

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 | | |
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| 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.

^a 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 Core Courses

| Course/Requirement | Title | Credit Hours |
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| 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 4191 Capstone Internship in Public Health PUBHLTH 4998 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 | |
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| Student Choice | 16-22 |

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

| Course/Requirement | Title | Credit Hours |
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| 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 GE Writing and Information Literacy (ENGLISH 1110.0X) SOCIOLOGY 1101 or 1102 (GE Social/Behavioral Science and Major Prereq) PUBLTH 1100 PUBLTH 2010 Open Elective | 3 3 3 1 3 3 |
| Spring 1 (17 credit hours) | PUBHHP 3510 PUBHEPI 2410 GENED 1201 (GE Launch Seminar) GE Math and Quantitative Reasoning Open Elective GE Natural Science | 3 3 1 3 3 4 |
| Autumn 2 (18 credit hours) | PUBHEHS 3310 SOCIOL 2463 Open Electives (two courses) GE THEME: Citizenship #1 Sociology Course #1 | 3 3 6 3 3 |
| Spring 2 (18 credit hours) | PUBHMP 3610 PUBHEHS 3320 GE Race, Ethnic and Gender Diversity PUBHBIO 2210 OR 2201H GE THEME: Health & Wellbeing OR Sustainability OR Lived Environment Sociology Course #2 | 3 3 3 3 3 3 |
| Autumn 3 (18 credit hours) | SOCIOL 3487 Criminology Course (select 1 of 4 options) PUBHEHS 4325 GE Literary, Visual and Performing Arts Sociology Focus Area Elective #1 and #2 | 3 3 3 3 6 |
| Spring 3 (16 credit hours) | Sociology Course #3 GE THEME: Citizenship #2 PUBLTH 3180 (Capstone Prep) Open Electives (two courses) PUBHEPI 4410 | 3 3 1 6 3 |
| Summer 3 (2 credit hours) | Capstone Course (4191, 4998 or 4999) | 2 |
| Autumn 4 (14 credit hours) | PUBLTH 6001+ PUBLTH 6002+ Sociology Focus Area Elective #3 PUBHEPI 6411 PUBHBIO 6270 | 4 2 3 3 2 |
| Spring 4 (14-17 credit hours) | PUBLTH 6003 PUBLTH 6004 PUBHBIO 6211 PUBHEPI 7410 Open Elective if needed (undergraduate) GENED 4001 (GE Reflection Seminar) | 2 4 3 4 0-3 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 |