Bachelor of Science in Public Health
2012-2014 Catalog (Expires August 2020)
Admission by Application Only

Admission Information
The Bachelor of Science in Public Health prepares graduates for entry-level positions in public health and equips them to pursue certificate and graduate degrees in the field. Admission to the program is by application only. Admitted students will enter cohorts that will: 1) take common courses; 2) participate in Texas Public Health, a student organization focused on public health; and 3) attend local and regional health conferences.

University Core Requirements

First-Year Signature Course: UGS 302 or 303

English: RHE 306
Humanities: E 316K

American & Texas Government: 6 hrs from approved core list
American History: 6 hrs from approved core list

Social and Behavioral Science: 3 hrs from approved core list [could be satisfied by a foundation course: ECO 304K, 304L; PSY 301; SOC 319]

Mathematics: 3 hrs from approved core list: [M 408N, 408C]

Science and Technology Part I: 6 hrs in a single subject from approved core list: [CH 301 or 301H + 302 or 302H]

Science and Technology Part II: 3 hrs from a subject other than the one chosen for Part I from approved core list: [BIO 311C or 311D]

Visual & Performing Arts: 3 hrs from approved core list

Note that no single course may be used to fulfill two core areas simultaneously. In most cases, students may satisfy both a core requirement and a major requirement with a single course. Plan II students may have additional options for some core requirements.

Additional General Education Requirements

Two Writing Flags (must include a course that is not used to meet a core requirement and a course that is upper-division): _____ + _____

Writing Flags may satisfy other specific degree requirements.

Foreign Language, Option A, B, or C: __________ + __________
A) Two semesters in a single language or attainment of second-semester proficiency is one language:
B) First semester-level proficiency in a foreign language and a three-hour course in the culture of the same language:
C) Two three-hour culture courses chosen from one foreign culture category from and approved list available in the CNS Dean’s office and the college advising centers.

Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics, with Grades of C- or Better

Biology: BIO 311C ___ + 311D ___ + 325 OR BIO 315H ___ + 325H ___
Chemistry: CH 301 or 301H ___ + 302 or 302H ___ + 204 ___ + 320M ___ + 369 ___
Mathematics: M 408C or 408N ___

Foundation Courses with Grades of C- or Better

Public Health: PBH 317 ___
Microbiology: BIO 326M or 326R ___ + 126L ___
Nutrition and Physiology: NTR 312 or 312H ___ + BIO 365S ___
Social and Behavioral Sciences, complete one of the following: ECO 304K, 304L; PSY 301; SOC 319, or 354K: ___
Political Science/Government: GOV 358 or MAN 320F ___

Public Health Core with Grades of C- or Better

Biostatistics and Public Health Informatics: BIO 328M or SSC 328M ___
Environmental Health Sciences: PBH 338 ___
Epidemiology: PBH 354 (Epidemiology I) ___
Global Health: PBH 334 ___
Health Policy and Management: PBH 358D ___
Social and Behavioral Sciences: PBH 368D ___
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Concentration Area with Grades of C- or Better in Science Courses: Nine Hours from One of the Following Concentrations

CONCENTRATION AREA CHOSEN: ______________________
9 hours from Concentration Area: _______ + _______ + _______

Note: Courses appearing on both the Foundation and Concentration lists may be count toward only ONE requirement.

Biostatistics and Public Health Informatics: BIO 321G; BIO 337 (Topics: Introduction to Health Informatics; and Fundamentals of Health Information Technology); CS 303E, 329E (approved topics only); GRG 360G; M 408D or 408S, 340L, 358K, 362K, 362M; PBH 341R.


Health Policy and Management: BDP 329; ECO 304K, 304L, 330T (approved topics only); GOV 335N (approved topics only), 357M (approved topics only), 358, 360N (Topic 10: Intro to International Relations), 365N (Topic 9: International Environmental Policy), 370L (approved topics only); HDF 362; MAN 320F; PA 310S (approved topics only), 325 (approved topics only), 330C, 330S (approved topics only); PHL 325L, 325M, 347; SOC 354K; PBH 341R.


Nutrition: NTR 312R, 315 or 331, 321, 338W or 338H, 342, 365 (approved topics only), 355H; PBH 341R.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, only one advertising or communications course may count: ADV 305, 319, 334; CMS 306M, 332, 332K, 342K, 355K, 367; GRG 356T (Topic: Gender and Health); HED 329K, 335, 352K (approved topics only), 370K (approved topics only), 371K, 373; MKT 320F; PHR 350K; SOC 319, 321K (approved topics only), 329, 336D, 354K, 369K, 369L; SW 310, 311; WGS 345 (Topic 35: Psychosocial Issues in Women's Health), PBH 341R.

Enough Additional Elective Hours to Reach a Total of 126 Hours (including 36 Upper-division Hours)

______ + ______

Minimum Grade Point Average Requirements

2.0 grade point average in all mathematics and science courses required by degree *: ______

2.0 grade point average in all courses taken at the University of Texas at Austin: ______

* Required mathematics and science courses may include: ACF, AST, BCH, BIO, CH, CS, EVS, GEO, HDF, HE, M, NEU, NSC, NTR, PHY, SSC, TXA, and UTS Natural Sciences.

Total Hours and Residency Requirements

126 semester hours: ____  36 upper-division hours: _____
60 hours in residence: ____  21 upper-division hours in residence: _____
24 of the last 30 hours in residence: _____

No more than 16 hours of electives may be taken Pass/Fail. No more than 3 three-hour courses in Air Force Science, Military Science, and Naval Science may be counted toward the degree. The following courses will not count toward this degree: M 301, KIN 119, or PED one-hour activity courses. Please check course descriptions of lower-division science courses not required for majors in the same field of study to see if they can or cannot count toward this degree.

Students completing an additional degree must complete 24 hours in addition to those counted toward the bachelor's degree that requires the higher number of credit hours.