

# Health Humanities and Public Health, BA

## Overview

The combined Bachelor of Arts in Health Humanities and Public Health is designed for students who would like to learn how to think about health using humanities, social sciences, and science skills with a focus on public health. The humanities train students to navigate the complexities of interpersonal interaction and their ethical implications, to relate the micro to the macro and texts to contexts, to historicize encounters, to communicate accurately and effectively across a variety of media, and to engage in creative analytical thinking about healthcare. The landscape of public health is quickly changing, and this training is designed to equip students both for the diverse forms of healthcare professions that exist today and for the varieties of professions in the future. This combined major will appeal to students who want to pursue graduate study and research in public health and health humanities.

## 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/>).

## Health Humanities Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
INSH 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	4
INSH 2300	Culture, Technology, and the Future of Health	4
<b>Core Humanities Electives</b>		
Complete two of the following not used to satisfy another requirement:		8–9
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
ASNS 2245	Introduction to Asian American Studies	
ENGL 1400	Introduction to Literary Studies	
HIST 1200 and HIST 1201	Historical Research and Writing and First-Year Seminar	
PHIL 1101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Religious Studies	
WMNS 1103	Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
WMNS 1105	Introduction to Trans Studies	
<b>Core Health Humanities Electives</b>		
Complete three of the following not used to satisfy another requirement:		12
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine	

HIST 1219	History of Global Pandemics
HIST 2233	The History of Medicine in North America
PHIL 1145	Technology and Human Values
PHIL 1165	Moral and Social Problems in Healthcare
WMNS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine
or AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine
or HIST 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine

**Core Digital Health Humanities Electives**

Complete two of the following not used to satisfy another requirement: 8

ARCH 5312	Mapping and Building Health
ENGL 3460	The Archives of Public Health
HIST 3344	The History of Western Public Health
PHIL 3065	Bioethics in the Age of Big Data

**Public Health Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Public Health Core Courses</b>		
PHTH 1260	The American Healthcare System	4
or PHTH 1261	Comparative Healthcare Systems	
PHTH 2210	Foundations of Biostatistics	4
PHTH 2300	Communication Skills for the Health Professions	4
or PHTH 2301	Communication Skills for the Health Professions—Global	
PHTH 2350	Community and Public Health	4
or PHTH 2351	Community and Public Health - Global	
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
<b>Science Core Courses</b>		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
<i>Biology</i>		
Complete one of the following options:		8–10
Option 1		
BIOL 1141	Microbes and Society	
or BIOL 1143	Biology and Society	
BIOL 1147	The Human Organism	
Option 2		
BIOL 1111	General Biology 1	
and BIOL 1112	and Lab for BIOL 1111	
BIOL 1113	General Biology 2	
and BIOL 1114	and Lab for BIOL 1113	
<b>Social Science Selectives</b>		
Complete one introductory course from the following:		4
ANTH 1101	Peoples and Cultures	
COMM 1225	Communication Theory	
ECON 1115	Principles of Macroeconomics	
and ECON 1125	and Recitation for ECON 1115	
ECON 1116	Principles of Microeconomics	
and ECON 1126	and Recitation for ECON 1116	
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	
INTL 1101	Globalization and International Affairs	
POLS 1160	International Relations	
SOCL 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
Complete one upper-level course from the following (categories provided for reference):		3-4

*Society and Behavior*

ANTH 3441	Medical Anthropology
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
SOCL 3241	Violence and Society
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness
SOCL 4520	Race, Class, and Gender

*Globalization and Global Health*

AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
ECON 3404	International Food Policy
INTL 3200	Cities in a Global Context
or INTL 3201	Cities in a Global Context (Abroad)
INTL 3400	International Conflict and Negotiation
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations

*Environmental Health and Climate Change*

COMM 3500	Environmental Issues, Communication, and the Media
ECON 3423	Environmental Economics
INTL 5100	Climate and Development
or PPUA 5100	Climate and Development
PPUA 5238	Climate Change and Global Urbanization

*Law, Policy, and Human Rights*

ECON 3424	Law and Economics
PHIL 5001	Global Justice
PHIL 5002	Ethics and Public Policy
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration

*Healthcare Administration and Management*

ECON 3413	Health Economics and Healthcare Policy
ORGB 3201	Organizational Behavior
PHTH 4511	Healthcare Management
PHTH 5232	Evaluating Healthcare Quality
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy

**Other Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to College</b>		
HSCI 1000	College: An Introduction	1
or HIST 1000	History at Northeastern	
or ENGL 1000	English at Northeastern	
or PHIL 1000	Philosophy at Northeastern	
<b>Professional Development</b>		
HSCI 2000	Professional Development for Bouvé Co-op	1
or EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
<b>Writing</b>		
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4

*Advanced Writing Course*

Courses listed below are preferred but other advanced writing courses will be accepted:

ENGW 3306	Advanced Writing in the Health Professions	4
or ENGW 3315	Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	
or ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	
or ENGW 3309	Advanced Writing in the Humanities	

**Capstone**

Complete capstone through a capstone course, a capstone project, or an Honors Project: 3–4

*Capstone Course Options*

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

*Capstone Project Options*

HSCI 4720	Health Science Capstone—Service (must complete 0-credit pre-requisite HSCI 4700)
HSCI 4730	Health Science Capstone—Research (must complete 0-credit pre-requisite HSCI 4700)

*Honors Project Option*

Must meet GPA requirement and complete both courses: <sup>1</sup>

HSCI 4970 and HSCI 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 and Junior/Senior Honors Project 2
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<sup>1</sup> Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (HSCI 4970) will count as 4 semester hours toward general electives.

**Major Requirement**

A grade of C or higher is required for courses and selectives required for the major.

**Program Requirement**

130 total semester hours required

**Plan of Study****Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Spring/Summer 1—CSSH Students**

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
INSH 1300		4 ENGW 1111		4 PHTH core course		4 Vacation	
PHTH 1260		4 BIOL course		4 General elective		4	
PSYC 1101		4 Core humanities course		4			
Introduction to college		1 Introductory language course		4			
BIOL course		4					
		<b>17</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
EESH 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 ENGW 3315	4
PHTH 2210		4 General elective		4		PHTH core course	4
Core humanities course		4					
Social science course		4					
Elementary language course		4					
		<b>17</b>		<b>4</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
INSH 2300		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 PHTH 4540	4

PHTH 4202	4	General elective	4	PHTH core course	4
Core humanities course	4				
Intermediate language course	4				
	<b>16</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

**Year 4**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
PHTH 4120	4	Core digital health humanities elective	4
Capstone	4	Core health humanities course	4
Core digital health humanities elective	4	Core health humanities course	4
Core health humanities course	4	Social science course	4
	<b>16</b>		<b>16</b>

Total Hours: 130

**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall–Bouvé Students**

**Year 1**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
ENGW 1111	4	PSYC 1101	4	PHTH core course	4	Vacation	4
HSCI 1000	1	BIOL course	4	General elective	4		
INSH 1300	4	Introductory language course	4				
PHTH 1260	4	General elective	4				
BIOL course	4						
	<b>17</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>

**Year 2**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Core humanities course	4	HSCI 2000	4	PHTH core course	4	Co-op	0
General elective	4	PHTH 2210	4	Social science course	4		
Core humanities elective	4	Core health humanities course	4				
Elementary language course	4	PHTH core course	4				
		Intermediate language course	4				
	<b>16</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>0</b>

**Year 3**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	INSH 2300	4	PHTH 4120	4	Co-op	0
ENGW 3306	4	PHTH 4202	4	PHTH 4540	4	General elective	4
		Core digital health humanities course	4				
		Core health humanities course	4				
	<b>4</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>4</b>

**Year 4**

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	Core digital health humanities course	4
		Capstone	4
		Core health humanities course	4

Social science course	4
<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>

**Total Hours: 130**