

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

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

General Requirements	
Minimum Total Credit Hours	120
Minimum Upper-Division Hours	48
Major Hours	42
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
Overall - Combined and OU	3.25
Major - Combined and OU	3.25

Program
Public Health
B810
Bachelor of Public Health

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 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
Choose one course from Artistic Forms, Western Culture, or World Culture ^{1,3}		3
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.

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

42 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
PHCH 3113	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
PHCH 3213	Health Policy, Law, and Ethics	3
PHCH 3313	Health Data and Statistics	3
PHCH 3413	Health Communication	3
PHCH 3513	Public Health & Healthcare Systems	3
PHCH 3613	Determinants of Health	3
PHCH 4103	Environmental Health ¹	3
PHCH 4113	Public Health Capstone	3
PHCH 4106	Cumulative and Experiential Public Health Activities	6
Major Electives		
Choose 9 hours from the approved list of courses maintained by the PHCH Program ²		9
Total Credit Hours		42

¹ Cross-listed with OEH 5013 Environmental Health.

² Students may take up to 9 hours of electives from appropriate graduate courses in the College of Public Health, with permission of the College of Public Health advisor.

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
Chemistry		
CHEM 1315	General Chemistry	5
CHEM 1415	General Chemistry (Continued)	5
Biology		
BIOL 1124	Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys	4
BIOL 1134	Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Diversity	4
Mathematics		
MATH 1503	College Algebra (or higher)	3
Total Credit Hours		21

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/college-arts-sciences-administrated-programs/public-health-bachelor-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 four 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 Public Health academic advisors to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy University, College of Arts and Sciences, and Public Health major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition (Core I)	3	CHEM 1315	General Chemistry	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
	BIOL 1124	Intro Biol: Molecule/Cell/Phys (or higher)	4	BIOL 1134	Introductory Biology: Evolution, Ecology and Diversity	4
	MATH 1503	College Algebra (or higher)	3		Social Science (Core III)	3
		First Year Experience (Core V)	3			
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		15
SOPHOMORE	CHEM 1415	General Chemistry (Continued)	5	PHCH 3513	Public Health & Healthcare Systems	3
	PHCH 2013	Introduction to Public and Community Health	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government (Core III)	3
		Beginning Language (Core I)	5		Beginning Language continued (Core I)	5
		Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3		Free Elective (Upper- or Lower-Division)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		16	CREDIT HOURS		14
JUNIOR	PHCH 3113	Introduction to Epidemiology	3	PHCH 3213	Health Policy, Law, and Ethics	3
	PHCH 3413	Health Communication	3	PHCH 3313	Health Data and Statistics	3
		Intermediate Language	3		World Culture (Core IV)	3
		Free Elective (Upper-Division)	3		Arts & Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3
		Free Elective (Upper-Division)	2		Free Elective (Upper-division)	3
	CREDIT HOURS		14	CREDIT HOURS		15
SENIOR	PHCH 3613	Determinants of Health	3	PHCH 4103	Environmental Health	3
		Arts & Humanities, upper-division (3000-4000-level), outside major (Gen. Ed.)	3	PHCH 4106	Cumulative and Experiential Public Health Activities	6
		Western Culture (Core IV)	3	PHCH 4113	Public Health Capstone	3
		Approved Major Electives, upper-division (3000-4000-level)	6		Approved Major Elective	3
	CREDIT HOURS		15	CREDIT HOURS		15