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 School of Public Health students are outlined below. Students should consult the University and school degree requirements for all School of Public Health students 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 3
Selectives 12-15
Electives: Preapproved by advisor as relevant to plan of study 4
Free Electives 6
Total Hours 120

a Students in the professional track are required to take Public Health Fieldwork. Students in the academic track may choose to take the fieldwork course or replace it with another 3-hour selective.

Pre-Public Health

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
Foreign language (16 hours in a single language or equivalent) a 16
Quantitative Reasoning course b 3-5
PUBH 100 Health and the Public c, d 3
PUBH 110 Public Health and Global Societies c, e 3
PUBH 120 Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics f 3
Analyze 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 g, h, i 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 Biology for Non-majors
Exploring World Cultures course g, h, i 3
Understanding U.S. Society course h, i 3
Understanding the Individual and Society course g, h, i 3
Understanding the Past course l 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
Free electives to total 60 hours j 1-12
Total Hours 60

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 course work is chosen for this credit hour requirement. See the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences) foreign language requirement for further explanation.

c, d This course is approved for the Understanding the Individual and Society category if not fulfilled by PUBH 110.

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

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

g, h, i Students must take a course approved for this General Education category if not fulfilled by PUBH 100.

Major Course Requirements in Public Health

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
Public Health Fieldwork

Additional Major Course

| PUBH 393 | Public Health Fieldwork (required for those in the professional track, optional for students in the academic track) | 3 |

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.

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Total Hours 22-25

Summer Semester

| PUBH 393 | Public Health Fieldwork (may be taken 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 |
| 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

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.

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 |

| | 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 |

| | Hours | 15 |