

Public Health and Journalism, BA

Overview

The combined major in public health and journalism addresses the vital interest in society for the ability to communicate scientific understanding to the broad public. This combined major provides a valuable and unique set of competencies, ranging from the statistical analysis and epidemiological best practices gained from the courses in the public health program to the cutting-edge communication skills taught within the university's School of Journalism. The combined major highlights the important role both journalism and public health will surely play in a complex and rapidly changing future.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

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

Code	Title	Hours
Public Health Core		
PHTH 1260 or PHTH 1261	The American Healthcare System Comparative Healthcare Systems	4
PHTH 2210	Foundations of Biostatistics	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 Requirements		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
Biology		
Complete one of the following options:		8-10
<i>Option 1</i>		
BIOL 1141 or BIOL 1143	Microbes and Society Biology 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*Introductory*

Complete one of the following:

4

ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures
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
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy
POLS 1160	International Relations
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology

Upper Level

Complete one of the following:

3-4

AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology
COMM 3201	Health Communication
COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
COMM 4102	Health Communication Campaigns
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime
ECON 3404	International Food Policy
ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy
ECON 3420	Urban Economic Issues
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics
ECON 3424	Law and Economics
HLTH 5280	The (in)Visibility of (dis)Ability in Society
INTL 3200 or INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management
PHTH 5222	Health Advocacy
PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations
PPUA 5100 or INTL 5100	Climate and Development Climate and Development
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology
PSYC 3450	Learning and Motivation
SOCL 3241	Violence and Society
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender

Journalism Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Journalism Foundation		
JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4
Visual Storytelling		
Complete one of the following:		4
JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	
JRNL 5309	News Documentary Production	
JRNL 5310	Photojournalism	
JRNL 5314	Video News Reporting and Producing	
JRNL 5316	The Newsroom	
Law and Ethics		
Complete one of the following:		4
JRNL 3550	The First Amendment and the Media	
JRNL 4650	Ethics and Diversity in the News Media	
Journalism Electives		
Complete any four JRNL electives (two must be at the 3000 level or above).		16

Other Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Intro to College		
HSCI 1000 or JRNL 1000	College: An Introduction Journalism at Northeastern	1
Intro to Co-op		
HSCI 2000 or EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op Professional Development for Co-op	1
Integrative Course		
Complete one of the following:		4
JRNL 3650	Science Writing	
JRNL 3700	Data Storytelling	
Capstone 3-4		
<i>Complete capstone through a capstone course, a capstone project or through an Honors Project.</i>		
<i>Capstone Course Options:</i>		
HINF 5301	Evaluating Health Technologies	
PHTH 4515	Critical Issues in Health and Public Health Policy	
PHTH 4616	Addressing Rural Health Inequities	
PHTH 5214	Environmental Health	
PHTH 5230	Global Health	
PHTH 5236	Food, Nutrition, and Health	
PHTH 5603	Qualitative Methods	
<i>Capstone Project Options:</i>		
HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service (must complete pre-requisite HSCI 4700)	
HSCI 4740	Health Science Capstone Seminar (must complete pre-requisite HSCI 4700)	
<i>Honors Project Option (must meet GPA requirement and complete both courses*)</i>		
HSCI 4970 and HSCI 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	
*HSCI 4970 will count as 4 semester hours toward general electives		
Writing Requirement		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	4

or ENGW 3314

Advanced Writing in the Arts, Media, and Design

or ENGW 3303

Advanced Writing in the Environmental Professions

Public Health Grade Requirement

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

Academic Policies and Procedures

Please visit Bouvé College of Health Sciences Undergraduate page (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/>) for academic policies and procedures, including Academic Appeals. (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/health-sciences/>)

Program Requirements

Minimum of 129 semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111		4 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 Introductory language course or elective		4 Elective courses*	8
JRNL 1000 or HSCI 1000		1 PSYC 1101		4 Elective		4	
JRNL 1150		4 PHTH core course		4			
PHTH 1260		4 Science course		4			
Science course		4					
		17		17		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
JRNL 2201		4 HSCI 2000 or EEAM 2000		1 ENGW 3306, 3314, or 3303		4 Co-op	
JRNL elective		4 PHTH 2210		4 Social science course		4	
PHTH core course		4 JRNL elective		4			
Elementary-level language course		4 Intermediate-level language course		4			
		Visual storytelling course		4			
		16		17		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		JRNL elective		4 Elective		4 Co-op	
		PHTH Core Course		4 PHTH Core Course		4	
		Integrative course		4			
		Law and ethics course		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		Capstone course		4			
		PHTH Core Course		4			
		JRNL elective		4			
		Social science course		4			
		0		16			

Total Hours: 131

* These two elective courses may also be taken one at a time while on co-op.