

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS/MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

| Academic Year |
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| For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026 |

| General Requirements | |
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| Minimum Total Credit Hours | 141 |
| Minimum Upper-Division Hours | 48 |
| Major Hours | 33 |
| Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages: | |
| Overall - Combined and OU | 3.00 |
| Major - Combined and OU | 3.00 |
| Graduate - Combined and OU | 3.00 |

| Program |
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| Community Health/ Health Promotion Sciences |
| A217 |
| Bachelor of Arts/Master of Public Health |

OU encourages students to complete at least 29 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 5 years.

GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Courses for fulfillment of General Education and Dodge 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/gened/courses>. **Courses graded P/NP will not apply.**

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication | | |
| <i>English Composition (6 hours)</i> | | |
| ENGL 1113 | Principles of English Composition | 3 |
| ENGL 1213 | Principles of English Composition | 3 |
| or EXPO 1213 | Expository Writing | |
| <i>Language (0-13 hours in the same language)</i> | | |
| The college requirement cannot be met by high school coursework. | | |
| Beginning Course | | 0-5 |
| Beginning Course, continued | | 0-5 |
| Intermediate Course (2000 level) ^{1,2} | | 0-3 |
| <i>Mathematics (3 hours)</i> | | |
| Choose one course from the General Education Mathematics list | | 3 |
| Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, including one laboratory component) | | |
| <i>Biological Science</i> | | |
| Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: BIOL, HES, MBIO, or PBIO ¹ | | 3-4 |
| <i>Physical Science</i> | | |
| Choose an approved General Education Natural Science course with one of the following prefixes: AGSC, ASTR, CHEM, GEOG, GEOL, GPHY, METR, or PHYS ¹ | | 3-4 |
| Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours) | | |
| P SC 1113 | American Federal Government | 3 |
| Choose one course from the General Education Social Science list | | 3 |
| Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities (18 hours) | | |
| <i>Artistic Forms</i> | | |
| Choose one course from the General Education Artistic Forms list | | 3 |
| <i>Western Culture</i> | | |
| HIST 1483 | United States to 1865 | 3 |
| or HIST 1493 | United States, 1865 to the Present | |
| Choose one course from the General Education Western Culture list (excluding HIST 1483/1493) | | 3 |
| <i>World Culture</i> | | |
| Choose one course from the General Education World Culture list | | 3 |
| <i>Additional Core IV Upper-Division Arts & Humanities courses</i> | | |
| Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3} | | 3 |
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| Core Area V: First Year Experience (3 hours) | | |
| Choose one course | | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 56 |

- 1 College of Arts and Sciences Requirements: college requirements are not automatically fulfilled by a previous degree.
- 2 One course at the intermediate level or demonstrated competency at that level
- 3 6 upper-division hours, 2 courses, at the 3000- 4000-level. **Must be outside the major.**

FREE ELECTIVES

Electives to bring total applicable hours to the minimum total required for the degree including 48 upper-division hours. (HPS 5563 Program Planning for Health Promotion, substituting for 3 hours of upper-division free elective.)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Some courses required for the major may also fulfill University General Education and/or Dodge College of Arts & Sciences Requirements.
- 33 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.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|--|--------------|
| Public Health Core | | |
| PHCH 2013 | Introduction to Public and Community Health | 3 |
| BSE 5113 | (Principles of Epidemiology substituting for PHCH 3113) ¹ | 3 |
| PHCH 3213 | Health Policy, Law, and Ethics | 3 |
| BSE 5163 | (Biostatistics Methods I, substituting for PHCH 3313) ¹ | 3 |
| PHCH 3413 | Health Communication | 3 |
| HAP 5453 | (U.S. Health Care Systems, substituting for PHCH 35153) ¹ | 3 |
| HPS 5213 | (Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health, substituting for PHCH 3613) ¹ | 3 |
| CPH 7003 | (Integrated Public Health Practice, substituting for PHCH 4013) ¹ | 3 |
| Major Electives | | |
| OEH 5013 | (Environmental Health, substituting for 3 hours approved major elective) ¹ | 3 |
| HPS 5543 | (Program Evaluation, substituting for 3 hours approved major elective) ¹ | 3 |
| Choose 3 hours from the approved list of courses. | | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 33 |

- ¹ These courses, along with HPS 5563, are the 24 hours shared between the Graduate and Undergraduate degrees. HPS 5563 applies to the undergraduate degree as an upper-division free elective course.

MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

A grade of C or better must be earned in each course presented for major and major support credit.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Personal Computing | | |
| B AD 1001 | Personal Computing Productivity Tools | 1 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 1 |

GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
|---|---|--------------|
| MPH Core Courses | | |
| BSE 5113 | (Principles of Epidemiology) | 3 |
| BSE 5163 | (Biostatistics Methods I) | 3 |
| HAP 5453 | (U.S. Health Care System) | 3 |
| HPS 5213 | (Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health) | 3 |
| OEH 5013 | (Environmental Health) | 3 |
| HPS 5211 | (Qualitative Methods in Public Health) | 1 |
| Required Courses | | |
| CPH 7003 | (Integrated Public Health Practice) | 3 |
| CPH 7941 | (Practicum Preparation Seminar) | 1 |
| CPH 7950 | (Public Health Practicum) | 1 |
| HPS Required Courses | | |
| HPS 5453 | (Theoretical Concepts in Health Promotion) | 3 |
| HPS 5463 | (Community Assessment, Organization, and Interventions) | 3 |
| HPS 5563 | (Program Planning for Health Promotion) | 3 |
| HPS 5543 | (Program Evaluation) | 3 |
| HPS Diversity Requirement Course (choose one of the following) | | |
| HPS 5383 | (Health and Illness in Old Age) | 3 |

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| or HPS 5853 HEALT | |
| Elective Courses | |
| Graduate-level courses | 9 |
| Total Credit Hours | 45 |

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/college-arts-sciences-administrated-programs/community-health-bachelor-arts-health-promotion-sciences-master-public-health/>).

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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.

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.

Grade Point Averages: Students must earn a minimum over all 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.

SUGGESTED SEMESTER PLAN OF STUDY

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

| Year | FIRST SEMESTER | | Hours | SECOND SEMESTER | | Hours |
|------------|---------------------------|--|-----------|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| FRESHMAN | ENGL 1113 | Principles of English Composition (Core I) | 3 | | Beginning Language (Core I) | 5 |
| | HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 | United States to 1865 (Core IV) or United States, 1865 to the Present | 3 | ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213 | Principles of English Composition (Core I) or Expository Writing | 3 |
| | | Math (Core I) | 3 | | Natural Science with Lab (Core II) | 4 |
| | | First Year Experience (Core V) | 3 | | Social Science (Core III) | 3 |
| | | Natural Science without Lab (Core II) | 3 | | | |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |
| SOPHOMORE | PHCH 2013 | Introduction to Public and Community Health | 3 | PHCH 3413 | Health Communication | 3 |
| | | Beginning Language continued (Core I) | 5 | B AD 1001 | Personal Computing Productivity Tools | 1 |
| | | Artistic Forms (Core IV) | 3 | P SC 1113 | American Federal Government | 3 |
| | | Western Culture (Core IV) | 3 | | Intermediate Language | 3 |
| | | | | | World Culture (Core IV) | 3 |
| | | | | | Free Elective (lower-division) | 3 |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 14 | CREDIT HOURS | | 16 |
| JUNIOR | HPS 5213 | Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health | 3 | PHCH 3213 | Health Policy, Law, and Ethics | 3 |
| | HAP 5453 | U.S. Health Care Systems | 3 | BSE 5113 | Principles of Epidemiology | 3 |
| | HPS 5211 | Qualitative Methods in Public Health | 1 | OEI 5013 | Environmental Health | 3 |
| | | Arts & Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen.Ed.) | 3 | | Arts & Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen.Ed.) | 3 |
| | | Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-division) | 3 | | Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-division) | 3 |
| | | Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-division) | 3 | | Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-division) | 3 |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 16 | CREDIT HOURS | | 18 |
| SENIOR | HPS 5453 | Theoretical Concepts in Health Promotion | 3 | BSE 5163 | Biostatistics Methods I | 3 |
| | HPS 5463 | Community Assessment, Organization, and Interventions | 3 | HPS 5563 | Program Planning for Health Promotion | 3 |
| | | Free Elective (Upper-division) | 3 | HPS 5543 | Health Program Evaluation | 3 |
| | | Free Elective (Upper-division) | 3 | | Approved Major Elective | 3 |
| | | Free Elective (Upper-division) | 3 | | Free Elective (Upper-division) | 3 |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 | CREDIT HOURS | | 15 |
| FIFTH YEAR | CPH 7003 | Integrated Public Health Practice | 3 | CPH 7950 | Public Health Practicum | 1 |
| | CPH 7941 | Practicum Preparation Seminar | 1 | | Graduate-level Elective | 3 |
| | | HPS Diversity Requirement Course | 3 | | Graduate-level Elective | 3 |
| | | Graduate-level Elective | 3 | | | |
| | CREDIT HOURS | | 10 | CREDIT HOURS | | 7 |