

Bachelor of Science in Public Health – Public Health Sociology Specialization/Master of Public Health – Epidemiology Combined (3+2) 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

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>	3
Natural Sciences	<i>Student Choice</i>	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Major prerequisite: SOCIOL 1101 or 1102 or RURAL SOC 1500* (or <i>Student Choice – see below</i>)	3
Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity	<i>Student Choice</i>	3
Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World	<i>Student Choice^a</i>	4-6
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GE Reflection	GENED 4001	1
General Education Credit Hours:		32-36

*Indicates a prerequisite 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.

^aStudents 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 Core Courses

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 1100 or 1100H	Survey of Public Health	1
PUBHLTH 2010 or 2010H ♦	Critical Issues in Global Public Health	3
PUBHBIO 2210 or 2210H	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
PUBHLTH 3180 or 3180E	Undergraduate Capstone Preparation	1
Capstone Experience (choose one)	PUBHLTH 3191/3191E Undergraduate Internship in Public Health PUBHLTH 3999 Undergraduate Capstone Research in Public Health PUBHLTH 4999 Undergraduate Research Thesis PUBHLTH 4999.01H Senior Honors Thesis PUBHLTH 3189.05: Field Experience in Global Public Health: Costa Rica EARTHSC 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:		22-23

Specialization Courses

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHEHS 3320	Fundamentals of Environmental Health Risk Assessment (SP)	3
PUBHEHS 4325 ♦	Climate Change, Sustainability, and Human Health	3
PUBHEPI 4410	Conceptual Foundations of Social Epidemiology (prereq: PUBHEPI 2410)	3
SOCIOL 2463	Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender	3
SOCIOL 3487	Research Methods in Sociology	3
Choose 3: SOCIOL 3597.02 SOCIOL 3630 SOCIOL 5450 SOCIOL 4629	Sociology Courses: World Population Problems Medical Sociology Sociology of Global Health and Illness Health Disparities in Social Context (4 cr)	9-10
Choose 1: SOCIOL 3410 SOCIOL 4506 SOCIOL 4509 SOCIOL 5525	Criminology Course: Criminology Drugs and Society Sociology of Law Global Criminology	3

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
Sociology Focus Area Electives	Choose 9 credit hours from list of courses below. Cannot overlap with courses used to fulfill other major requirements.	9
	Specialization Requirements:	36-37

Sociology Focus Area Electives Options

Course	Title	Category*	Credit Hours
SOCIOL 3200 ♦	Sociology of Immigration	MC, PI	3
SOCIOL 3302	Technology & Global Society	GL	3
SOCIOL 3306 ♦	Sociology of Poverty	MC, PI, PY	3
SOCIOL 3315	Sociology of Terrorism	CV, GL, SG	3
SOCIOL 3380	Racial & Ethnic Relations in America	PI	3
SOCIOL 3410/3410H	Criminology	CV	3
SOCIOL 3460 ♦	Environmental Justice	GL, PI, PY	3
SOCIOL 3597.01 ♦	World Problems in Global Context	GL, PI, PY	3
SOCIOL 3597.02 ♦	World Population Problems	GL, MC, PI	3
SOCIOL 4506	Drugs & Society	CV, PI, PY	3
SOCIOL 4507	The Criminal Justice System	CV, PY	3
SOCIOL 4508	Violence	CV, SG	3
SOCIOL 4509	Sociology of Law	CV, PY	3
SOCIOL 4510	Gender, Crime and the Criminal Justice System	CV, SG, PY	3
SOCIOL 4511	Juvenile Delinquency	CV, MC	3
SOCIOL 4609	Neighborhoods and Crime	CV, PI, PY	3
SOCIOL 4611	Prisons, Jails and Community Corrections	CV	3
SOCIOL 4615	Control & Prevention of Crime & Delinquency	CV	3
SOCIOL 4635	Gender and Society	SG	3
SOCIOL 4655	Sociology of Sport	SG	3
SOCIOL 5525	Global Criminology	CV, GL	3
SOCIOL 5605	Sociology of Sexuality	SG	3

*Categories: CV = Criminology/Violence; GL = Global; MC = Maternal and Child Health; PY = Policy; PI = Poverty/Inequality; SG = Social Construction of Gender

Overlap between BSPH and MPH

Students in the combined degree program take these courses which replace the Epidemiology focus course and the two Public Health electives

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 6001	Methods in Quantitative Data Analysis	4
PUBHLTH 6002	History, Values & Essential Services of the U.S. Public Health System	2
PUBHBIO 6211	Applied Biostatistics II	3
	Overlapping Courses	9

Open Electives (Undergraduate)

Course/Requirement		
Student Choice		16-22

Graduate courses unique to the Master of Public Health Degree with a specialization in Epidemiology

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 6003	Methods in Public Health Planning & Evaluation	2
PUBHLTH 6004	Essentials of Population Health	4
PUBHBIO 6270	Introduction to SAS for Public Health students	2
PUBHBIO 6250	Regression Methods for the Health Sciences	3
PUBHEPI 6411	Biological Basis of Public Health	3
PUBHEPI 6431	Design and Implementation of Health Surveys	3
PUBHEPI 6442	Methods in Social Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 5412	Global Epi of Infectious Disease (fulfilling MPH elective)	3
PUBHEPI 7410	Epidemiology II	4
PUBHEPI 7430	Epidemiology III	4
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 Unique Credit Hours for MPH Degree:	36

Policies and General Requirements for the BSPH/MPH Degree

- A minimum of 121 total credit hours. 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 credit hours earned through regular course enrollment at this University.
- A maximum of 8 hours of technical credit may be counted towards your degree requirements.
- A maximum of 4 credit hours of physical activity courses (all 1100-level KNSFHP courses except for 1102, 1103, 1122, and 1137).
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on all coursework completed at The Ohio State University as well as at least 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.
- The program requirements a student will follow are determined by their admit term (first term of undergraduate enrollment at Ohio State).
- Students are expected to follow the rules and guidelines in both the undergraduate and graduate student handbooks in the College of Public Health.
- Courses that overlap between the degrees are indicated with a +. These are courses that the Office of Academic Programs and Student Services will register students for in order for them to double count between the degrees.

Sample 5-year Plan

Term	Course	Credit Hours
Autumn 1 (16 credit hours)	GE Historical and Cultural Studies	3
	GE Writing and Information Literacy (ENGLISH 1110.0X)	3
	SOCIOLOGY 1101 or 1102 (GE Social/Behavioral Science and Major Prereq)	3
	PUBHLTH 1100	1
	PUBHLTH 2010	3
	Open Elective	3
Spring 1 (17 credit hours)	PUBHHBP 3510	3
	PUBHEPI 2410	3
	GENED 1201 (GE Launch Seminar)	1
	GE Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Open Elective	3
	GE Natural Science	4
Autumn 2 (18 credit hours)	PUBHEHS 3310	3
	SOCIOL 2463	3
	Open Electives (two courses)	6
	GE THEME: Citizenship #1	3
	Sociology Course #1	3
Spring 2 (18 credit hours)	PUBHHMP 3610	3
	PUBHEHS 3320	3
	GE Race, Ethnic and Gender Diversity	3
	PUBHBIO 2210 OR 2201H	3
	GE THEME: Health & Wellbeing OR Sustainability OR Lived Environment	3
	Sociology Course #2	3
Autumn 3 (18 credit hours)	SOCIOL 3487	3
	Criminology Course (select 1 of 4 options)	3
	PUBHEHS 4325	3
	GE Literary, Visual and Performing Arts	3
	Sociology Focus Area Elective #1 and #2	6
Spring 3 (16 credit hours)	Sociology Course #3	3
	GE THEME: Citizenship #2	3
	PUBHLTH 3180 (Capstone Prep)	1
	Open Electives (two courses)	6
	PUBHEPI 4410	3
Summer 3 (2 credit hours)	Capstone Course (3191, 3999 or 4999)	2
Autumn 4 (14 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 6001+	4
	PUBHLTH 6002+	2
	Sociology Focus Area Elective #3	3
	PUBHEPI 6411	3
	PUBHBIO 6270	2
Spring 4 (14-17 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 6003	2
	PUBHLTH 6004	4
	PUBHBIO 6211	3
	PUBHEPI 7410	4
	Open Elective if needed (undergraduate)	0-3
	GENED 4001 (GE Reflection Seminar)	1

Term	Course	Credit Hours
Summer 4 (2 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 7189	2
Autumn 5 (11 credit hours)	PUBHEPI 7430	4
	PUBHBIO 6250	3
	PUBHEPI 7998	1
	PUBHEPI 6442	3
Spring 5 (8 credit hours)	PUBHEPI 5412	3
	PUBHEPI 6431	3
	PUBHLTH 7998	2
	Total Credit Hours:	157