

# BS in Public Health

## Program Codes:

20FY1630BS

## Degree Requirements

To earn the Bachelor of Science 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 Science 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
<b>Summary of Requirements</b>		
Prerequisite Courses		25-26
Additional General Education Requirements		11
Major Course Requirements in Public Health		35
Selectives and Electives		48-49
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120</b>

## Prerequisite Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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 <sup>a</sup>		4-5
PUBH 100	Health and the Public <sup>b,c</sup>	3
PUBH 105	Public Health Seminar I <sup>d</sup>	2
PUBH 110	Public Health and Global Societies <sup>b,e</sup>	3
PUBH 120	Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics <sup>f</sup>	3
Analyzing the Natural World - Life Science course with a lab. Select one of the following:		4
BIOS 110 or BIOS 120	Biology of Cells and Organisms Biology of Populations and Communities	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>25-26</b>

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 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. 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 (non laboratory course).

## Additional General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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) <sup>a</sup>		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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>11</b>

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.

## Major Course Requirements in Public Health

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
PUBH 300	Critical Thinking in Public Health	4
PUBH 301	Epidemiology	2
PUBH 310	Public Health and Global Citizenship	3
PUBH 320	Public Health Biology	3
PUBH 330	Health Equity and Health Disparities	3
PUBH 340	Health Literacy	3
PUBH 350	Health Systems, Policy, and Advocacy	3
PUBH 360	Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives	4
PUBH 370	Applied Public Health Methods	3
PUBH 395	Public Health Seminar III	0
PUBH 397	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
PUBH 410	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I	2
PUBH 411	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II	2
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>35</b>

## Selectives and Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Selectives and Electives <sup>a</sup>		18
Free Electives <sup>b</sup>		30-31
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>48-49</b>

- a *In consultation with their Advisor, students must develop an area of focus and choose 18 hours of courses from a list representing an array of bench, lab, and applied sciences within the School of Public Health and across campus. The list of courses includes PUBH electives and graduate-level public health courses. 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. If any of the selective courses have prerequisites that are not already satisfied by the University and General Education Requirements, students are advised to choose free electives that will work toward satisfying these prerequisite requirements.*

## Sample Major Course Schedule

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Junior Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PUBH 300	Critical Thinking in Public Health	4
PUBH 330	Health Equity and Health Disparities	3
PUBH 350	Health Systems, Policy, and Advocacy	3
PUBH 395	Public Health Seminar III	0
Free electives		6
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PUBH 301	Epidemiology	2
PUBH 320	Public Health Biology	3
PUBH 340	Health Literacy	3
PUBH 360	Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives	4
PUBH 395	Public Health Seminar III	0
Public Health elective		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Senior Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PUBH 310	Public Health and Global Citizenship	3
PUBH 370	Applied Public Health Methods	3
PUBH 410	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I	2
Public Health selective <sup>a</sup>		3
Public Health selective <sup>a</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PUBH 397	Baccalaureate Project in Public Health	3
PUBH 411	Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II	2
Public Health selective <sup>a</sup>		3
Public Health selective <sup>a</sup>		3
Public Health selective <sup>a</sup>		3
Free elective		1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

a *PUBH 393 is strongly recommended as one of the selective options.*