailed resources for Thesis and Capstone Project submission guidelines can be found on [Graduate Division's Dissertation/Thesis Submission](#).