

Cultural Anthropology and Health Science, BS (Boston)

The combined Bachelor of Science in Cultural Anthropology and Health Science integrates anthropological perspectives with the study of health, illness, and healthcare systems. Students explore how culture, environment, and social factors shape experiences of health, disease, and illness, and how varying medical practices around the world offer ways to think about bodies and wellness. Employing ethnographic methods and perspectives, students explore health differentials through the lens of structural violence and biopower. The program links scientific training in health science with anthropological analysis, preparing students for clinical, public health, or applied research careers in healthcare settings.

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/>).

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Foundation Courses		
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

Cultural Anthropology Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Area Courses		
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
Anthropology Electives		
Complete three courses in anthropology in addition to the above requirements. One course from study abroad may also count toward this requirement with prior permission from the department.		12

Health Science Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Core		
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The U.S. 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 4202	Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health	4
PHTH 4540	Health Education and Program Planning	4

Science Requirement for Health Science

Code	Title	Hours
Science Requirement		
BIOL 1111 and BIOL 1112	General Biology 1 and Lab for BIOL 1111	5
BIOL 1113 and BIOL 1114	General Biology 2 and Lab for BIOL 1113	5
CHEM 1161 and CHEM 1162 and CHEM 1163	General Chemistry for Science Majors and Lab for CHEM 1161 and Recitation for CHEM 1161	5
MATH 1241	Calculus 1	4
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology	4

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following, based on home college:		3-4

College of Social Sciences and Humanities

ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	
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Bouvé College of Health Sciences

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 4818	Let's Talk About Sex: Exploring Key Topics and Current Issues in Sexual and Reproductive Health	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
PHTH 5236	Food, Nutrition, and Health	
PHTH 5560	Public and Community Health Program Evaluation	
PHTH 5603	Qualitative Methods	

¹ Must complete Health Science Capstone Introduction (HSCI 4700) (0 semester hours) as prerequisite.

² The 4 semester hours earned via successful completion of Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (HSCI 4970) will be applied toward the general elective requirements of this program.

Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
Complete one course, based on home college:		1
ANTH 1000	Anthropology at Northeastern	
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	

Major Credit Requirement

94 semester hours required

General Electives

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

NUpath Requirements Satisfied

- 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-Intensive in the Major

Optional Co-op

Students can choose to complete one or two co-op experiences, or none at all, during their course of study. Students must consult with their advisor regarding the 1-semester-hour prerequisite course for co-op.

Health Science Grade Requirement

A grade of C or higher is required for public health core courses, science requirement courses, and HSCI, HINF, and PPTH 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.

Program Requirement

128 semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, 2 CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER SESSION A

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ANTH 1000 or HSCI 1000		1 BIOL 1113 and BIOL 1114		5 Anthropology Elective		4 NUpath Ethical Reasoning		4
ANTH 1101		4 CHEM 1161 and CHEM 1162 and CHEM 1163		5 PPTH 2350		4 General Elective		4
BIOL 1111 and BIOL 1112		5 MATH 1241		4				
PPTH 1260		4 PSYC 1101		4				
ENGW 1111		4						
		18		18		8		8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
EESH 2000 or HSCI 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 NUpath Advanced Writing		4
ANTH 2305		4				General Elective		4
Anthropology Elective		4						
PPTH 2210		4						
General Elective		4						
		17		0		0		8
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
ANTH 3441		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 PPTH 4540		4
PPTH 2300		4				General Elective		4
PPTH 2515		4						

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General Elective	4			
	16		0	0
Year 4				
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	
ANTH 3410	4	Anthropology Area Course	4	
ANTH 3421	4	Anthropology Elective	4	
Anthropology Area Course	4	Capstone	3-4	
PTH 4202	4	General Elective	4	
	16		15-16	

Total Hours: 132-133