BA in Public Health

Degree Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health degree from UIC, students need to complete the University and school degree requirements. University and school degree requirements for all School of Public Health students are outlined below. Students should consult the General Education section of the catalog for more information on completing the General Education requirements.

Summary of Requirements

Pre-Public Health (includes 9 semester hours of PUBH prerequisites) 60
Major Course Requirements in Public Health 35
Public Health Fieldwork a 3
Selectives 12-15
Electives: Preapproved by advisor as relevant to plan of study 4
Free Electives 6
Total Hours 120

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Pre-Public Health

Required Courses

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<td>Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts</td>
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<td>ENGL 161</td>
<td>Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research</td>
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<td>Foreign language (16 hours in a single language or equivalent) a</td>
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<td>Quantitative Reasoning course b</td>
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<td>PUBH 100</td>
<td>Health and the Public c, d</td>
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<td>PUBH 110</td>
<td>Public Health and Global Societies c, e</td>
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<td>PUBH 120</td>
<td>Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics f</td>
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Analyzing the Natural World: two courses required, including PUBH 120 (see above) and a life science course with a lab as indicated below.

Life Science course 4-5

Select one of the following:
- ANTH 105 Human Evolution
- BIOS 100 Biology of Cells and Organisms
- BIOS 101 Biology of Populations and Communities
- BIOS 104 Life Evolving
- Exploring World Cultures course g, i | 3 |
- Understanding U.S. Society course h, i | 3 |
- Understanding the Individual and Society course g, h, i | 3 |
- Understanding the Past course i | 3 |
- Understanding the Creative Arts course i | 3 |
- Additional General Education course(s) from any category, as necessary to total 24 hours of General Education credit. i | 1-3 |

Total Hours 60

Major Course Requirements in Public Health

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Total Hours 35

Public Health Fieldwork

Additional Major Course
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PUBH 393  Public Health Fieldwork (required for those in the professional track, optional for students in the academic track)  
Total Hours  3

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Selectives and Electives

Courses
Selectives from list of courses representing an array of disciplines (African American Studies, Anthropology, Communication, Education, Gender and Women's Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Urban Studies and 400-level public health courses, with the exception of MPH core, with permission of instructor). Fieldwork is a requirement for students in the professional track but may be taken as a selective for those in the academic track.

Electives: preapproved by advisor as relevant to the student's plan of study.

Free Electives  6

Total Hours  22-25

Sample Course Schedule

Note that students in specific preprofessional tracks (e.g., pre-medicine) will likely need additional credit hours in order to obtain all admission requirements for professional programs.

Junior Year
Fall Semester
PUBH 300  Critical Thinking in Public Health  4
PUBH 320  Ecologies of Health and Modern Life  3
PUBH 330  Health Equity and Health Disparities  3
Elective(s)  4

Term Hours:  14

Spring Semester
PUBH 301  Critical Thinking in Public Health II  2
PUBH 310  Public Health and Global Citizenship  3
PUBH 340  Health Literacy  3
PUBH 350  Health Systems, Health Policy  3
PUBH 360  Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives  4

Term Hours:  15

Summer Semester
PUBH 393  Public Health Fieldwork (may be taken any time from this point forward)  3

Term Hours:  3

Senior Year
Fall Semester
PUBH 370  Using the Public Health Toolbox  3

PUBH 410  Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I  2
Three elective/selective courses  9

Term Hours:  14

Spring Semester
PUBH 397  Baccalaureate Project in Public Health  3
PUBH 411  Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II  2
Three elective/selective courses  9

Term Hours:  14

Total Hours:  60