Public Health Sciences
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Faculty
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Degrees and Certificate Offered: BA in public health, MPH, MS in public health, DrPH, PhD in epidemiology, Graduate Certificate in Global Health and Population Studies (GHAPS). See the “Interdisciplinary Programs” section for more information on the GHPS program.

The Academic Program

The mission of the Department of Public Health Sciences is to advance the health of the people of Hawai’i, the nation, and the Asia-Pacific region through the education and training of public health professionals, innovative research in public health sciences, and service to the community.

The department offers the bachelor of arts in public health (BA) degree, master of public health (MPH) and the master of science (MS) degrees with specializations in epidemiology, social and behavioral health sciences, and health policy and management (MPH only), the doctor of public health (DrPH) degree with a specialization in community-based and translational research as well as the doctor of philosophy (PhD) degree in epidemiology. The department also administers the interdisciplinary graduate certificate program in global health and population studies.

Advising

Information, applications, and initial advising about degree programs in public health are available from the Office of Graduate Student Academic Services, Biomedical Science D-204, 1960 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822; phone (808) 956-8267; fax (808) 956-9174; email: ogsas@hawaii.edu; website: www.hawaii.edu/publichealth/.

Undergraduate Study

Bachelor’s Degree

Pre-major Degree Requirements

i. Undergraduate Admissions — General Admission Requirements
   - 30 credits of college-level work (sophomore standing)
   - Minimum cumulative Grade-Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in all courses attempted (Combined UH Manoa + Transfer GPA from all other colleges attended).
   - Completion of pre-public health core courses with no grade below ‘B’ (not B-). Courses in the pre-public health core may be repeated only if the grade earned is below B.

ii. Pre-public health core courses
   - Composition I (ENG 100)
   - Survey of Psychology (PSY 100)
   - Precalculus (MATH 140) or higher
   - Statistical Techniques (PSY 225)
   - Introduction to Public Health (PH 201)
   - Biology or Anatomy & Physiology (BIOL171/L or PHYL103/L)
NOTES
1. All Office of Public Health Studies admission requirements must be completed the semester before you plan on entering the program. Students planning on fall admission must fulfill ALL admission criteria by the end of spring semester. No exceptions will be made for fall admission if any requirements are completed over the summer.

2. Pre-requisite courses listed attempted schools other than the University of Hawai‘i system may require a Petition for Course Equivalency.

3. To earn a BA in Public Health degree from UH Manoa, you must complete (a) the residency requirement of 30 credit hours at UH Manoa and (b) a minimum of eight courses (24 credit hours) in upper division public health courses at UH Manoa after admission to the Office of Public Health Studies.

Degree Requirements

i. Required Courses:
   • PH203 – Global Health (3 cr)
   • PH210 – Epidemiology (3 cr)
   • PH304 – Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Health (3 cr)
   • PH340 – Biological Basis of Human Health & Disease (3 cr)
   • PH460 – Public Health Research Methods (3 cr)
   • PH480 – Service Learning (3 cr)
   • PH481 – Capstone Seminar (1 cr)

Total=31 credits (19 required Public Health credits + 12 elective credits Public Health Advisor-Approved Upper-Division electives)

ii. Public Health elective courses:

   At least 12 credits of advisor-approved upper-division electives, which may include:
   • PH301 – Seminar in Public Health Issues (3 cr)
   • PH320 – Needs Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation (3 cr)
   • PH330 – Health Systems (3 cr)
   • PH341 – Public Health and the Environment (3 cr)
   • PH350 – Statistical Methods for Public Health (3 cr)
   • PH410 – Advanced Epidemiology (3 cr)
   • PH411 – Nutrition and Disease Prevention (3 cr)
   • PH420 – Health Education and Health Promotion (3 cr)
   • PH421 – Physical Activity and Health (3 cr)
   • PH430 – Health Policy and Management (3 cr)

A list of recommended public health-related upper-division electives offered in Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Women’s Studies, Philosophy, Hawaiian Studies, Economics, and other related areas is available for students in Public Health to consider in completing their 12 credits of advisor-approved upper-division electives.

Graduate Study

(as listed in the current catalog)

* Proposed additions for the catalog in italics