

Bachelor of Science in Public Health – Public Health Sociology Specialization/Master of Public Health – Health Behavior and Health Promotion 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.

^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
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 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
PUBHHBP 7542	Settings and Special Populations in Health Promotion	3
	Overlapping Courses	9

Open Electives (Undergraduate)

Course/Requirement	Credit Hours
Student Choice	16-22

Graduate courses unique to the Master of Public Health Degree with a specialization in Health Behavior and Health Promotion

Course/Requirement	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHLTH 6003	Methods in Public Health Planning & Evaluation	2
PUBHLTH 6004	Essentials of Population Health	4
PUBHHBP 6520	Advancing Community Health Through Engagement and Action	3
PUBHHBP 7520	Community Health Assessment	2
PUBHHBP 7522	Program Planning & Implementation	3
PUBHHBP 7528	Foundations of Professional Practice in Health Promotion	2
PUBHHBP 7532	Program Evaluation in Public Health	3
PUBHBIO 6211	Applied Biostatistics II	3
PUBHLTH 7189	Applied Practice Experience	2
PUBHHBP 7899.01	Seminar: Integrative Learning Experience Project I	1
PUBHHBP 7899.02	Seminar: Integrative Learning Experience Project II	1
PUBHLTH 7998	Integrative Learning Experience for Public Health	2
Track Courses	Select courses from one of the approved tracks to total 8 credit hours	8
	Total Minimum Unique Credit Hours for MPH Degree:	36

MPH Track Course List

Policy Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
PUBHHBP 6558 (5558 starting SP26)	Policy as a Prevention Strategy	2/3
ANTHROP 5700	Anthropology, Public Health and Human Rights (AU)	3
CRPLAN 6350	The Socially Just City (AU)	3
HTHRHSC 5650	Aging and Public Policy Issues (AU)	3
PUBAFRS 5240 (cross listed with AFAMAST 5240)	Race and Public Policy in the United States	3
PUBAFRS 5250	Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy	3
PUBAFRS 5890	US Food Policy (AU)	3
PUBAFRS 5895 (cross listed with HTHRHSC 5895)	Food Insecurity and Food Assistance Programming & Policy in the U.S.	3
PUBAFRS 5900 (cross listed with CRPLAN 5900)	Food System Planning and the Economy	3
PUBAFRS 6000	Public Policy Formulation and Implementation	4
PUBAFRS 6060	Managerial Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations	4
PUBAFRS 7505	Wicked Policy Problems (SP)	3
PUBAFRS 7574	Mixed Methods Approaches for Policy-Related Research	3
PUBHTLH 7000	Public Health in Developing Countries (SP)	3
PUBHHMP 6630	Project Management for Health Care and Public Health	3
PUBHHMP 7605	Introduction to Health Policy	3
PUBHHMP 7610	Public Health Law	3
PUBHHMP 7611	Health Care Law for Managers	3
PUBHHMP 7613	Tobacco Regulation and Policy	2
PUBHHMP 7632	Strategic Change for Public Health & Population Health Management	3
RURLSOC 5580	Social Impact Assessment (SP)	3
SOCWORK 6201	Social and Economic Justice	3
SOCWORK 7570	Policy Analysis & Social Legislation Processes	3

Communications Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
COMM 6806	Contemporary Theories of Communication (AU)	3
COMM 7870	Media, Campaigns, and Health (SP27)	3
COMM 7871	Health Communication in Interpersonal Settings	3
CRPLAN 6100	Participation and Advocacy in Planning	3
ENR 7400	Communicating Environmental Risk	3
PUBAFRS 5591	Lobbying and Government Relations	3
PUBAFRS 5592	Social Marketing for Nonprofit and Public Organizations	3
PUBAFRS 6050	Managing Public Sector Organizations	4
PUBAFRS 6500	Public Affairs Skills: Written and Oral Communication	2
PUBHHMP 6615	Public Health Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3

Maternal and Child Health Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ANTHROP 5602	Women's Health in Global Perspective	3
BIOETHC 7050	Pediatric and Perinatal Bioethics	3
EDUCST 5777	Anti-Racist, Culturally Responsive Education: Theories, Models and Strategies	3
HDFS 7765	Advanced Child Development	3
NURSING 6430	Cultural Competence in Health Care: US and Global Contexts	3
PSYCH 6835	Child Development	3
PUBHEPI 6440	Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6441	Epidemiology of Women's Health	3
PUBHHBP 7564	A Public Health Approach to Adolescent Health	2
SOCWORK 5005	Human Trafficking: Domestic and Global Perspectives	3
SOCWORK 5007	Child Welfare I	3
WGSST 8800	Topics in Feminist Studies	3

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ANTHROP 5602	Women's Health in Global Perspective	3
CRPLAN 6350	The Socially Just City	3
ESSPSY 7028	Cultural Diversity	3
HTHRHSC 6700	Global Aging	3
PUBAFRS 5240: <i>(cross listed with AFAMAST 5240)</i>	Race and Public Policy in the United States	3
PUBAFRS 5895: <i>(cross listed with HTHRHSC 5895)</i>	Food Insecurity and Food Assistance Programming & Policy in the U.S.	3
PUBAFRS 5250	Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy	3
PUBHEPI 6442	Methods in Social Epidemiology	3
PUBHLTH 7000	Public Health in Developing Countries	3
SOCIOL 7780	Racial and Ethnic Differences	3
SOCWORK 5005	Human Trafficking: Domestic and Global Perspectives	3
SOCWORK 5026	Exploring Community Food Security Strategies	3
SOCWORK 6201	Social and Economic Justice	3
SOCWORK 6202	Culturally Responsive Social Work	3

Global Health Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Required: PUBHLTH 6000	Introduction to Global Health (AU)	2
ANTHROP 5601	The Anthropology of Sex, Drugs, and HIV	3
ANTHROP 5602	Women's Health in Global Perspective (AU)	3
ANTHROP 5701	Health and Healing in Latin America and the Caribbean	3
INTSTDS 5640: <i>(cross listed with SPANISH 5640)</i>	Globalization and Latin America: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches (SP)	3
PHR 5550	Topics in International Pharmacy (SP)	2
PUBHEHS 6320	Global Health and Environmental Microbiology	3
PUBHEHS 6325	Climate Change and Human Health	3
PUBHEHS 6390	Major Human Diseases in Global Public Health(SP)	3
PUBHEPI 5412	Global Epidemiology of Infectious Disease (SP)	3
PUBHEPI 6436	Infectious Disease Epidemiology	3
PUBHEPI 6441	Epidemiology of Women's Health <i>(must do course project with global focus)</i>	3
PUBHLTH 7000	Public Health in Developing Countries (SP)	3
PUBHHMP 6630	Project Management for Health Care and Public Health	3
SOCWORK 5002	Lifespan Approaches to HIV Prevention	3
SOCWORK 5005	Human Trafficking: Domestic and Global Perspectives	3
SPANISH 5201	Spanish in the Health Professions	3
VETPREV 7721	Epidemiology of Zoonotic Diseases	3
VETPREV 7722	Foodborne Diseases, Food Animal Production Systems, and Food Safety	3
VISSCI 5500	Global Issues in Eye Care	1

Wellness Track

Course	Title	Credit Hours
ESCE 7933	Wellness and Prevention Counseling	3
ESSPSY 7028	Cultural Diversity	3
HUMNNTR 5705	Nutrition and Physical Performance	2
KNEHS 5500	Fundamentals of Exercise Physiology - Theory & Application	4
KNHES 7713	Foundations of Physical Activity Behavior	3
KNHES 7726	Changing Physical Activity Behavior	3
NURSING 6430	Cultural Competence in Health Care: US and Global Contexts	3
NURSING 7491	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention across the Life Span	3
PUBAFRS 5890	US Food Policy	3
PUBAFRS 5895: <i>(cross listed with HTHRHSC 5895)</i>	Food Insecurity and Food Assistance Programming & Policy in the U.S.	3
PUBAFRS 5900	Food System Planning and the Economy	3
PUBHEPI 6415	Nutrition in Public Health	3
SOCWORK 6201	Social Justice, Social Systems, and Social Problems	3
SOCWORK 6202	Culturally Responsive Social Work	3

Policies and General Requirements for the 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 the 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.
- For the MPH, a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA.
- 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 that a student will follow are determined by their admit term, which is their first term of undergraduate enrollment (or graduate enrollment for their graduate career) 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 (4191, 4998 or 4999)	2
Autumn 4 (14 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 6001+	4
	PUBHLTH 6002+	2
	Sociology Focus Area Elective #3	3
	PUBHHBP 7542+	3
	PUBHHBP 7520	2
Spring 4 (13-16 credit hours)	PUBHLTH 6003	2
	PUBHLTH 6004	4
	PUBHBIO 6211	3
	PUBHHBP 7522	3
	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 (12 credit hours)	PUBHHBP 7532	3
	TRACK COURSES (take two courses)	5
	PUBHHBP 7899.01	1
	PUBHHBP 6520	3
Spring 5 (8 credit hours)	PUBHHBP 7528	2
	TRACK COURSE	3
	PUBHHBP 7899.02	1
	PUBHLTH 7998	2
	Total Minimum Credit Hours* for Degree:	151-
	<i>*Total Credit hours will vary depending on which courses students select</i>	163