

Design and Public Health, BS (Boston)

The Bachelor of Science in Design Studies and Public Health offers an interdisciplinary approach to public health services, communication, and the built environment. Students combine courses from public health, social sciences, architecture, and urban studies to learn how to apply creative thinking to complex issues in healthcare, community health, and health systems. The interdisciplinary curriculum is enhanced by experiential learning opportunities and is designed to prepare students for challenging careers that involve health-oriented design and planning, public health advocacy, architecture and planning consultancy, health communications, developing strategies for promoting access to healthcare services, and specific applications such as disease awareness and prevention.

Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Design Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ARCH 1110	Fundamental Architectural Representation	4
ARTF 1220	Elements of Visual Composition	2
ARTF 1250 and ARTF 1251	Designing Interactive Experiences and Designing Interactive Experiences Tools	2
ARTG 1001 and ARTG 1002 or ARCH 1450	Design Perspectives: An Introduction to Design in the World and Seminar for Design Perspectives Understanding Design	4
ARTG 1270 and ARTG 1271	Design: Process + Practices and Studio for Design: Process + Practices	4

Concentrations

Complete one of the following concentrations:

- Built Environment (p. 1)
- Integrated Design (p. 2)

CONCENTRATION IN BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
ARCH 1120	Fundamental Architectural Design	6
ARCH 1310	Buildings and Cities, A Global History	4
ARCH 2260	Introduction to Building Systems	4
Electives		
Complete four of the following:		16-22
ARCH 1453	Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form	
ARCH 2130	Site, Space, Program	
ARCH 2140	Urban Housing	
ARCH 2340 and ARCH 2341	Modern Architecture and Recitation for ARCH 2340	
ARCH 3170	Architecture, Infrastructure, and the City	
ARCH 3210	Environmental Systems	
ARCH 4850	Urban and Architectural History Abroad	
ARCH 5115	Option Studio	

ARCH 5310	Design Tactics and Operations
LARC 2130	Sustainable Urban Site Design
LARC 2140	Designed Urban Ecologies
LARC 2330	Cities, Landscape, and Modern Culture
LARC 2340	Cities, Landscape, and Contemporary Culture
LARC 2430	Plants, People, and Landscape Change

CONCENTRATION IN INTEGRATED DESIGN

Code	Title	Hours
Art+Design Fundamentals		
Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
ARTF 1200	Representational Drawing	
ARTF 1210	Abstract Drawing	
ARTF 1230 and ARTF 1231	Making with Form and Materials and Making with Form and Materials Tools	
ARTF 1240 and ARTF 1241	Making with Video, Sound, and Animation and Making with Video, Sound, and Animation Tools	
Required Course		
ARTG 1290 and ARTG 1291	Typographic Systems and Studio for Typographic Systems	4
Design Electives		
Complete 12 semester hours from the following:		12
ARTG 2262 and ARTG 2263	Prototyping with Code and Lab for ARTG 2262	
ARTG 5000	Topics in Design ¹	
ARTG 5710	Design for Dignity	
Art+Design History Elective		
Complete 4 semester hours of ARTH courses.		4
Design Options		
As part of the design concentration, complete one of the following sets:		8-9
<i>Creative Fabrication</i>		
ARTG 2810	Creative Fabrication Design Principles	
ARTG 3810	Topics in Creative Fabrication Inquiry	
<i>Experience Design</i>		
ARTG 3462	Experience Design Principles	
ARTG 3464	Topics In Experience Design Inquiry	
<i>Graphic Design</i>		
ARTG 2252	Graphic Design Principles	
ARTG 3452	Topics In Graphic Design Inquiry	
<i>Information Design</i>		
ARTG 2242	Information Design Principles	
ARTG 3444	Topics in Information Design Inquiry	
<i>Interaction Design</i>		
ARTG 2400 and ARTG 2401	Interaction Design Principles and Interaction Design Principles Tools	
ARTG 3400	Topics In Interaction Design Inquiry	

¹ Topics in Design (ARTG 5000) may be completed multiple times as part of satisfying the design electives section.

Public Health Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Core		
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The American Healthcare System Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
PHTH 2210	Foundations of Biostatistics	4

PHTH 2300	Communication Skills for the Health Professions	4
or PHTH 2301	Communication Skills for the Health Professions—Global	
PHTH 2350	Community and Public Health	4
or PHTH 2351	Community and Public Health - Global	
PHTH 2515	Healthcare Policy and Administration	4
PHTH 4120	Global Perspectives on Discrimination and Health	4
PHTH 4202	Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health	4
PHTH 4540	Health Education and Program Planning	4
Science Core Requirement		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
<i>Biology</i>		
Complete one of the following options:		8-10
Option 1		
BIOL 1141	Microbes and Society	
or BIOL 1143	Biology and Society	
BIOL 1147	The Human Organism	
Option 2		
BIOL 1111	General Biology 1	
and BIOL 1112	and Lab for BIOL 1111	
BIOL 1113	General Biology 2	
and BIOL 1114	and Lab for BIOL 1113	
Public Health Social Science Requirements		
<i>Introductory Course</i>		
Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	
and ECON 1125	and Recitation for ECON 1115	
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	
and ECON 1126	and Recitation for ECON 1116	
ENGL 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
<i>Upper-Level Course</i>		
Complete 3-4 semester hours from the following:		3-4
Society and Behavior		
ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
HLTH 5280	The (in)Visibility of (dis)Ability in Society	
PHTH 5222	Health Advocacy	
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3404	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 3450	Learning and Motivation	
SOCL 3241	Violence and Society	
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness	
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender	
Globalization and Global Health		
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
ECON 3404	International Food Policy	
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context	
INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)	

INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations
Environmental Health and Climate Change	
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics
INTL 5100	Climate and Development
PPUA 5100	Climate and Development
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization
Law, Policy, and Human Rights	
ECON 3424	Law and Economics
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration
Healthcare Administration and Management	
ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy
MGMT 3340	Healthcare Management, Innovation, and Design
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management
PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy

Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
Complete 1 semester hour from the following:		1
ARCH 1000	Architecture at Northeastern	
ARTF 1000	Art and Design at Northeastern	
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	
Co-Op Preparation		
Complete 1 semester hour from the following:		1
EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
HSCI 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op	
Writing Courses		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
<i>Advanced Writing in the Disciplines</i>		
Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGW 3314	Advanced Writing in the Arts, Media, and Design	

Capstone and Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 4 semester hours from the following:		4
ARTG 4550	Design Degree Project	
ARCH 4960	Architectural Studies Capstone	
ARCH 5312	Mapping and Building Health	
HSCI 4970 and HSCI 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2 ¹	

¹ Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (HSCI 4970) will count as a 4-semester-hour general elective.

Design Grade Requirement

No more than two grades below a C in ARTG and ARCH courses may be used to fulfill degree requirements.

Optional Co-op

Students can choose to complete one or two six-month co-op experiences, or none at all, during their course of study. Students must consult with their advisor regarding the prerequisite course for co-op.

Public Health Grade Requirement

A grade of C or higher is required for the public health core, science requirement, public health social science requirement, and the HSCI capstone course. Students who take College: An Introduction (HSCI 1000) and Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op (HSCI 2000) must achieve a C or higher.

NUpath Requirements Satisfied

- Advanced Writing in the Disciplines
- Analyzing and Using Data
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning
- Demonstrating Thought and Action in a Capstone
- Engaging Differences and Diversity
- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World
- Exploring Creative Expression and Innovation
- Interpreting Culture
- Understanding Societies and Institutions
- Writing in the First Year
- Writing-Intensive in the Major

Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience is satisfied through co-op.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plans of Study

The following plans of study are samples. Since program length, co-op cycles, and concentrations may vary, students should consult with their academic advisor to create an individualized plan of study.

FOUR YEARS, ONE CO-OP IN FALL, BUILT ENVIRONMENT CONCENTRATION

Year 1					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours
ARCH 1000, HSCI 1000, or ARTF 1000		1 ARCH 1110		4 PHTH 2300	4
PHTH 1260		4 ARTF 1220		2 General elective	4
PSYC 1101		4 ARTF 1250 and ARTF 1251		2	
ARCH 1450		4 ENGW 1111		4	
BIOL option course 1		4-5 BIOL option course 2		4-5	
		EEAM 2000 (for CAMD students)		1	
17-18			17-18		8
Year 2					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours
PHTH 2210		4 HSCI 2000 (for Bouve students)		1 ARCH 1310	4
ARCH 1120		6 PHTH 2515		4 General elective	4
ARCH 2260		4 ARTG 1270 and ARTG 1271		4	
PHTH 2350		4 Concentration elective 1		4-6	
		Concentration elective 2		4-6	
18			17-21		8
Year 3					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours		
COOP 3945		0 ENGW 3306 (or ENGW 3314)		4	
		Social science introductory course		4	

		Concentration elective 3	4-6
		Concentration elective 4	4-6
		0	16-20
Year 4			
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PHTH 4120		4 PHTH 4540	4
PHTH 4202		4 Capstone course	4
Social science upper-level course		3-4 General elective	4
General elective		4 General elective	4
		15-16	16

Total Hours: 132-143

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF, DESIGN CONCENTRATION

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours		
ARCH 1000, HSCI 1000, or ARTF 1000	1	ARCH 1110		4 PHTH 2300		4	
PHTH 1260	4	ARTF 1220		2 ARTG 1270 and ARTG 1271		4	
PSYC 1101	4	ARTF 1250 and ARTF 1251		2			
ARTG 1001 and ARTG 1002	4	ENGW 1111		4			
BIOL option course 1	4-5	BIOL option course 2		4-5			
		EEAM 2000 (for CAMD students)		1			
	17-18		17-18			8	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHTH 2210		4 COOP 3945		0 COOP 3945		0 General elective	4
PHTH 2350	4	ARTH elective		4		ARTF elective 1	2
ARTG 1290 and ARTG 1291	4					ARTF elective 2	2
Design option 1	4						
HSCI 2000 (for Bouve students)	1						
	17		4			0	8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 3306 or 3314	4	COOP 3945		0 COOP 3945		0 PHTH 2515	4
Social sciences introductory course	4	General elective		4		General elective	4
Design elective 1	4						
Design elective 2	4						
	16		4			0	8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
PHTH 4120		4 PHTH 4540	4				
PHTH 4202		4 Capstone course	4				
Social science upper-level course		3-4 Design option 2	4				

Design elective 3	4	General elective	4
15-16		16	
Total Hours: 130-133			