

Public Health and Cultural Anthropology, BA

Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and Cultural Anthropology integrates concepts and theories from cultural anthropology with public health concepts to approach complex health inequities. Students have an opportunity to gain foundational anthropological knowledge and skills and apply theory to public health approaches for addressing poor health outcomes. Students explore how culture and social structures affect health promotion strategies and outcomes. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in anthropology, public health, public policy and administration, and education.

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/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUpath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

Public Health Requirements

PUBLIC HEALTH CORE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The American Healthcare System Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
PHTH 2210 and PHTH 2211	Foundations of Biostatistics and Recitation for PHTH 2210	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 4120	Global Perspectives on Discrimination and Health	4
PHTH 4202	Principles of Epidemiology in Medicine and Public Health	4
PHTH 4540	Health Education and Program Planning	4

SCIENCE CORE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
Biology		
Complete one of the following options:		8-10
<i>Option 1</i>		
BIOL 1141	Microbes and Society	
BIOL 1147	The Human Organism	
<i>Option 2</i>		
BIOL 1111 and BIOL 1112	General Biology 1 and Lab for BIOL 1111	
BIOL 1113 and BIOL 1114	General Biology 2 and Lab for BIOL 1113	

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
ECON 1115 and ECON 1125	Principles of Macroeconomics and Recitation for ECON 1115	
ECON 1116 and ECON 1126	Principles of Microeconomics and Recitation for ECON 1116	
ENGL 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
Upper-Level Course		
Complete one course (total) from any of the following groups:		3-4
<i>Society and Behavior</i>		
COMM 3201	Health Communication	
COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
ECON 3420	Urban Economic Issues	
HLTH 5280	The (in)Visibility of (dis)Ability in Society	
PHTH 5222	Health Advocacy	
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3404	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 3450	Learning and Motivation	
<i>Globalization and Global Health</i>		
AFRS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
ECON 3404	International Food Policy	
INTL 3200 or INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)	
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
<i>Environmental Health and Climate Change</i>		
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics	
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media	
INTL/PPUA 5100	Climate and Development	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization	
<i>Law, Policy, and Human Rights</i>		
ECON 3424	Law and Economics	
PHIL 5001	Global Justice	
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 3900	Social Policy	
PHTH 4515	Critical Issues in Health and Public-Health Policy	
<i>Healthcare Administration and Management</i>		
ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy	
MGMT 3340	Healthcare Management, Innovation, and Design	
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior	
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management	

PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality	
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy	

Cultural Anthropology Requirements

REQUIRED CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
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

AREA COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete two of the following:		8
ANTH 4350	Ethnography of Southeast Asia	
ANTH 4500	Latin American Society and Development	
ANTH 4505	Native North Americans	
ANTH 4510	Anthropology of Africa	
ANTH 4515	Culture and Politics in Modern India	

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY ELECTIVES

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three additional courses with the ANTH subject code.		12

Supporting Course Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
Complete one of the following:		1
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	
ANTH 1000	Anthropology at Northeastern	
Co-op Preparation		
Based on home college:		1
HSCI 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op	
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
Writing Courses		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
<i>Advanced Writing in the Disciplines</i>		
Complete one of the following:		4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	
ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	
Capstone		
Complete one of the following options:		4
<i>Health Science Capstone</i>		
Complete the following prerequisite:		
HSCI 4700	Health Science Capstone Introduction	
Complete one of the following:		
HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service	
or HSCI 4730	Health Science Capstone—Research	
or HSCI 4740	Health Science Capstone Seminar	
<i>Anthropology Senior Seminar</i>		
ANTH 4600	Senior Seminar	

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology	4

General Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 semester hours of general electives.		12

Public Health Major Requirement

A grade of C or higher is required for all BIOL, HSCI, and PHTH courses.

Public Health and Cultural Anthropology Major Credit Requirement

Minimum of 95 semester hours required

Program Requirement

130 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Four Years/ Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1 –Bouvé Student Sample**

Year 1									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours				
ENGW 1111		4 ANTH 1101		4 PHTH 2350		4			
HSCI 1000		1 PSYC 1101		4 ANTH elective		4			
PHTH 1260		4 BIOL course—see options		4					
BIOL course—see options		4 Elementary LANG course		4					
Elementary LANG course		4							
		17			16			8	
Year 2									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
ANTH 2305		4 Co-op		Co-op		PHTH 2515		4	
HSCI 2000		1		General elective		4 Social science course		4	
PHTH 2210 and PHTH 2211		4							
PHTH 2300		4							
Intermediate LANG course		4							
		17			0			4	8
Year 3									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours		
ANTH 3410		4 Co-op		Co-op		PHTH 4540		4	
ANTH 3421		4		General elective		4 ENGW 3306		4	
ANTH 3441		4				HSCI 4700		0	
ANTH area course		4							
		16			0			4	8
Year 4									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours						
HSCI 4720, 4730, or 4740		4 PHTH 4120		4					
PHTH 4202		4 ANTH elective		4					
ANTH area course		4 Social science course		4					
ANTH elective		4 General elective		4					
		16			16				

Total Hours: 130

Four Years/Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall –CSSH Student Sample

Year 1						
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	
ANTH 1000		1 ANTH 1101		4 PHTH 2515		4
PHTH 1260		4 ENGW 1111		4 ANTH elective		4
PSYC 1101		4 BIOL course—see options		4		

BIOL course—see options	4	Elementary LANG course	4				
Elementary LANG course	4						
	17		16			8	
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PHTH 2350		4 ANTH 2305		4 Social science course		4 Co-op	
ANTH elective	4	EESH 2000		1 General elective		4	
ANTH area course	4	PHTH 2210 and PHTH 2211		4			
Intermediate LANG course	4	PHTH 2300		4			
		ANTH elective		4			
	16		17			8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		ANTH 3410		4 PHTH 4120		4 Co-op	
General elective	4	ANTH 3421		4 PHTH 4540		4	
		ANTH 3441		4			
		ENGW 3308		4			
	4		16			8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		ANTH 4600		4			
General elective	4	PHTH 4202		4			
		ANTH area course		4			
		Social science course		4			
	4		16				
Total Hours: 130							