An Honors Guide to the General Education Course Options for Students Pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Public Health

The College of Public Health Honors Committee expects all honors students to develop distinguished curricular programs. Each student’s program should reflect a commitment to taking the most challenging courses possible that fit the student’s background. This document defines the general standards for rigor in a College of Public Health Honors Program, along with basic opportunities for flexibility in pursuing that objective.

Writing (2 courses)

First Course
English 1110.01 or 1110.02 (honors version recommended)

Second Course
Select one course from the following list:
- Art Education 2367.01H
- Communication 2367H
- Comparative Studies 2367.08H
- Dance 2367H
- Engineering 2367.01H
- English 2367.01H, 2367.02H, 2367.03H, 2367.04H, 2367.05H
- Landscape Architecture 2367E
- Linguistics 2367.01H
- Political Science 2367H
- Sociology 2367.01H
- Theatre 2367.01H

Literature (1 course)

Appropriate courses include any courses with a focus on literature at the 3000 level and above from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

- African-American and African Studies 4584H
- Arabic 2702H
- Classics 1101H, 2194H, 2220H, 2500H
- Comparative Studies 1100H, 2101H, 2103H, 2104H, 2194H, 2864H, 3603H
- English 2201H, 2202H, 2220H, 2260H, 2261H, 2262H, 2280H, 2367.02H
- French 2101.01H
- German 2252H
- Hebrew 2700H
- History 2221E
- Jewish Studies 270H, 2702H
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Modern Greek 2240H
- Religious Studies 2102.01H
- Russian 2250H
- Slavic Languages and Literature 4520H
- Spanish 3450H
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2296H, 2702H

Visual Performing/Arts (1 course)

Appropriate courses include any courses with a focus on the arts at the 3000 level and above from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

- Art 2100E, 2300E, 2502E, 2555H, 3201H
- Art Education 2367.01H
- Comparative Studies 3607H
- English 4578H
- Film Studies 4670H
- German 3254H
- Landscape Architecture 2600E
- Philosophy 2470H, 2900H
- Physics 3201H
- Theatre 2100H, 2101H, 2341H
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 2296H

Math (1 course)

- BSPH-Public Health Sociology – Math 1116 or higher*
- BSPH-Environmental Public Health – 1148/1149 or 1150
*Many graduate programs require higher level math proficiency

Data Analysis (1 course)

Complete one course from the following list

- Public Health Sociology-Sociology 3549H
- Environmental Public Health-Statistics 1450 or higher

Science (3 courses)

Environmental Public Health Specialization
1. Biology 1113L, 1113HL
2. Microbiology 4000L
3. Physics 1200L

Public Health Sociology Specialization-10 hours
(Take at least 3 courses from lists below)

Plan to take the most rigorous course work commensurate with your background and ability, honors courses if appropriate. You are required to take at least one course in the biological sciences, and at least one course in the physical sciences. At least one of the courses chosen must have a laboratory.
Biological Science Courses

Animal Science 2300H  
Anthropology 2200HL, 3300, 3301, 5602, 5614  
Biology 1113L, 1113HL, 1114L, 1114HL  
Enterontology 2400H, 4440H  
Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology 2510L, 2520, 3310H  
Microbiology 4000L  
Molecular Genetics 3300L, 3436, 4500E

Physical Science Courses

Astronomy 3161H  
Chemistry 1110L, 1210L, 1220L, 1610L, 1620L, 1910HL, 1920HL  
Earth Sciences 1108HL, 1110H, 1122HL, 4194H  
Geography 1900HL, 2960HL, 3901H  
Physics 1200L, 1201L, 1250L, 1250HL, 1251L, 1251HL

L = course with a laboratory

Historical Study (1-2 courses)

Select 1 to 2 courses. Choose any appropriate 3000 level course(s) or above from the Department of History and/or course(s) from the list below. AP/IB/EM History credit for one course may be applied to this requirement.

African-American and African Studies 3081H, 3083H  
3086H, 3089, 3308, 4557  
Classics 2221E, 3215  
Economics 4130H, 4140H, 5130, 5140  
Engineering 5797.13  
English 3273  
History 2001H, 2002H, 2204H, 2221E, 2610H, 2750H,  
Jewish Studies 3110, 3450, 3455, 3465, 3470, 3505  
Microbiology 3704  
Political Science 4123  
Philosophy 1101H, 1102H  
Religious Studies 3680  
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies 4401

Social Sciences (2 courses)

1. Sociology 1101H  
2. Other social science course selection can include any course with a social/political/economic emphasis at the 3000 level and above from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

African-American and African Studies 3081H, 3083H  
Anthropology 2201H, 2202H, 4597.03H  
Architecture 2220H  
Communication 1102H  
Economics 2001.03H, 2002.03H, 4050H, 4700H  
Geography 2400H, 2750H, 3600H, 3901H  
International Studies 2250H, 2500H, 2800H, 3700H, 4700H  
Linguistics 3602H, 3701H  
Political Science 1100H, 1165H, 1200H, 2150H, 2367H, 2400H, 3596H, 4250H  
Psychology 1100H, 3325H, 3331H, 3340H, 3371H, 3550H, 3551H, 4508H  
Slavic Languages and Literatures 4560H

Social Work 1130H  
Sociology 1101H, 2367.01H, 2367.03H, 3410H, 3463H  
Speech and Hearing Science 3330H  
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Cultures & Ideas (0-1 course)

Appropriate courses include any courses with a focus on cultures or ideas at the 3000 level and above from the departments listed below, as well as the honors courses listed.

African-American and African Studies 3342H  
Arabic 2241H  
Architecture 2300E, 4596E  
Classics 2194H, 2201H, 2202Hc  
Comparative Studies 2350H, 2367.08H, 3302E, 3645H, 3676H  
East Asian Languages and Literatures 3299H  
English 2270H  
French  
German 3451H, 3353H  
Hebrew 2241H, 3210H  
History 3213H  
Italian  
Jewish Studies 2210H, 2242H, 3210H  
Korean  
Landscape Architecture 2300E, 2367E  
Linguistics 2000H  
Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
Modern Greek 2240H  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  
Philosophy 1100H, 1300H, 2900H, 3341H  
Portuguese  
Religious Studies 2210H, 2370H, 3210H ▲  
Slavic Languages and Literature 4520H, 4560H  
Spanish  
Turkish  
Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Foreign Language (0-3 courses)

Course work or proficiency through the third language course (1103) or equivalent is required and further study is strongly recommended.  
Goal - Develop skills in communication across ethnic, cultural, ideological, and national boundaries and help develop an understanding of other cultures.

Complete 1101, 1102, 1103 of any language on list

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*Some languages are not offered every semester
Open Options (2 courses)

Environmental Public Health Requirements
1. Biology 1114L, 1114HL
2. Mathematics 1151

Public Health Sociology Recommendations
Sociology 2210, 2345, 2370, 2380, 3597.01, 3597.02

Other Public Health Sociology Open Option Course Choices
Complete approved honors or 3000 level or above course work from any of the following categories: Education Abroad (courses to be developed)

Education Abroad
The goal of courses in this category is to allow you, by living and studying outside the U.S., to acquire and develop a breadth of knowledge, skills, and perspectives across national boundaries that will help you become more globally aware.

Service Learning (courses to be developed)
The goal of courses in this category is to help you gain and apply academic knowledge through civic engagement with communities

Social Diversity in the United States (0-1 course)
Sociology 1101 and 1101H fulfills the social diversity GE requirement for both BSPH specializations.

Global Studies (0-2 courses)
Choose at least two courses that provide exposure to international and global society and culture. You should plan to overlap these courses with another GE category or major courses. If you do not plan such an overlap, the global studies requirement must still be met.

Note on AP/IB/EM credit
General Education requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree may be fulfilled with AP/IB/EM credit.

In order to graduate with honors in Public Health, however, a student must complete a rigorous curriculum with an appropriate number of honors or upper division courses as determined by the College of Public Health Honors curriculum.

For instance, a student using twelve hours of AP/IB/EM credit toward the general education should plan on taking twelve hours of additional honors or upper division coursework in another area.

Honors students are encouraged to pursue second degrees, Additional minors, study abroad opportunities, and/or research. Please consult your advisor for more information.

Symbols
● = Social Diversity in the United States course that also counts in another GE category
▲ = Global Studies course that also counts in another GE category

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