

Pre-Public Health

Students apply for admission through the School of Public Health. Admission into the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and Bachelor of Science in Public Health programs is selective and dependent on the availability of space. Students seeking direct admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health or Bachelor of Science in Public Health programs must meet these minimum requirements:

1. Junior standing - completion of 60 semester hours of specified General Education course work at UIC or from any accredited community college or four-year college or university. **Note:** Students who have not yet completed the specified general education course work necessary for direct admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health or Bachelor of Science in Public Health programs are eligible to apply to the Public Health–Undecided (Pre-Public Health) program within the School of Public Health.
2. Specified General Education course work includes completion of 9 semester hours of introductory public health course work with a grade of B or better in each course (PUBH 100, PUBH 110, and PUBH 120). Special consideration will be given to students who have taken comparable prerequisites at community colleges or other four-year colleges or universities.
3. Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50/4.00. A 2.75/4.00 or above is recommended for priority consideration.
4. Personal statement of educational goals including reasons for selecting a public health degree.
5. One letter of recommendation from a professional or academic reference.

The 60 semester hours required for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health or of Bachelor of Science in Public Health should include the following courses:

Pre-Public Health Requirements for the BA in Public Health

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
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 105	Foundations for Public Health ^e	2
PUBH 110	Public Health and Global Societies ^{c, f}	3
PUBH 120	Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics ^g	3
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
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 105	Human Evolution	
BIOS 104	Biology for Non-majors	
BIOS 110	Biology of Cells and Organisms	

BIOS 120	Biology of Populations and Communities	
Exploring World Cultures course ^{h, j}		3
Understanding U.S. Society course ^{i, j}		3
Understanding the Individual and Society course ^{h, i, j}		3
Understanding the Past course ^j		3
Understanding the Creative Arts course ^j		3
Additional General Education course(s) from any category, as necessary to total 24 hours of General Education credit. ^j		1-3
Free electives to total 60 hours		0-10
Total Hours		60

- 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](#) foreign language requirement for further explanation.*
- See [Quantitative Reasoning in the School of Public Health](#) section.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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 credit hours earned. Others may enroll with permission of instructor if space permits.*
- 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.*
- This course is approved for the Analyzing the Natural World General Education category (nonlaboratory course).*
- Students must take a course approved for this General Education category if not fulfilled by PUBH 110.*
- Students must take a course approved for this General Education category if not fulfilled by PUBH 100.*
- 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 course work with at least one course from each of the six General Education categories.*

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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		4-5
Select one of the following:		
STAT 101	Introduction to Statistics	

STAT 130	Introduction to Statistics for the Life Sciences	
MATH 121	Precalculus Mathematics	
MATH 170	Calculus for the Life Sciences	
MATH 180	Calculus I	
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
Life Science course with a lab. Select one of the following:		4
BIOS 110	Biology of Cells and Organisms	
or BIOS 120	Biology of Populations and Communities	
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		0-2
Free electives to total 60 hours ⁱ		19-24
Total Hours		60

- a Fulfillment of the quantitative reasoning requirement may be satisfied through placement exam. 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.
- c This course is approved for the Understanding U.S. Society General Education category.
- d Required for 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. Other students may enroll with permission of the instructor if space permits.
- e This course is approved for the Exploring World Cultures General Education category.
- f This course is approved for the Analyzing the Natural World General Education category (non laboratory course).
- g Students must take a course approved for this General Education category if not fulfilled by PUBH 110.
- h Students must take a course approved for this General Education category if not fulfilled by PUBH 100.
- i 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 course work with at least one course from each of the six General Education categories. Courses approved for more than one General Education category may only be applied to one General Education category.
- j If any future selective courses have prerequisites that are not already satisfied by the University and General Education requirements, students are advised to choose free electives that work towards satisfying these requirements.