

Public Health and Law, BA (Boston)

The BA in Public Health and Law is designed for students who anticipate working in careers that have frequent involvement with lawyers and/or in heavily regulated areas. Students will attain knowledge and skills that are highly valued across health professions. This major will also be helpful for students who are interested in law school.

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 Core

Code	Title	Hours
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

Public Health Social Science Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	
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	
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	

Upper-Level Course

Complete one of the following:	3-4
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Society and Behavior

ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology
COMM 3201	Health Communication
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 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

ECON 3423	Environmental Economics
INTL 5100 or PPUA 5100	Climate and Development 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
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management
PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy

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

Law Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
LAW 3101	Introduction to Legal Studies 1: Law and Legal Reasoning	4
LAW 3102	Introduction to Legal Studies 2: Statutes and Regulations	4
LAW 3120	Introduction to Law and Strategy	4
LAW 3130	Introduction to Negotiation and Advocacy	4
LAW 3140	Data Regulation and Compliance	4
LAW 3235	Issues in Law and Public Policy	4
LAW 4335	Health Law and Policy	4
Electives		
Complete any combination of 1-semester-hour and 3-semester-hour courses for a minimum of 8 semester hours from the following:		8-9
LAW 3150	Introduction to Law and Organizational Management	
LAW 3160	Introduction to International Regulations and Business Strategies	
LAW 3170	Introduction to Financial Transactions	
LAW 3181	Introduction to Healthcare Compliance	
LAW 3182	Introduction to Patient Records, Privacy, Security	
LAW 3210	Introduction to Employee Rights and Employer Obligations	
LAW 3211	Introduction to Antidiscrimination Law	
LAW 3212	Introduction to Wages and Benefits	
LAW 3232	Introduction to Intellectual Property and Media	
LAW 3236	Introduction to Contract Drafting	
LAW 3238	Introduction to Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence	
LAW 3239	Introduction to Sports Law, Business, and Society	
LAW 3320	Introduction to Intellectual Property	
LAW 3321	Introduction to Identifying and Securing Intellectual Property Rights	
LAW 3800	Reflections on Law	
LAW 3801	Writing on Legal Issues	
LAW 4369	Advanced Intellectual Property	
LAW 4501	Patent Law and Practice	
LAW 4525	Law and Economic Development	
LAW 4600	Issues in Health Law and Policy	
LAW 4640	Issues in Information Security Law	
LAW 4664	Law and Inequality	
LAW 4983	Special Topics in Law	

Writing Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
First-Year Writing		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
Advanced Writing in the Discipline		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGW 3311	Advanced Writing for Prelaw	
ENGW 3315	Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Intro to College		
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	1
Professional Development for Coop		
HSCI 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op	1

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service ¹	4

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

General Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete any remaining semester hours after major and NUPath courses to reach the minimum semester-hour program requirement. ¹		

¹ NUPath Ethical Reasoning is not completed by any of the required courses. Students must use a general elective to complete this requirement if they do not complete it through a social science selective.

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 Capstone. Students who take College: An Introduction (HSCI 1000) and Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op (HSCI 2000) must achieve a C or higher.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plans of Study

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

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HSCI 1000		1 PHTH 2350		4 PHTH 2300		4 Vacation	
PHTH 1260		4 BIOL 1141 or 1143		4 General elective		4	
BIOL 1147		4 PSYC 1101		4			
ENGW 1111		4 Elementary language course		4			
Introductory language course		4					
17		16		8		0	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HSCI 2000		1 Co-op ¹		0 Co-op		0 PHTH 2515	4
PHTH 2210		4 General elective		4		General elective	4
LAW 3101		4					
LAW 3102		4					
Intermediate language course		4					
17		4		0		8	
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
LAW 3120		4 Co-op ¹		0 Co-op		0 PHTH 4120	4
LAW 3130		4 Advanced Writing in the Discipline NUPath course		4		PHTH 4540	4
LAW 4335		4					
PH Social science course (introductory)		4					
16		4		0		8	
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
PHTH 4202		4 Capstone		4			

LAW 3140	4 PH Social science course (upper)	3-4
LAW 3235	4 General elective	4
LAW elective	3 LAW elective	3
LAW 3800, 3801, or 4983 (LAW elective)	1 LAW 3800, 3801, or 4983 (LAW elective)	1
16		15-16

Total Hours: 129-130

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
HSCI 1000		1 PHTH 2350		4 PHTH 2515		4 Vacation	
PHTH 1260	4	BIOL 1147	4	General elective	4		
BIOL 1141 or 1143	4	ENGW 1111	4				
Introductory language course	4	Elementary language course	4				
PSYC 1101	4						
17		16		8		0	

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHTH 2300	4	HSCI 2000	1	General elective	4	Co-op	0
Intermediate language course	4	PHTH 2210	4	PHTH 4202	4		
PH Social science course (introductory)	4	General elective	4				
General elective	4	LAW 3102	4				
		LAW 3101	4				
16		17		8		0	

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op ¹	0	LAW 4335	4	PHTH 4120	4	Co-op	0
PH Social science course (upper)	3-4	Advanced Writing in the Discipline NUPath course	4	PHTH 4540	4		
		LAW 3120	4				
		LAW 3130	4				
3-4		16		8		0	

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op ¹	0	LAW 3140	4
LAW elective	3	Capstone Course	4
LAW 3800, 3801, or 4983 (LAW elective)	1	LAW 3235	4
		LAW elective	3
		LAW 3800, 3801, or 4983 (LAW elective)	1
4		16	

Total Hours: 129-130

¹ Students may fulfill one course during each co-op or take two courses instead of vacation.