

BA in Public Health

Program Codes:

20FY1630BA

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 Bachelor of Arts in 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.

Code	Title	Hours
Summary of Requirements		
Prerequisite Courses		24-26
Additional General Education Requirements		27
Major Course Requirements in Public Health		35
Selectives and Electives		32-34
Total Hours		120

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ENGL 160	Academic Writing I: Writing in Academic and Public Contexts	3
ENGL 161	Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research	3
Quantitative Reasoning course ^a		3-5
PUBH 100	Health and the Public ^{b,c}	3
PUBH 105	Foundations for Public Health ^d	2
PUBH 110	Public Health and Global Societies ^{b,e}	3
PUBH 120	Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics ^f	3
Analyzing the Natural World - Life Science course with a lab. Select one of the following:		4
ANTH 105	Human Evolution	
BIOS 104	Biology for Non-majors	
BIOS 110	Biology of Cells and Organisms	
BIOS 120	Biology of Populations and Communities	
Total Hours		24-26

a See *Quantitative Reasoning in the School of Public Health* section. STAT 101 or STAT 130 is recommended to fulfill this requirement.

b This course is approved for the *Understanding the Individual and Society* General Education category. Courses approved for more than one General Education category may only be applied to one General Education category.

c This course is approved for the *Understanding U.S. Society* General Education category. Courses approved for more than one General Education category may only be applied to one General Education category.

d Required for new first year students in the School of Public Health as well as transfer students who enter the School of Public Health with

less than 24 semester hours earned. Others may enroll with permission of instructor if space permits.

e This course is approved for the *Exploring World Cultures* General Education category. Courses approved for more than one General Education category may only be applied to one General Education category.

f This course is approved for the *Analyzing the Natural World* General Education category (nonlaboratory course).

Additional General Education and School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
Understanding the Past course		3
Understanding the Creative Arts course		3
Select an additional course in at least one of these General Education categories (depending on how PUBH 100 and PUBH 110 are used to satisfy General Education Requirements) ^a		3
Exploring World Cultures		
Understanding U.S. Society		
Understanding the Individual and Society		
Additional General Education course(s) from any category, as necessary to total 24 hours of General Education credit		2
Foreign language (16 hours in a single language or equivalent) ^b		16
Total Hours		27

a Students should consult the [General Education](#) section of the catalog for a list of approved courses in this category. All students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of General Education coursework with at least one course from each of the six General Education categories.

b If a student has a background in a foreign language, proficiency in that language will be determined by testing. Should a student be deemed proficient, other coursework is chosen for this requirement. See the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences foreign language requirement](#) for further explanation.

Major Course Requirements in Public Health

Code	Title	Hours
Required Major Courses		
PUBH 300	Critical Thinking in Public Health	4
PUBH 301	Critical Thinking in Public Health II	2
PUBH 310	Public Health and Global Citizenship	3
PUBH 320	Ecologies of Health and Modern Life	3
PUBH 330	Health Equity and Health Disparities	3
PUBH 340	Health Literacy	3
PUBH 350	Health Systems, Health Policy	3
PUBH 360	Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives	4
PUBH 370	Using the Public Health Toolbox	3
PUBH 410	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I	2

PUBH 411	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II	2
PUBH 397	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
PUBH 395	Professional Topics Seminar	0
Total Hours		35

PUBH 397	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
PUBH 411	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II	2
Two elective/selective courses		6
Hours		14
Total Hours		60

Selectives and Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Courses		
	Public Health Selectives and Electives ^a	18
	Free Electives ^b	14-16
Total Hours		32-34

a *In consultation with their Advisor, students develop an area of focus and choose 18 hours from a list of courses including PUBH electives and graduate-level PUBH courses. Students can use these electives for minors, prerequisites for professional programs (Medical School, Dental School, etc.) and baccalaureate certificates. Students are highly encouraged to consider PUBH 393 and PUBH 420 for their selective options.*

b *Students can use these electives for minors, prerequisites for professional programs (Medical School, Dental School, etc.) baccalaureate certificates and other free electives.*

Sample Course Schedule

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

Course	Title	Hours
Junior Year		
Fall Semester		
PUBH 300	Critical Thinking in Public Health	4
PUBH 330	Health Equity and Health Disparities	3
PUBH 350	Health Systems, Health Policy	3
PUBH 395	Professional Topics Seminar	0
Elective(s)		4
Hours		14
Spring Semester		
PUBH 301	Critical Thinking in Public Health II	2
PUBH 320	Ecologies of Health and Modern Life	3
PUBH 340	Health Literacy	3
PUBH 360	Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives	4
PUBH 395	Professional Topics Seminar	0
One elective/selective course		3
Hours		15
Summer Semester		
PUBH 393	Public Health Fieldwork (may be taken as a selective option any time from this point forward)	3
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
Hours		14
Spring Semester		
PUBH 310	Public Health and Global Citizenship	3