

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) together created the undergraduate Public Health program. Public health professionals work to protect the environment, identify sources of illness in population groups, control disease outbreaks, evaluate the economic ramifications of changing demographics, develop interventions to promote healthy behavior and produce health policy legislation. Public health draws from a broad array of disciplines, including a range of social, behavioral, and natural sciences, each provides unique insights for the diverse set of activities involved in public health practice.

Students in the B.A. program develop a specialty in the social sciences and public health. Graduates with a B.A. in Public Health will be prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in a broad range of fields, including the social and behavioral sciences, public health, law, social work, business administration, and health services research. The program is especially appropriate for students intending to pursue careers in public health, as well as health policy and administration.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas_advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Public Health Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the department website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 3018
303-315-7157

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Public Health B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a total of 43 credit hours from approved courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours from approved courses.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 26 PBHL credit hours with CU Denver faculty, including a minimum of 5 of the following: PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health, PBHL 3001 Introduction to Epidemiology, PBHL 3020 Introduction to Environmental Health, PBHL 3030 Health Policy, PBHL 3070 Perspectives in Global Health, PBHL 4040 Social Determinants of Health or PBHL 4099 Capstone Experience in Public Health.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [website](#) for more information.

Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements	15 - 29	CLAS Graduation Requirements
PBHL Major Requirements	43	<i>16 credit hours must be upper-division</i>
PBHL Required Courses		
PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health	4	<i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science</i>
PBHL 3001 Introduction to Epidemiology	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C or higher in MATH 1110 is recommended</i>
PBHL 3020 Introduction to Environmental Health	4	
PBHL 3030 Health Policy	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in PBHL 2000 or 2001</i>
PBHL 3070 Perspectives in Global Health	3	
PBHL 4040 Social Determinants of Health	3	<i>*Prerequisite: C- or higher in PBHL 2000 or 2001</i>
PBHL 4099 Capstone Experience in Public Health	3	<i>*Prerequisite: PBHL 2000 or 2001 and all or all but one of PBHL 2020 or 3020, PBHL 3001, PBHL 3030, PBHL 3070, PBHL 4040 with a C- or better. Students must enroll in remaining course concurrently with PBHL 4099.</i>
Complete one of the following Quantitative Methods courses:		
ANTH 4050 Quantitative Methods in Anthropology or BIOL 3763 Biostatistics or MATH 2830 Introductory Statistics or MATH 4830 Applied Statistics or PSYC 2090 Statistics and Research Methods	3 - 4	<i>*Check individual courses for prerequisites.</i>
PBHL Electives	9	<i>*Complete six credits (2 courses) of PBHL electives; one elective can be fulfilled by CU Denver Core International Perspectives: PBHL 2052 *Complete three additional PBHL elective credits, or choose one pre-approved elective from another department; see major advisor for list</i>
Biological Science Courses		
Complete one of the following options: 1) Complete two of the following courses: BIOL 1550 Basic Biology: Ecology and the Diversity of Life BIOL 1560 Basic Biology: From Cells to Organisms ANTH 1303 Introduction to Biological Anthropology 2) Complete all of the following courses: BIOL 2010 & 2011 Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio) with lab or BIOL 2030 & 2031 Honors Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio) with lab and BIOL 2020 & 2021 Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio) with lab or BIOL 2040 & 2041 Honors Molecules with Cells (Gen Bio) with lab	8	<i>Courses can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab and CLAS Natural/Physical Science with lab</i>
Estimated General Electives	8 - 28	<i>General Elective credit hours will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	<i>45 credit hours must be upper-division</i>

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *sample* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Students should tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Year One	Fall	CRS	Year One	Spring	CRS
	ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3		ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
	CU Denver Core Mathematics ^M – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3		CU Denver Core Humanities	3
	PBHL 2001 ^C	4		PBHL 3020	3
	CU Denver Core Arts / First-Year Seminar	3		CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
Total Credit Hours	13		Total Credit Hours	16	
Year Two	Fall	CRS	Year Two	Spring	CRS
	PBHL Elective	3		PBHL 3001 ^{PR}	4
	CLAS Communicative Skills	3		CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science without lab	3
	Biological Science Course with lab	4		CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
	General Elective	3		CLAS Behavioral Science	3
	Upper-Division General Elective	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16		Total Credit Hours	16	
Year Three	Fall	CRS	Year Three	Spring	CRS
	PHBL 3030 ^{PE}	3		PBHL 3070	3
	CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3		PBHL Upper-Division Elective	3
	CLAS Second Language Semester I	5		CLAS Second Language Semester II	5
	Quantitative Methods Course	4		CLAS Humanities	3
Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	14	
Year Four	Fall	CRS	Year Four	Spring	CRS
	PBHL 4040 ^{PE}	3		PBHL 4099 ^{PE}	3
	PBHL Upper-Division Elective	3		Upper-Division General Elective	3
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	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15		Total Credit Hours	15	

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended