BHS in Public Health

Degree Program Description

Public health includes activities needed to promote and protect the health of people and the communities that they live in. While doctors treat people who are sick, the field of public health is organized around trying to prevent illness and injuries in the first place, and promote healthy behavior. People in the field of public health work to assure the community living conditions are healthy by tracking disease and outbreaks, preventing injuries, and studying how and why some people are more likely to suffer from poor health and health inequities than others. There are many facets of public health. Some examples include speaking out for laws or policies that promote smoke-free indoor air, school nutrition, and seat belts, collecting and disseminating education about how to stay healthy, and offering science-based solutions to health problems, among others.

The Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health degree prepares students for introductory careers in all core areas of public health, such as health education, epidemiology, health policy, and environmental health. The courses introduce students to key concepts, theories, problems, and solutions in public health, and also focus on the links between public health and social justice and human rights.

Major Program Requirements

All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health (abbreviated as BHS in Pub_Hlth) Program are subject to the general regulations of the University. Students seeking admission to the BHS in Pub_Hlth Program must be admitted to the University. In addition to meeting minimum standards established by the University of Missouri, students must also comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the BHS in Pub_Hlth policy document. Students should be aware that this degree program requires a high degree of individual research, planning, and self-motivation to be successful. Questions or concerns should be directed to the BHS in Pub_Hlth Program Director, or an academic advisor. Rules and regulations governing students at the University of Missouri can be found in the undergraduate catalog and the University’s collected rules and regulations.

All students with a 2.75 GPA of Record and students in their first semester who do not yet have an established GPA of Record may declare the Public Health major. The Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health program is interested in students with a wide range of life experiences and skills. Students who do not meet the 2.75 GPA of Record may petition the Associate Chair of the Department of Public Health, who in collaboration with the Department of Public Health Chair will make a decision. Further appeals can be made to the School of Health Professions Senior Associate Dean.

Students who fail to achieve the term GPA and GPA of Record up to the 2.75 requirement, provided they meet the University’s standards for continued enrollment. Students who do not meet the 2.75 GPA of Record may petition the Associate Chair of the Department of Public Health and will be handled on a case by case basis.

Students are encouraged to talk with their instructors and use the support of their advisors if they struggle with coursework. If a student is dismissed from the BHS in Public Health program, and they want to petition to stay in the program, they must submit a petition in writing to the Associate Chair of the Department of Public Health, who in collaboration with the Department of Public Health Chair will make a decision. Further appeals can be made to the School of Health Professions Senior Associate Dean.

Note: Credit accepted by the University will be accepted without limitation towards this degree. Students must Complete 30 of the last 36 credits with MU authored courses.

In addition to University of Missouri requirements, including University general education, the Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health degree requires the following:

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Major Core Requirements

- Complete BIO_SC 1010/1020 or 1500, a physical science course, PSYCH 1000, and SOCIOL 1000 or RU_SOC 1000 with a grade of C- or higher.
- Complete 12 approved diversity credit hours, including at least 6 hours of Public Health Electives with a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- Earn a minimum of 30 credit hours taken at the 3000/4000 (junior/senior) level. Lower-division transfer courses accepted as upper-division courses at MU cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

Students who fail to comply with the BHS in Pub_Hlth policies or do not maintain a 2.75 term GPA and GPA of Record will receive communication regarding program probation from the BHS in Pub_Hlth Program. Students who fail to achieve the term GPA and GPA of Record requirement will be given two semesters to bring their term GPA and GPA of Record up to the 2.75 requirement, provided they meet the University’s standards for continued enrollment. Students who do not meet the 2.75 GPA of Record may petition the Associate Chair of the Department of Public Health and will be handled on a case by case basis.
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Introduction to Public Health and Health Promotion (a grade of B- or higher is required. P_HLTH 2200 is preferred but P_HLTH 3300 OR HLTH_SCI 3300 will be accepted.)

P_HLTH 3310 Social and Behavioral Health Theory and Practice

P_HLTH 3400 Global Public Health and Health Care Systems

P_HLTH 3450 Introduction to Epidemiology

P_HLTH 3460 Introduction to Public Health and Emergency Preparedness

P_HLTH 3900W Introduction to The Research Process and Evidence Base - Writing Intensive

P_HLTH 4001 Topics in Public Health (Public Health Programs.)

P_HLTH Elective

P_HLTH 4300 Health Care in the United States

P_HLTH 4350 Principles of Environmental Health for Public Health

P_HLTH 4450 Ethics in Public Health

P_HLTH 4970 Public Health Capstone: Digital Storytelling (Grade of C- or higher in P_HLTH 4970 or P_HLTH 4975)

Recommended Electives

P_HLTH 1000 Introduction to Careers in Public Health

P_HLTH 2050 Gender and Public Health

P_HLTH 3560 Public Health and Environmental Justice

P_HLTH 3660 Chronic Disease and Public Health Approaches

P_HLTH 3760 Infectious Disease and Public Health Approaches

P_HLTH 3860 Autism Spectrum Disorder and Public Health

P_HLTH 3960 Public Health, Drugs and Policy

P_HLTH 3965 Strategies for Effective Peer Education in Public Health

P_HLTH 4002 Public Health Study Abroad

P_HLTH 4960 Qualitative Approaches to Understanding Public Health Problems

In addition to the courses listed above, students must take 12 diversity credits, six of which must be BHS Pub_Hlth electives (Grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher is required.)

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study for the BHS in Public Health.

First Year

Fall | CR | Spring | CR
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ENGLISH 1000 | 3 | BIO_SC 1010 | 3
MO State Law Requirement | 3 | BIO_SC 1020 | 2
PSYCH 1000 | 3 | Humanities Course | 3
Approved Diversity Course | 3 | MATH 1050 | 3
Elective | 3 | RU_SOC 1000 or SOCIOL 1000 | 3
Elective | 1 | 15 | 15

Second Year

Fall | CR | Spring | CR
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Public Health Elective | 3 | Biological/Physical/Mathematical Science Course | 3
P_HLTH 4300 Health Care in the United States | 3 | Humanities Course | 3
P_HLTH 4350 Principles of Environmental Health for Public Health | 3 | P_HLTH 2200 or 3300 | 3
P_HLTH 4450 Ethics in Public Health | 3 | STAT 1200 (MRP) | 3
P_HLTH 4970 Public Health Capstone: Digital Storytelling (Grade of C- or higher in P_HLTH 4970 or P_HLTH 4975) | 3 | Writing Intensive Course | 3
Elective | 3 | Elective | 3
Elective | 2 | 15 | 15

Third Year

Fall | CR | Spring | CR
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P_HLTH 3310 | 3 | P_HLTH 3400 | 3
P_HLTH 3400 | 3 | P_HLTH 3900W | 3
P_HLTH 3450 | 3 | P_HLTH 3620 | 3
P_HLTH Elective as an approved Diversity Course Option | 3 | Public Health Elective | 3
Elective | 3 | Elective | 3
Elective | 9 | 15 | 15

Fourth Year

Fall | CR | Spring | CR
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P_HLTH 3460 | 3 | P_HLTH 4970 or 4975 | 3
P_HLTH 4350 | 3 | Approved Diversity Coursework | 3
P_HLTH 4485 | 3 | Elective | 9
Electives | 6 | 15 | 15

Total Credits: 120

^ Program Requirements require grades of C- or higher.

^ Major Core Requirements require grades of C or higher.