

PUBLIC HEALTH, BA

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Introduction

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) together created the undergraduate Public Health program. Public health professionals work to protect the environment, identify sources of illness in population groups, control disease outbreaks, evaluate the economic ramifications of changing demographics, develop interventions to promote healthy behavior and produce health policy legislation. Public health draws from a broad array of disciplines, including a range of social, behavioral, and natural sciences, each provides unique insights for the diverse set of activities involved in public health practice.

Students in the BA program develop a specialty in the social sciences and public health. Graduates with a BA in Public Health will be prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in a broad range of fields, including the social and behavioral sciences, public health, law, social work, business administration, and health services research. The program is especially appropriate for students intending to pursue careers in public health, as well as health policy and administration.

These degree requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their major advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus program.

Declaring This Major

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/records-registration/registration/declare-change-major-minor/>) to go to information about declaring a major.

General Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the three areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver General Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation/general-graduation-requirements/>)
- CU Denver Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation-undergraduate-core-requirements/>)
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/>)

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Program Requirements

- Students must complete a total of 43 credit hours, including a minimum of 29 PBHL credit hours and a minimum of 11 credit hours in ancillary coursework.
- Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) PBHL credit hours.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
- Students must complete a minimum of 26 PBHL credit hours with CU Denver faculty, including a minimum of 5 of the following PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health, PBHL 3001 Introduction to Epidemiology, PBHL 3020 Introduction to Environmental Health, PBHL 3030 Health Policy, PBHL 3070 Perspectives in Global Health, PBHL 4040 Social Determinants of Health or PBHL 4099 Capstone Experience in Public Health.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take all of the following.</i>		23
<i>A minimum of five must be taken at the University of Colorado Denver.</i>		
PBHL 2001	Introduction to Public Health	4
PBHL 3020	Introduction to Environmental Health	3
PBHL 3001	Introduction to Epidemiology	4
PBHL 3030	Health Policy	3
PBHL 3070	Perspectives in Global Health	3
PBHL 4040	Social Determinants of Health	3
PBHL 4099	Capstone Experience in Public Health	3

Quantitative Methods

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take one of the following Quantitative Methods courses, or another statistics course that has been approved by the undergraduate program director/advisor in advance:</i>		3-4
ANTH 4050	Quantitative Methods in Anthropology	3
BIOL 3763	Biostatistics	4
MATH 2830	Introductory Statistics	3
MATH 4830	Applied Statistics	3
PSYC 2090	Statistics and Research Methods	4

Public Health Electives

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take six credits of PBHL electives from the following list:</i>		6
PBHL 2052	Global Demography and Health	3
PBHL 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	3
PBHL 3010	Human Sexuality and Public Health	3
PBHL 3021	Fundamentals of Health Promotion	3

PBHL 3031	Health, Human Biology and Behavior	3
PBHL 3041	Health, Culture and Society	3
PBHL 3050	Decision Making	3
PBHL 3051	Mental Illness and Society	3
PBHL 3071	Global Topics In Sexual and Reproductive Health	3
PBHL 3081	Health in the City: Urban Health	3
PBHL 3091	Live Long and Prosper: Public Health & Aging	3
PBHL 3200	Human Migration: Nomads, Sojourners, and Settlers	3
PBHL 3440	Medical Sociology	3
PBHL 3939	Internship	1-3
PBHL 3999	Special Topics in Public Health	1-4
PBHL 4020	Global Health: Comparative Public Health Systems	3
PBHL 4021	Community Health Assessment	3
PBHL 4031	Ethnographic Research In Public Health	3
PBHL 4060	Evolutionary Medicine	3
PBHL 4080	Global Health Practice	3
PBHL 4090	Drug Syndemic	3
PBHL 4110	Public Health Perspectives On Family Violence	3
PBHL 4200	The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic	3
PBHL 4840	Independent Study	1-4
PBHL 4880	Directed Research	1-6
PBHL 4999	Topics in Public Health	4

Additional Electives

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take three elective credits from either the PBHL list (above) or the following list:</i>	3
ANTH 4010	Medical Anthropology: Global Health	3
ANTH 4080	Global Health Practice	3
ANTH/PBHL 4090	Drug Syndemic	3
ANTH 4290	Anthropology and Public Health	3
ANTH 4600	Medical Anthropology	3
COMM 4500	Health Communication	3
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community	3
COMM 4550	Rhetorics of Medicine & Health	3
COMM 4575	Designing Health Messages	3
COMM 4620	Health Risk Communication	3
ECON 4660	Health Economics.	3
ENVS 1342	Environment, Society and Sustainability	3
ETST 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	3
GEOG 3501	Geography of Health	3
GEOG 4230	Hazard Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment	3
GEOG 4235	GIS Applications in the Health Sciences	3
HEHM 3100	Introduction to Health Humanities	3
HEHM 3570	Death & Dying: Social & Medical Perspectives	3
HIST 4345	Gender, Science, and Medicine: 1600 to the Present	3
PHIL 4242	Bioethics	3
PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	3
PSCI 4330	U.S. Health Policy	3

PSYC 3262	Health Psychology	3
PSYC 3265	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
PSYC 3305	Abnormal Psychology	3
PSYC 3822	Aging, Brain and Behavior	3
SOCY 3440	Medical Sociology	3
SOCY 3570	Death & Dying: Social & Medical Perspectives	3
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care	3
SOCY 4220	Population Change and Analysis	3
SOCY 4290	Aging, Society and Social Policy	3

Biological Sciences Ancillary Courses

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Complete one of the following options.</i>	8

Option 1

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take two of the following</i>	8
BIOL 1550	Basic Biology: Ecology and the Diversity of Life	4
BIOL 1560	Basic Biology: From Cells to Organisms	4
ANTH 1303	Introduction to Biological Anthropology	4

Option 2

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take the following</i>	8
BIOL 2010	Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio)	3
or BIOL 2030	Honors Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2011	Organisms to Ecosystems Lab (Gen Bio)	1
or BIOL 2031	Honors Organisms to Ecosystems Lab (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2020	Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio)	3
or BIOL 2040	Honors Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio)	
BIOL 2021	Molecules to Cells Lab (Gen Bio)	1
or BIOL 2041	Honors Molecules to Cells Lab (Gen Bio)	

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To review the Degree Map for this program, please visit our website (<https://www.ucdenver.edu/student/advising/undergraduate/degree-maps/clas/>).