

Public Health and Cultural Anthropology, BA (Boston)

Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and Cultural Anthropology integrates concepts and theories from cultural anthropology with public health concepts to approach complex health inequities. Students have an opportunity to gain foundational anthropological knowledge and skills and apply theory to public health approaches for addressing poor health outcomes. Students explore how culture and social structures affect health promotion strategies and outcomes. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in anthropology, public health, public policy and administration, and education.

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/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

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

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 or PHTH 2301	Communication Skills for the Health Professions Communication Skills for the Health Professions—Global	4
PHTH 2350 or PHTH 2351	Community and Public Health Community and Public Health - Global	4
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 REQUIREMENT

Code	Title	Hours
Biology		
Complete one of the following options:		8–10
Option 1		
BIOL 1141 or BIOL 1143	Microbes and Society Biology and Society	
BIOL 1147	The Human Organism	
Option 2		
BIOL 1111 and BIOL 1112	General Biology 1 and Lab for BIOL 1111	
BIOL 1113 and BIOL 1114	General Biology 2 and Lab for BIOL 1113	

Psychology

PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
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PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

Code	Title	Hours
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Introductory Course

Complete one of the following:		4
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COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
ECON 1115 and ECON 1125	Principles of Macroeconomics and Recitation for ECON 1115	
ECON 1116 and ECON 1126	Principles of Microeconomics 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	

Upper-Level Course

Complete one of the following (categories provided for reference):		3–4
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Society and Behavior

COMM 3201	Health Communication	
COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns	
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	

Globalization and Global Health

AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
ECON 3404	International Food Policy	
INTL 3200 or INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)	
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	

Environmental Health and Climate Change

COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media	
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
INTL/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	

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

REQUIRED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	4
ANTH 2305	Global Markets and Local Culture	4
ANTH 3410	Ethnographic Field Experience	4
ANTH 3421	Foundations of Anthropological Theory	4

AREA COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two area courses in the range from ANTH 4101-ANTH 4520 not used to satisfy other requirements; one study abroad course may be substituted as an area studies course with prior permission from the department; additional area courses taken may count as anthropology electives.		8

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three additional courses between ANTH 2000-4999 not used to satisfy other requirements.		12

Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
Complete one of the following:		1
ANTH 1000	Anthropology at Northeastern	
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	
Writing Courses		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
<i>Advanced Writing in the Disciplines</i>		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology	4

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		3-4
ANTH 4600 or ANTH 4100	Senior Seminar Making Anthropology Public	
HINF 5301	Evaluating Health Technologies	
HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service ¹	
HSCI 4730	Health Science Capstone—Research ¹	
HSCI 4740	Health Science Capstone Seminar	
HSCI 4970 and HSCI 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2 ²	
PHTH 4515	Critical Issues in Health and Public Health Policy	
PHTH 4602	Private Guns, Public Health	
PHTH 4616	Addressing Rural Health Inequities	
PHTH 4717	Advancing Health Justice Through the Law	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
PHTH 5236	Food, Nutrition, and Health	
PHTH 5603	Qualitative Methods	

¹ Must complete Health Science Capstone Introduction (HSCI 4700) (0 SH) as pre-requisite.

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² Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (HSCI 4970) will count as 4 semester hours of general electives.

Co-op

A co-op is not required; however, students may choose to complete one or two six-month co-op experiences during their course of study. Students must consult their advisor regarding the prerequisite course for co-op.

Public Health Major Requirement

A grade of C or higher is required for the Public Health Core, Science Requirement, Public Health Social Science Requirement, and HSCI and PHTH Capstone courses. Students who take College: An Introduction (HSCI 1000) and Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op (HSCI 2000) must achieve a C or higher.

Public Health and Cultural Anthropology Major Credit Requirement

Minimum of 95 semester hours required

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plans of Study

FOUR YEARS/ TWO CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST HALF—BOUVÉ STUDENTS

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 ANTH 1101		4 ANTH elective		4 General Elective	4
HSCI 1000		1 PSYC 1101		4 PHTH 2350		4 General Elective	4
PHTH 1260		4 BIOL course		4-5			
BIOL course		4-5 Elementary language course		4			
Introductory language course		4					
17-18		16-17		8		8	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HSCI 2000 (*)		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 PH Social science course (introductory)	4
ANTH 2305		4				PHTH 2515	4
PHTH 2210		4					
Intermediate language course		4					
PHTH 2300		4					
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Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 3410		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 ENGW 3306	4
ANTH 3421		4				PHTH 4202	4
ANTH 3441		4					
ANTH area course		4					
16		0		0		8	
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Capstone course		3-4 ANTH elective		4			
ANTH area course		4 PH Social science course (upper)		3-4			
PHTH 4120		4 PHTH 4540		4			

ANTH elective	4	General elective	4
15-16		15-16	

Total Hours: 128-132

FOUR YEARS/TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL—CSSH STUDENTS

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 1000		1 ANTH 1101		4 ANTH elective		4 General Elective	4
PHTH 1260	4	ENGW 1111	4	PHTH 2350		4 General Elective	4
PSYC 1101	4	BIOL course	4-5				
BIOL course	4-5	Elementary language course	4				
Introductory language course	4						

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Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH elective	4	ANTH 2305	4	PH Social science course (introductory)	4	Co-op	0
ANTH area course	4	PHTH 2210	4	General elective	4		
PHTH 2300	4	ANTH elective	4				
Intermediate language course	4	EESH 2000 (*)	1				
		PHTH 2515	4				

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Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	ANTH 3410	4	PHTH 4120	4	Co-op	0
		ANTH 3421	4	PHTH 4540	4		
		ANTH 3441	4				
		ENGW 3308	4				

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Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	ANTH area course	4
		Capstone Course	3-4
		PH Social science course (upper)	3-4
		PHTH 4202	4

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Total Hours: 128-132

* Students that choose to complete at least one co-op experience must complete either Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op (HSCI 2000) or Professional Development for Co-op (EESH 2000) (based on home college) prior to co-op.