Undergraduate Minor in Public Health

The undergraduate minor in Public Health is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the social, cultural, and biological dimensions of health. The minor curriculum provides students with the intellectual and methodological tools needed to understand the joint bio-cultural determinants and contexts of health, health care and public health.

Graduates with a minor in Public Health will be prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in a broad range of fields, including the natural, social and behavioral sciences, public health, law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, business administration, and health services research. The program is especially appropriate for students intending to pursue careers in public health, as well as primary care specialties in medicine, nursing, or health policy and administration.

To earn a minor in Public Health, a minimum of 24 credit hours are required, of which 12 must be upper division and taken at UCD. Students must achieve no less than a C (2.0) in each course applied toward minor requirements. Up to 6 credit hours completed towards a major or minor in another department may be counted towards the minor in Public Health.

**Tier 1: General Public Health.** All students pursuing the public health minor are required to take the following two courses (8 cr. hrs):

- PBHL 2000  Introduction to Public Health (4)
- PBHL 3001  Introduction to Epidemiology (4)

**Tier 2: Public Health Foci.** Choose at least two of the following four courses (6 cr. hrs.):

- PBHL 2020  Environmental Health (3)
- PBHL 3030  Health Policy (3)
- PBHL 3070  Perspectives in Global Health (3)
- PBHL 4040  Social Determinants of Health (3)

Note: Students may elect to take all four of these courses in lieu of taking two of the elective courses listed in ‘Tier 4’ below.

**Tier 3: Biological Background.** Choose one of the following three courses (4 cr. hrs.):

- BIOL 1550  Basic Biology: Ecology and the Diversity of Life (4)
BIOL 1560  Basic Biology: From Cells to Organisms (4)
ANTH 1303  Introduction to Biological Anthropology (4)

**Tier 4: Electives.** Choose two of the following courses (6 cr. hrs.):

PBHL 2051 Introduction to Population Studies
PBHL 3021. Fundamentals of Health Promotion
PBHL 3031. Health and Human Behavior
PBHL 3041. Health and Society
PBHL 3010. Evolution of Human Sexuality
PBHL 3071 Global Topics in Sexual and Reproductive Health
PBHL 4080. Global Health Practice
PBHL 4200. The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic
PBHL 4021. Community Health Assessment
GEOG 4235. GIS Applications in the Health Sciences
ANTH 4090. Political Economy of Drugs
ANTH 4260. Human Reproductive Ecology
COMM 4500. Health Communication
COMM 4550. Rhetorics of Medicine & Health
COMM 4620. Health Risk Communication
PSYC 3235. Human Sexuality
PSYC 3262. Health Psychology
SOCY 3520. Medical Sociology