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Public Health

For students entering Fall 2026 or later

The Public Health major develops the critical thinking and analytic skills necessary to address topics such as access to health care, health promotion, disease prevention, health disparities, health economics, health policy, and others. Students will be prepared for post-graduate work or careers with county, state, or federal government agencies, international governments and organizations, or private nonprofit and for-profit organizations related to the health care system, ranging from advocacy organizations to pharmaceutical corporations.

This form is a planning tool only - Consult your degree evaluation in SelfService to view how coursework meets degree requirements.

Name _____

Student ID _____

I. Basic Graduation Requirements	
120 - Total Credit Hours	
2.0 or Above - Cumulative GPA	
Graduation Application - in Self Service	

II. Drake Curriculum - Areas of Inquiry (AOI's)		
Course		Credit
Fulfilled by required coursework (19 credits)		
Artistic Literacy	HSCI 181	3
Global & Cultural Understanding	HSCI 106	3
Information Literacy	HSCI 172	3
Scientific Literacy*	HSCI 141/L	4
Quantitative Literacy	HSCI 060	3
Values & Ethics	HSCI 105	3
Choose a course (9 credits)		
Historical Foundations		
Engaged Citizen		
Written Communication		

*Science course must include a lab.

III. All University Required Courses (3 credits)		
Course		Credit
Equity & Inclusion**	HSCI 106	-
First Year Seminar (1st semester)*	FYS ---	3

*This course may be waived for transfer students
**May be used to fill an AOI; HSCI 106 will satisfy if not already fulfilled - additional credit hours will not be awarded for this requirement

IV. Health Sciences Core Requirements (42 credits)	
	Credit
HSCI 020 - Introduction to Health Sciences	3
HSCI 025 - Introduction to the U.S. Health Care System	3
HSCI 055 - Innovation & Leadership in Health Sciences (60 credits)	3
HSCI 060 - Statistics in Health Sciences	3
HSCI 105 - Values & Ethics in Health Sciences (60 credits) spring only	3
HSCI 106 - Culture Care & Health Literacy (30 credits) spring only*	3
HSCI 125/L - Medical Physiology & Lab (BIO 012, HSCI 141) spring only or BIO 129/L - Mammalian Physiology & Lab (BIO 012 or 013) fall only or PHAR 125 - Physiology (HSCI 141, grade of D or higher) fall only	4
HSCI 141/L - Human Anatomy & Lab fall only	4
HSCI 155 - Guided Research (pre-/co-req HSCI 172) fall only	3
HSCI 172 - Evaluating Research (pre-/co-req HSCI 060) fall only	3
HSCI 196 - Health Sciences Internship I fall only	3
HSCI 197 - Health Sciences Internship II (HSCI 196, 90 credits) spring only	3
PSY001 - Introduction to Psychology	4

*Course may also be offered in a J-term or summer semester

V. Public Health Courses (24 credits)	
	Credit
HSCI 102 - Health Economics fall only	3
HSCI 108 - Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy (30 credits) spring only	3
HSCI 143 - Introduction to Epidemiology fall only	3
HSCI 144 - Introduction to Public Health fall only	3
HSCI 180 - Public Health Programming I (30 credits) fall only	3
HSCI 181 - Health Communications & Advocacy (30 credits) fall only	3
HSCI 182 - Public Health Program Plan., Imp., & Eval. (60 credits) spring only	3
PSY 041 - Lifespan Development (PSY 001, 30 credits) spring only	3

VI. Elective Courses (51 credits)							
Course	Credit		Course	Credit		Course	Credit

Elective credits include Drake Curriculum requirements not fulfilled by required coursework as well as non-required coursework that permits exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest within the student's primary degree. Students should review the student handbook for the complete elective policy.

Health Sciences – Public Health

4-Year Guide

First Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
FYS ---	First Year Seminar	3 CR	HSCI 020	Introduction to Health Sciences	3 CR
PSY 001	Introduction to Psychology	4 CR	HSCI 025*	Introduction to the US Health Care System	3 CR
HSCI 060*	Statistics in Health Sciences ² (QUAN AOI)	3 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	9 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR			
Total Semester Credit Hours		16	Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Second Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HSCI 144	Introduction to Public Health	3 CR	HSCI 125/L	Physiology/Lab ¹	4 CR
HSCI 102	Health Economics	3 CR	PSY 041	Lifespan Development	3 CR
HSCI 141/L	Human Anatomy & Lab (SCI AOI)	4 CR	HSCI 106*	Culture Care & Health Literacy (GLOB/CITZ AOI)	3 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	6 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		16	Total Semester Credit Hours		16
Third Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HSCI 172	Evaluating Research Literature (INFO AOI)	3 CR	HSCI 105	Values and Ethics in Health Sciences (VE AOI)	3 CR
HSCI 143	Epidemiology	3 CR	HSCI 055*	Innovation & Leadership in Health Sciences	3 CR
HSCI 180	Public Health Programming I	3 CR	HSCI 182	Public Health Program Planning, Implementation, & Evaluation	3 CR
HSCI 181	Health Communications & Advocacy (ART AOI)	3 CR	HSCI 108	Intro to US Health Care Policy	3 CR
ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	3 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	3 CR
Total Semester Credit Hours		15	Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Fourth Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
HSCI 196	Health Sciences Internship I	3 CR	HSCI 197	Health Sciences Internship II	3 CR
HSCI 155	Guided Research in Health Sciences	3 CR	ELEC ---	Drake Curriculum/Electives	9 CR
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Total Semester Credit Hours		15	Total Semester Credit Hours		12
Total Program Hours: 120					

Bolded courses must be taken in the designated semester unless prior approval by the College is provided.

***Asterisked HSCI courses** have multiple offerings each year; they should be taken within the designated year but can be taken during an alternative semester.

1 = BIO 129/L – Mammalian Physiology or PHAR 125 can be substituted for requirement (courses offered only in fall semester)

2 = STAT 071: Statistics I – an exception to program policy request may be submitted to fulfill this requirement

Electives (minimum 51 credits): Elective credits include [Drake Curriculum](#) requirements not fulfilled by required coursework (outlined below) as well as non-required coursework that permits exploration of and/or advanced study in areas of professional interest within the student's primary degree. Students should review the [student handbook](#) for the complete elective policy.

- **Recommended Electives:** BIO 012/L, BIO 013/L, ENSS 138, ENSS 125 (BIO 117/118 pre-req), ENSS 135 (MATH 020 or 050 pre-req)

Drake Curriculum Areas of Inquiry not fulfilled by required coursework (9 credits): Engaged Citizen, Historical Foundations, and Written Communication.