

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH) together created the undergraduate Public Health program. Public health professionals work to protect the environment, identify sources of illness in population groups, control disease outbreaks, evaluate the economic ramifications of changing demographics, develop interventions to promote healthy behavior and produce health policy legislation. Public health draws from a broad array of disciplines, including a range of social, behavioral, and natural sciences, each provides unique insights for the diverse set of activities involved in public health practice.

Students in the BA program develop a specialty in the social sciences and public health. Graduates with a BA in Public Health will be prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in a broad range of fields, including the social and behavioral sciences, public health, law, social work, business administration, and health services research. The program is especially appropriate for students intending to pursue careers in public health, as well as health policy and administration.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

*For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:*

#### CLAS Academic Advising

[clas\\_advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:clas_advising@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)  
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030  
303-315-7100

*For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:*

#### PBHL Advising

[PBHLAdvisors@ucdenver.edu](mailto:PBHLAdvisors@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the department website [here](#)  
North Classroom (NC) 3029  
303-315-7151

*For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:*

#### Office of Admissions

[admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto:admissions@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)  
Student Commons 1007  
303-315-2601

### GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

*All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:*

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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**The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.**

**Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements.** In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Public Health B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a total of 43 credit hours, including a minimum of 29 PBHL credit hours and a minimum of 11 credit hours in ancillary (supporting science) coursework.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 16 upper-division (3000-level and above) PBHL credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 26 PBHL credit hours with CU Denver faculty, including a minimum of 5 of the following: PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health, PBHL 3001 Introduction to Epidemiology, PBHL 3020 Introduction to Environmental Health, PBHL 3070 Perspectives in Global Health, PBHL 4040 Social Determinants of Health or PBHL 4099 Capstone Experience in Public Health.

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**COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION**

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com). **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer *and* apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

| CU Denver Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | CU Denver Credits | CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes                                                                                                                                                                                        | CCCS Credits |
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| <b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>34 - 40</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3                 | ENG 121                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3                 | ENG 122                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| Mathematics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 3 - 4             | MAT 135 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |
| Arts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3                 | GT-AH                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| Humanities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                 | GT-AH or GT-HI                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| Behavioral Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 - 4             | GT-SS                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |
| Social Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3 - 4             | GT-SS or GT-HI*                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| Natural/Physical Science with lab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 4 - 5             | ANT 111 or GT-SC1                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |
| Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3 - 5             | GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 ( <i>except the course used for Core Math</i> ) or GT-SC1                                                                                                                                             |              |
| International Perspectives                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                 | Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* ( <i>see note below</i> )                                                                                                                                                                    |              |
| Cultural Diversity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3                 | <i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>                                                                                 |              |
| <b>CLAS Graduation Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>15 - 29</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| CLAS Communicative Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3                 | COM 115 or PHI 113                                                                                                                                                                                                     |              |
| CLAS Second Language                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 0 - 10            | e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122<br><i>Students have several options to fulfill this requirement. Please consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i>                                                                        |              |
| CLAS Humanities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3                 | Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course                                                                                                                                                                         |              |
| CLAS Behavioral Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3 - 4             | Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course ( <i>except GT-SC courses</i> )                                                                                                                                              |              |
| CLAS Social Sciences                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 3 - 4             | Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, POS, or SOC course ( <i>except GT-SC courses</i> )                                                                                                                                    |              |
| CLAS Biological/Physical Science with lab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 3 - 5             | GT-SC1<br><i>If students complete only one science course with a lab for the CU Denver Core Curriculum, this course must have an associated lab.</i>                                                                   |              |
| <b>PBHL Major Courses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>8</b>          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |
| Complete <b>two</b> of the following Ancillary Courses:<br>BIOL 1550 Basic Biology: Ecology & Diversity of Life<br>BIOL 1560 Basic Biology: From Cells to Organisms<br>ANTH 1303 Introduction to Biological Anthropology<br><b>or</b><br>Complete <b>all</b> of the following:<br>BIOL 2010 & 2011 Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio) with lab <b>and</b><br>BIOL 2020 & 2021 Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio) with lab | 8                 | ANT 111 and BIO 105 <b>or</b><br>BIO 111 and 112<br><i>Courses can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Sciences with lab</i>                                                                                       |              |
| <b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>60</b>         | <i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor.</i> |              |

**\*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**

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**SAMPLE PLAN – COURESWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER**

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

**Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Second Language proficiency requirement.** Students must demonstrate second language proficiency through a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122) with a C- or higher, satisfactory proficiency testing (CU Denver Department of Modern Languages Placement Testing, BYU FLATS, CLEP), or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2<sup>nd</sup> year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year or later. Students may have additional options to fulfill this requirement and should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. **Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.**

**Students must not exceed 56 hours in their major prefix.**

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| <b>Year Three</b> | <b>Fall</b>                     | CRS       |
|                   | PBHL 2001 <sup>C</sup>          | 4         |
|                   | Approved PBHL Elective          | 3         |
|                   | General Upper-Division Elective | 3         |
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|                   | General Elective                | 3         |
|                   | <b>Total Credit Hours</b>       | <b>16</b> |

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| <b>Spring</b>                         | CRS       |
| PBHL 3001 <sup>PR</sup>               | 4         |
| PBHL 3020 <sup>PE</sup>               | 3         |
| Approved Upper-Division PBHL Elective | 3         |
| CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity     | 3         |
| General Elective                      | 3         |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>             | <b>16</b> |

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| <b>Year Four</b>          | <b>Fall</b>                           | CRS |
|                           | PHBL 3030 <sup>PE</sup>               | 3   |
|                           | PBHL 3070 <sup>PE</sup>               | 3   |
|                           | PBHL 4040 <sup>PE</sup>               | 3   |
|                           | Approved Upper-Division PBHL Elective | 3   |
|                           | General Upper-Division Elective       | 3   |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> | <b>15</b>                             |     |

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| <b>Spring</b>                                               | CRS          |
| PBHL 4099 <sup>PE</sup>                                     | 3            |
| Quantitative Methods Course (if not completed with MAT 135) | 3-4          |
| General Upper-Division Elective                             | 3            |
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| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                                   | <b>15-16</b> |

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended