

Health Humanities and Public Health, BA (Boston)

Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Health Humanities and Public Health is designed for students who would like to learn how to think about health using humanities, social sciences, and science skills with a focus on public health. The humanities train students to navigate the complexities of interpersonal interaction and their ethical implications, to relate the micro to the macro and texts to contexts, to historicize encounters, to communicate accurately and effectively across a variety of media, and to engage in creative analytical thinking about healthcare. The landscape of public health is quickly changing, and this training is designed to equip students both for the diverse forms of healthcare professions that exist today and for the varieties of professions in the future. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in public health and health humanities.

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/>).

Health Humanities Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
INSH 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	4
INSH 2300	Culture, Technology, and the Future of Health	4
Core Humanities Electives		
Complete two of the following not used to satisfy another requirement:		8–9
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
ASNS 2245	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	
HIST 1200 and HIST 1201	Historical Research and Writing and First-Year Seminar	
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	
WMNS 1103	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WMNS 1105	Introduction to Trans Studies	
Core Health Humanities Electives		
Complete three of the following not used to satisfy another requirement:		12
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine	
HIST 1219	History of Global Pandemics	
HIST 2233	The History of Medicine in North America	
PHIL 1145	Technology and Human Values	
PHIL 1165	Moral and Social Problems in Healthcare	
WMNS 1225 or AFCS 1225 or HIST 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine Gender, Race, and Medicine Gender, Race, and Medicine	

Core Digital Health Humanities Electives

Complete two of the following not used to satisfy another requirement:		8
ARCH 5312	Mapping and Building Health	
ENGL 3460	The Archives of Public Health	
HIST 3344	The History of Western Public Health	
PHIL 3065	Bioethics in the Age of Big Data	

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*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*Introductory Course*

Complete one introductory course from 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	
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	

Upper-Level Course

Complete one upper-level course from the following (categories provided for reference):		3-4
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Society and Behavior

ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology	
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
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

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

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

Other Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
HSCI 1000 or HIST 1000 or ENGL 1000 or PHIL 1000	College: An Introduction History at Northeastern English at Northeastern Philosophy at Northeastern	1
Professional Development		
HSCI 2000 or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1
Writing		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
<i>Advanced Writing Course</i>		
Courses listed below are preferred but other advanced writing courses will be accepted:		
ENGW 3306 or ENGW 3315 or ENGW 3308 or ENGW 3309	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences Advanced Writing in the Humanities	4

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Choose one of the following:		3-4
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 semester hour) as pre-requisite.

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

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—CSSH STUDENTS

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
INSH 1300		4	ENGW 1111	4	PHTH 2300	4	General Elective	4
PHTH 1260		4	BIOL course	4-5	PHTH 2350	4	General Elective	4
PSYC 1101		4	Core humanities course (1)	4				
Introduction to college		1	Introductory language course	4				
BIOL course		4-5						
		17-18	16-17		8		8	
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
EESH 2000		1	Co-op	0	Co-op	0	ENGW 3315	4
PHTH 2210		4				PHTH 2515	4	
Core humanities course (2)		4						
PH Social science course (introductory)		4						
Elementary language course		4						
		17	0		0		8	
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
INSH 2300		4	Co-op	0	Co-op	0	PHTH 4540	4
Core Health Humanities course (1)		4				PHTH 4120	4	

Intermediate language course	4				
PHTH 4202	4				
	16		0	0	8

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours		
Capstone		3-4 Core digital health humanities elective (2)	4		
Core digital health humanities elective (1)	4	Core health humanities course (3)	4		
Core health humanities course (2)	4	PH Social science course (upper-level)	3-4		
General Elective	4	General Elective	4		
	15-16		15-16		

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

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 PSYC 1101		4 PHTH 2300		4 General Elective	4
HSCI 1000	1	BIOL course	4-5	PHTH 2350		4 General Elective	4
INSH 1300	4	Introductory language course	4				
PHTH 1260	4	General elective	4				
BIOL course	4-5						
	17-18		16-17		8		8

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Core humanities course (1)	4	HSCI 2000	1	PHTH 4202		4 Co-op	0
Core humanities elective (2)	4	PHTH 2210	4	General Elective	4		
PH Social Science Course (introductory)	4	Core health humanities course (1)	4				
Elementary language course	4	Intermediate language course	4				
		PHTH 2515	4				
	16		17		8		0

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	INSH 2300	4	PHTH 4120		4 Co-op	0
		Core digital health humanities course (1)	4	PHTH 4540	4		
		ENGW 3306	4				
		Core health humanities course (2)	4				
	0		16		8		0

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours		
Co-op	0	Core digital health humanities course (2)	4		
		Capstone	3-4		
		Core health humanities course (3)	4		

	PH Social Science course (upper)	3-4
	0	14-16

Total Hours: 128-132