

A MINOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The minor in public health, offered by **the College of Health Sciences in collaboration with the School of Public Policy and Administration**, provides an interdisciplinary opportunity to develop practical skills in program development and increase knowledge in the areas of social systems, social policy, and leadership. Available to students in all disciplines, the minor helps develop a greater appreciation for the application of public health concepts to various fields of study, from communications, English, and fine arts to psychology, political science, and biology.

The minor requires 18 credit hours distributed as follows: three required core courses (9 credits) and three elective courses (9 credits). At least three of the nine elective credits must be chosen from outside your major. In addition to the 18 required credits, one three-credit statistics course must be taken as a co-requisite to achieve the minor. All courses included in the minor must be completed with a C- or better.

Curriculum

Core Courses:

- Introduction to Public Health
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Introduction to Global Health



Elective Courses (one from each of the following):

- **Program Development:** courses emphasize the study of planning, implementing, and evaluating public health programs in diverse settings.
- **Social Systems and Policy:** courses emphasize the study of organizations, policies, laws, and regulations that represent the society and the community systems' response to the needs of its citizens.
- **Leadership:** courses emphasize the study of innovation, motivation, and communication of decision-making.

What is Public Health?

Public health is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private sectors, communities, and individuals.



Public health professionals work in a variety of settings, including government, the public and private sectors, and hospitals. Careers in public health include health services administration, biostatistics, epidemiology, health education/behavioral science, health policy and management, oral health, international health, nutrition, public health practice and program management, family health, health communications, occupational safety and health, and biomedical laboratories.

Want to know more?

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