



PUBLIC HEALTH

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY

THE PUBLIC HEALTH MAJOR is an interdisciplinary social sciences based program designed to educate and prepare students in the policy, practice, and methods of public health. This document provides a brief overview of the major. The program of study includes training in each of the fundamental areas of public health and public health electives from at least two academic departments. Please consult the FSU Academic Bulletin for a complete description of degree requirements.

Major Requirements:

33 hours beyond General Education with a grade of 'C' or better in each course with an overall 2.0 major GPA. 21 of these hours must be at the 3/4000 level. All major coursework must be selected from the approved course list.

- It is strongly recommended that students complete a 2000-level Statistics course prior to entering the upper-division major

Core Courses (21 hours – “C” grade or better in all courses)

18 hours PHC core to include:

- PHC4101 Intro to Public Health
- PHC4030 Intro to Epidemiology
- PHC4157 Health Policy & Society
- PHC4470 Health Behavior
- PHC4320 Environmental Health
- PHC4069 Biostatistics

3 hours Methods core chosen from:

- GIS4421 GIS & Health
- GIS4043/L Geographic Info. Systems
- PHC Methods coursework
- Other methods courses as approved

Elective Courses (12 hours – “C” grade or better in all courses)

Elective courses must be chosen from approved course list covering courses from departments such as: Anthropology; Biology; Communication Science & Disorders; Communication; Economics; Educational Leadership; Educational Psychology & Learning Systems; Family & Child Sciences; Geography; History; Library & Information Sciences; Nursing; Nutrition, Food, and Exercise Science; Philosophy; Psychology; Public Administration; Public Health; Sociology; Urban & Regional Planning

- Elective courses must come from at least two separate departments as listed above
- Courses used to satisfy General Education requirements cannot be used as major electives

Minor Requirement

Students are **required to complete a minor** in addition to major coursework.

Occupations Relevant to Public Health:

- Clinic/hospital administrators
- Disaster management personnel
- Health care office personnel
- Health educators
- Patient and policy advocates
- Prevention program planners

Advisors available in 105 & 106 Bellamy Building