The 3 unit MPH Elective Course:

- Can be any 300 or above numbered course from any department that your advisor approves as relevant to your individual professional preparation.
- Can be taken any semester that you wish.
- **The SF State Bulletin:** Spend time perusing the SF State Bulletin in order to find the best choice for you, given your specific professional objectives.
- **Your Rationale:** You must email your advisor with a rationale for how, in consideration of your specific educational and career objectives, your elective choice will further your individual professional preparation.
- **Advisor Approval Required:** Before you register for your elective course, your choice must be approved by your advisor (copy the MPH Program Manager on the approval email) as appropriate for your individual professional preparation. *Exceptions: HED 650 and HED 665 are automatically approved for all MPH students.*
- Is the only MPH course, besides HED 895 (895 is mandatory CR/NC), that can be taken CR/NC rather than for a letter grade. Note: keep in mind that while some universities omit CR grades when calculating GPA, other universities may convert a CR grade to a C letter grade and a NC grade to an F when calculating GPA for admission purposes.

A small sampling of the courses that previous MPH students have taken—to serve only as a springboard for your personalized search for the elective course that is perfect for you:

**Notes:**
- Just because a course is approved as appropriate to one student’s professional preparation does not automatically mean it will be approved as appropriate to another student’s professional preparation. *Exceptions: HED 650 and HED 665 are pre-approved for all MPH students.*
- Keep in mind that you can choose any appropriate course from the SF State Bulletin, so utilize the following examples only as a springboard for your extensive search through the Bulletin to find the course that is perfect for your individual professional preparation.

AAS 875 Asian American Community Health Issues  
GRN 600 Age and Long-Term Care  
HED 417 AIDS: Contemporary Health Crisis  
HED 650 Training and Education Processes in Public Health (approved for all students)  
HED 660 Developing Healthy Youth  
HED 665 Community Based Participatory Research in Public Health (approved for all students)  
PA 715 Policy-Making and Implementation  
PA 720 Managing Organizational Behavior  
PA 725 Managing Human Resources  
PA 730 Managing Budgets in the Public Sector  
PA 740 Public Sector Management  
PA 742 Strategic Public and Non-Profit Management  
PA 858 Seminar in Environmental and Land Use Planning  
SOC 410 or ETHS 410 Grassroots Organizing