

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES & COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:

**Summer 2018 through Spring 2019**

Minimum Credit Hours and Grade Point Averages Required			
Total Hours —	120	Upper-Division Within Total	48
Major Hours —	42		
Grade Point Averages:			
Overall & Major: Combined OU/Transfer - <u>3.25</u> OU - <u>3.25</u>			
<b>48 Upper-Division Hours REQUIRED</b>			

Public Health

**B810**

Bachelor of Public Health

**OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.**

**GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS**  
 Courses graded P/NP will not apply.

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Arts & Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list published in the Class Schedule or at <http://www.ou.edu/enrollment/home/>.

**University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

**Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication** (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)

- a. **English Composition** (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition
  2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, **or** EXPO 1213, Expository Writing
- b. **Foreign Language** (0-13 hours in the same language)  
 The College of Arts and Sciences requirement *cannot be met by high school coursework*.
  1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Intermediate Course (2000 level, 0-3 hours). \_\_\_\_\_  
 One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level.
- c. **Mathematics** (3 hours, 1 course). \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area II: Natural Science** (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.

- ♦ **1. Biological Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO.
- ♦ **2. Physical Science** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chosen from the following approved General Education designators: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS.

**Core Area III: Social Science** (6 hours, 2 courses)

1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area IV: Humanities** (18 hours, 6 courses)

- a. **Understanding Artistic Forms** (3 hours, 1 course) \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Western Civilization and Culture** (6 hours, 2 courses)
  1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, **or** History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)
- c. **Non-Western Culture** (3 hours, 1 course): \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **Additional Core IV Humanities courses** (6 upper-division hours, 2 courses at the 3000- 4000-level). Must be outside the major and selected from Understanding Artistic Forms, Western Civilization and Culture, or Non-Western Culture.
  - ♦ 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ♦ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience** (3 hours, 1 course): \_\_\_\_\_

- ♦ College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: College requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.

**Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or College of Arts & Sciences Requirements**

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

**MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

**42 hours of major work must be completed. A grade of C or better must be earned in each course presented for major and major support credit.**

**Public Health Core (33 hours)**

2013 Intro to Public & Community Health	3	
3113 Introduction to Epidemiology	3	
3213 Health Policy, Law & Ethics	3	
3313 Health Data & Statistics	3	
3413 Health Communication	3	
3513 Public Health & Healthcare Systems	3	
3613 Determinants of Health	3	
4103 Environmental Health (slash-listed with OEH 5013)	3	
4113 Public Health Capstone	3	
4106 Cumulative & Experiential Health Care Activities	6	

**Major Electives (9 hours)**

Nine hours from the approved list of courses.

Students may take up to 9 hours of electives from appropriate graduate courses in the College of Public Health, with permission of the College of Public Health advisor.

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**Selected students may be eligible to complete a 4 + 1 Master of Public Health degree, with advisement by the College of Public health advisor and permission of the Dean, College of Public Health.**

**Chemistry**

1315 General Chemistry	5	
1415 General Chemistry (Continued)	5	
3053 Organic Chem I: Biological Emphasis	3	
3152 Organic Chem Lab: Biological	2	

3153 Organic Chem II: Biological Emphasis

<b>OR</b>		
3653 Introduction to Biochemistry		
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**Biology**

1124 Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys	4	
1134 Evolution/Ecology/Diversity	4	

**Mathematics**

1743 Calculus I for Business, Life and Social Sciences, <b>OR</b>		
1823 Calculus and Analytic Geometry I		
_____	3	

**Free Electives**

Electives to bring total applicable hours to 120 including 48 upper-division hours.

## INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL HOURS:** A minimum of 120 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 48 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES HOURS:** At least 80 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BA degree. At least 55 semester hours of liberal arts and sciences courses are required for a BS degree.

**MAJOR WORK:** A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned in the major, including a minimum of 15 credit hours at the upper-division level.

**PASS/NO PASS ENROLLMENT:** A maximum of 16 semester hours of free elective credit may be attempted under this option.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (e.g., courses titled "Independent Study"):** A maximum of 12 total semester hours may be counted toward graduation, excluding Honors Reading and Honors Research.

**P.E. COURSES:** No physical education activity courses will be counted toward the 120 semester hours of acceptable credit for graduation.

**SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

**RESIDENCY:**

- At least 15 of the final 30 hours applied toward the degree or at least 50 percent of the hours required by the institution in the major field must be satisfactorily completed at the awarding institution.
- At least 15 semester hours of upper-division major work must be completed in residence at OU.
- OU correspondence courses are *not* considered resident credit.
- Credits earned via examination are neither resident nor nonresident credit.

**GRADE POINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.00 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU. Some schools and departments of the College have higher minimum grade point averages required for their students.

**SPECIAL DEGREES:** Students may qualify for an Honors degree (cum Laude, Magna cum Laude, or Summa cum Laude) by completing specific requirements of the Honors College. A degree will be earned with Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.60 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA. A degree will be earned with Special Distinction if the student completes at least 60 semester hours at OU with at least a 3.90 combined retention GPA and OU retention GPA.

**APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION:** Students must apply for graduation during the term in which they complete their degree requirements in order to graduate in that term. The graduation application is available on line on your Ozone site. Deadlines for the OU Graduation Application are: **March 1** for Spring certification and the University of Oklahoma Commencement book; **July 1** for Summer graduation certification; and, **October 1** for Fall graduation certification.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

### Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Public Health - B810

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Arts and Sciences and/or Public Health academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Arts and Sciences, and Public Health major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
<b>FRESHMAN</b>	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	CHEM 1315, General Chemistry	5
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, <b>or</b> 1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), <b>or</b> EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	3
	MATH 1743, Calculus I for Business, Life & Social Sciences, <b>or</b> 1823, Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	3	BIOL 1134, Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology, & Diversity	4
	BIOL 1124, Introductory Biology: Molecules, Cells, & Physiology	4	Social Science (Core III)	3
	Free Elective (Lower-Division) (UCOL 1002 Gateway A&S Section recommended)	2		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>
<b>SOPHOMORE</b>	CHEM 1415, General Chemistry cont.	5	CHEM 3053, Organic Chemistry	3
	PHCH 2013 Intro. to Public & Community Health	3	PHCH 3513, Public Health & Health Care Systems	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
	Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	Beginning Foreign Language continued (Core I)	5
			Free Elective (lower-division)	1
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>JUNIOR</b>	CHEM 3153, Organic Chemistry, <b>or</b> 3653, Biochemistry	3	PHCH 3213 Health Policy, Law, & Ethics	3
	CHEM 3152, Organic Chemistry Lab	2	PHCH 3313 Health Data & Statistics	3
	PHCH 3113 Intro. to Epidemiology	3	Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	PHCH 3413 Health Communication	3	Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-division)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SENIOR</b>	PHCH 3613 Determinants of Health	3	PHCH 4103 Environmental Health	3
	Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	PHCH 4106 Cumulative & Experiential Health Care Activities	6
	Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3	PHCH 4113 Public Health Capstone	3
	Approved Major Electives, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	6	Approved Major Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.

Students who transfer from other institutions (particularly community colleges) must verify credit hour and course requirements with their college academic counselor, ELLH 124, 325-4411, <http://ou.edu/cas>.

Please make an appointment for a degree check with your college academic counselor once you have earned 90 hours. Appointments may be scheduled at <https://iadvice.ou.edu/>.