

# Public Health and Sociology, BA (Boston)

## Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and Sociology integrates social science theory and perspectives with public health concepts to approach complex health inequities. Students have an opportunity to gain foundational sociological knowledge and skills and apply theory to public health approaches for addressing poor health outcomes. Students explore the ways that societal constructs—such as race, class, and gender—intersect with health. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in sociology, 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

### PUBLIC HEALTH CORE

Code	Title	Hours
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The American Healthcare System Comparative Healthcare Systems	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 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

**PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
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	
<b>Upper-Level Course</b>		
Complete one course (categories provided for reference):		3–4
<i>Society and Behavior</i>		
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	
<i>Globalization and Global Health</i>		
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	
<i>Environmental Health and Climate Change</i>		
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media	
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
INTL 5100 or PPUA 5100	Climate and Development Climate and Development	
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization	
<i>Law, Policy, and Human Rights</i>		
ECON 3424	Law and Economics	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
<i>Healthcare Administration and Management</i>		
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	

## Sociology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Sociology Courses</b>		
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	4
SOCL 3300	Social Theory	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete three electives from the following with courses beyond those taken in the requirements above:		12
SOCL 1102 to SOCL 2999		
Complete four additional SOCL courses from the following range:		16
SOCL 3000 to SOCL 5999		

## Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to College</b>		
Complete one of the following:		1
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	
SOCL 1000	Sociology at Northeastern	
<b>Writing Courses</b>		
<i>First-Year Writing</i>		
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	
<b>Statistics and Research Methods</b>		
Complete one statistics course and one research methods course (both must be from the same college):		8
<i>Bouvé Courses</i>		
PHTH 2210	Foundations of Biostatistics	
PHTH 4202	Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health	
<i>CSSH Courses</i>		
SOCL 2320	Statistical Analysis in Sociology	
or INSH 3102	Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
SOCL 2321	Research Methods in Sociology	
or INSH 3101	Research Methods in the Social Sciences	

## Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness	4

## Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		3-4
HINF 5301	Evaluating Health Technologies	
HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service <sup>1</sup>	
HSCI 4730	Health Science Capstone—Research <sup>1</sup>	
HSCI 4740	Health Science Capstone Seminar	
HSCI 4970 and HSCI 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2 <sup>2</sup>	
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	

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PHTH 5236	Food, Nutrition, and Health
PHTH 5603	Qualitative Methods
SOCL 4600	Senior Seminar

- <sup>1</sup> Must complete Health Science Capstone Introduction (HSCI 4700) (0 semester hour) as prerequisite.
- <sup>2</sup> Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (HSCI 4970) will count as 4 semester hours general elective.

General Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete remaining hours to meet minimum by taking 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 with 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 HSCI 1000 and HSCI 2000 must achieve a C or higher.

Public Health and Sociology Major Credit Requirement

Minimum of 87 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 PSYC 1101		4 SOCL elective (1000–2999)		4 General elective	4
HSCI 1000		1 SOCL 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 <sup>1</sup>		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 PH social science course (introductory)	4
PHTH 2210		4				PHTH 2515	4
SOCL 3300		4					
PHTH 2300		4					
Intermediate language course		4					
		17	0		0		8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ANTH 2305		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 PHTH 4120	4
ENGW 3306		4				PHTH 4540	4
SOCL 3441		4					
SOCL elective (1000–2999)		4					
		16	0		0		8

**Year 4**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Capstone course		3-4 PH social science course (upper)	3-4
SOCL electives (3000–5999)	8	SOCL electives (3000–5999)	8
PHTH 4202	4	General elective	4
	<b>15-16</b>		<b>15-16</b>

**Total Hours: 128-132****FOUR YEARS/TWO CO-OPS IN SUMMER SECOND HALF/FALL–CSSH STUDENTS****Year 1**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>
PHTH 1260		4 ENGW 1111		4 General elective		4 General elective	4
PSYC 1101	4	SOCL 1101	4	PHTH 2350	4	General elective	4
SOCL 1000	1	BIOL course	4-5				
BIOL course	4-5	Elementary language course	4				
Introductory language course	4						
	<b>17-18</b>		<b>16-17</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>8</b>

**Year 2**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>
SOCL 3300	4	ANTH 2305	4	General elective	4	Co-op	0
SOCL elective (1000–2999)	4	EESH 2000 <sup>1</sup>	1	SOCL elective (3000–5999)	4		
PHTH 2300	4	SOCL 2320	4				
Intermediate language course	4	PH social science course (introductory)	4				
		PHTH 2515	4				
	<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>

**Year 3**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Co-op	0	ENGW 3308	4	PHTH 4540	4	Co-op	0
		SOCL 3441	4	PHTH 4120	4		
		PH social science course (upper)	3-4				
		SOCL elective (3000–5999)	4				
	<b>0</b>		<b>15-16</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>

**Year 4**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Co-op	0	SOCL 2321	4
		SOCL electives (3000–5999)	8
		Capstone course	3-4
	<b>0</b>		<b>15-16</b>

**Total Hours: 128-132**

<sup>1</sup> 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.