

Combined (3+2) Curriculum Guide

BSPH – Public Health Sociology / MPH – Epidemiology

General Education Requirements

Requirement	Course Options	Credit Hours
GE Launch Seminar	GENED 1201	1
Writing and Information Literacy	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Literary, Visual and Performing Arts	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Historical and Cultural Studies	<i>Student Choice</i> – Recommend overlap with Civic Literacy Requirement	3
Natural Sciences	Major corequisite*: BIOLOGY 1101 or 1110 or 1113.01 or 1113.02 or 1114	4-5
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Specialization corequisite*: SOCIOL 1101 or 1102 or RURAL SOC 1500	3
Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World	<i>Student Choice</i> ^o	4-6
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GE Reflection	GENED 4001	1
General Education Credit Hours:		32-37

*Indicates a corequisite course for this major that also satisfies this GE category. If a student makes an alternative selection in this GE category, they must also complete this course.

^o Students must complete either a 4-credit course or two 3-credit courses in each of two General Education Theme areas. One course in each GE Theme area may double count in the GE and major hours. Major required courses that are also theme courses are identified with a ♦ symbol.

Courses that can fulfill General Education requirements are listed at: <https://classes.osu.edu>

Major Prerequisite Course – must be completed with a grade of C or higher

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 2010 or 2010H ♦	Critical Issues in Global Public Health	3
Major Prerequisite:		3

Major Core Courses

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 1100 or 1100H	Survey of Public Health	1
PUBHBIO 2210 or 2210H (EL: Data Analysis)	Biostatistics for Public Health Research	3
PUBHEHS 3310 ♦	Current Issues in Global Environmental Health	3
PUBHEPI 2410 ♦	Epidemiology in Public Health	3
PUBHHBP 3510 ♦	Role of Behavior in Public Health	3
PUBHHMP 3610 ♦	U.S. and International Health Care	3
PUBHEPI 4410	Conceptual Foundations of Social Epidemiology (prereq: PUBHEPI 2410)	3
ENGLISH 3307 (EL: Adv. Writing)	Writing for Healthy Publics	3
PUBHLTH 3050	Public Health Perspectives on Disease (prereq: GEN Foundations Biology course)	3
PUBHLTH 3060 (EL: Technology)	Technology, Innovation, and Public Health	3
PUBHLTH 4060	US and International Health Policy (prereq: PUBHHMP 3610)	3
PUBHLTH 3180 or 3180E	Undergraduate Capstone Preparation	1
Capstone Experience (choose one)	PUBHLTH 3191/3191E Undergraduate Internship in Public Health PUBHLTH 3998 Undergraduate Capstone Research in Public Health (formerly 3999) PUBHLTH 4999 Undergraduate Research Thesis PUBHLTH 4999.01H Senior Honors Thesis PUBHLTH 3189.05 Field Experience in Global Public Health: Costa Rica EARTHSCI 5797.20 Exploring Environmental and Human Health Issues in Japan (3 cr) Other pre-approved (by CPH) Education Abroad Experience	2-3
Major Core Requirements:		34-35

*EL: Embedded Literacy

Specialization Courses

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
SOCIOL 2463	Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender	3
SOCIOL 3597.02 ♦	World Population Problems	3
SOCIOL 3630 ♦	Medical Sociology	3
SOCIOL 4629 ♦	Health Disparities in Social Context	4
Sociology Elective	Choose one course (3 credit hours) from the list of courses on the next page This course cannot overlap with courses used to fulfill other major requirements.	3
Specialization Requirements:		16

Sociology Elective Options

Course	Title	Credit Hours
SOCIOL 3200 ♦	Sociology of Immigration	3
SOCIOL 3302	Technology & Global Society	3
SOCIOL 3306 ♦	Sociology of Poverty	3
SOCIOL 3340	Sociology of the Family	3
SOCIOL 3380	Racial & Ethnic Relations in America	3
SOCIOL 3460 ♦	Environmental Justice	3
SOCIOL 3464	Work, Employment, and Society	3
SOCIOL 4506	Drugs & Society	3
SOCIOL 4508	Violence	3
SOCIOL 4509	Sociology of Law	3
SOCIOL 4609	Neighborhoods and Crime	3
SOCIOL 4635	Gender and Society	3
SOCIOL 4791	Understanding Modern Genocide	3
SOCIOL 5450	Sociology of Global Health and Illness	3
SOCIOL 5605	Sociology of Sexuality	3

Major Electives (Undergraduate)

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
Public Health Electives	Choose additional Public Health courses offered by the College of Public Health with advisor approval. Cannot overlap with courses used to fulfill other major requirements.	3
Major Electives Requirements:		3

Overlap between BSPH and MPH

Students in the combined degree program take these courses to replace 9 credit hours of BSPH major electives

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHBIO 6210	Applied Biostatistics I	3
PUBHBIO 6211	Applied Biostatistics II	3
PUBHEPI 6430	Epidemiology I	3
Overlapping Credits:		9

The Office of Academic Programs and Student Services will register students for these courses in order for them to double count between the BSPH and MPH degrees.

Civic Literacy Requirement (Undergraduate)*

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
Student Choice	Any one course designated as "Civic Literacy" (CIV); must pass the course final and earn a grade of a D or higher in the class. Overlap with GE Foundations is strongly encouraged.	0-3
Civic Literacy Requirement:		0-3

*Required for students starting Ohio State undergraduate programs in Autumn 2026 (or later) and graduating Spring 2030 (or later).

Open Electives (Undergraduate)

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
Student Choice	Select desired courses to reach minimum 121 credit hours for BSPH	15-24
Total Minimum Credit Hours for BSPH Degree:		121

Graduate Courses Unique to the MPH – Epidemiology Specialization

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 6013	Current Topics in Environmental Public Health	2
PUBHLTH 6015	Frameworks for Change: Planning and Evaluating Public Health Programs	2
PUBHLTH 6016	Public Health and Healthcare Systems	2
PUBHBIO 6250	Regression Methods for the Health Sciences	3
PUBHBIO 6270	Introduction to SAS for Public Health Students	2
PUBHEPI 6411	Biological Basis of Public Health	3
PUBHEPI 6431	Design & Implementation of Health Surveys	3
PUBHEPI 6442	Methods in Social Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 7410	Epidemiology II & Lab	4
PUBHEPI 7430	Epidemiology III	4
MPH-EPI Elective	Choose one course (3 credit hours) from list of pre-approved elective courses.	3
PUBHLTH 7189	Applied Practice Experience	2
PUBHEPI 7998	Integrative Learning Experience Project Seminar	1
PUBHLTH 7998	Integrative Learning Experience for Public Health	2
Total Minimum Credit Hours unique for MPH Degree:		36

MPH-EPI Elective Options

Course	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHEPI 5412	Global Epidemiology of Infectious Disease	3
PUBHEPI 5438	Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6415	Nutrition in Public Health	3
PUBHEPI 6436	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6437	Cancer Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6440	Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6441	Epidemiology of Women's Health	3
PUBHEPI 7411	Epidemiology in Environmental Health	3

Policies and General Requirements for BSPH/MPH Degree

- A minimum of 121 total credit hours for the standalone BSPH degree. Remedial coursework (English 1109; EDUTL 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1010; Mathematics 1040, 1050, 1073, 1074, 1075) do not count toward the minimum requirement for the BSPH degree.
- A minimum of 30 undergraduate credit hours earned through regular course enrollment at this University for the BSPH degree.
- A maximum of 8 hours of technical credit may be counted towards BSPH degree requirements.
- A maximum of 4 credit hours of physical activity courses (all 1100-level KNSFHP courses except for 1102, 1103, 1122, and 1137).
- For the BSPH, a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on all coursework completed at The Ohio State University and a minimum of a 2.5 in the major.
- A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for all undergraduate major courses.
- If a major-required course or major elective is a GE Theme course, two 3-4 credit hour courses (no more than one per theme area) are permitted to double count in the GE and major hours. GE Theme courses are indicated with a ♦ symbol.
- Students are expected to follow the rules and guidelines in both the undergraduate and graduate student handbooks in the College of Public Health.

Sample 5-year Plan

This model plan of study is presented as a suggested path to graduate in five years. It is intended to be a useful guide; however, each student is unique and should work with their advisor to develop an individualized course plan that best fits their personal academic background and goals.

Term	Course	Credit Hours
Autumn 1 (14-15 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 1100 or 1100H	1
	PUBHLTH 2010 or 2010H	3
	GE Writing and Information Literacy (ENGLISH 1110.0X)	3
	GE Historical and Cultural Studies – <i>overlap with Civic Literacy requirement</i>	3
	BIOLOGY 1101 or 1110 or 1113.01 or 1113.02 or 1114 (GE Nat. Sci. and Major coreq)	4-5
Spring 1 (16 credit hours)	PUBHEPI 2410 or 2410H	3
	PUBHHBP 3510	3
	PUBHEHS 3310	3
	GENED 1201 (GE Launch Seminar)	1
	GE Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
	SOCIOL 1101 or 1102 or RURAL SOC 1500 (GE Social/Behavioral Sci and Spec.coreq)	3
Autumn 2 (15 credit hours)	SOCIOL 2463	3
	PUBHHMP 3610 or 3610H	3
	SOCIOL 3597.02 (GE THEME: Citizenship #1)	3
	Open Electives	6
Spring 2 (18 credit hours)	PUBHBIO 2210 OR 2201H	3
	ENGLISH 3307	3
	Open BSPH Elective	3
	GE Race, Ethnic and Gender Diversity	3
	GE Literary, Visual and Performing Arts	3
	GE THEME: Health & Wellbeing OR Sustainability OR Lived Environment	3
Autumn 3 (16-17 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 3050	3
	PUBHLTH 3060	3
	Public Health Elective #1	3
	Open BSPH Elective	1-2
	SOCIOL 3487	3
	SOCIOL 3630	3
Spring 3 (17 credit hours)	PUBHEPI 4410	3
	PUBHLTH 4060	3
	SOCIOL 4629	4
	PUBHLTH 3180 (Capstone Prep)	1
	Open BSPH Electives	3
	GE THEME: Citizenship #2	3
Summer 3 (2 credit hours)	Capstone Course (4191, 4998 or 4999)	2
Autumn 4 (17 credit hours)	Sociology Elective	3
	Open BSPH Elective	3
	PUBHBIO 6210 (<i>overlap BSPH/MPH</i>)	3
	PUBHBIO 6270 (<i>MPH</i>)	2
	PUBHEPI 6411 (<i>MPH</i>)	3
	PUBHEPI 6430 (<i>overlap BSPH/MPH</i>)	3
Spring 4 (14 credit hours)	PUBHBIO 6211 (<i>overlap BSPH/MPH</i>)	3
	PUBHEPI 7410 (<i>MPH</i>)	4
	GENED 4001 (GE Reflection Seminar)	1
	Open BSPH Electives	6

Term	Course	Credit Hours
Summer 5 (2 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 7189 (Applied Practice Experience)	2
Autumn 5 (13 credit hours)	MPH core course (PUBHLTH 6013 or 6015 or 6016)	2
	PUBHBIO 6250	3
	PUBHEPI 6442	3
	PUBHEPI 7430	4
	PUBHEPI 7998	1
Spring 5 (12 credit hours)	PUBHEPI 6431	3
	PUBHLTH 7998 (Integrative Learning Experience)	2
	MPH-EPI Elective	3
	Remaining MPH core courses (PUBHLTH 6013 or 6015 or 6016)	4
Total Minimum Credit Hours* for BSPH + MPH Degrees:		157
<i>*Total Credit hours will vary depending on which courses students select</i>		