The Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Public Health is a liberal arts degree that provides undergraduates with critical thinking skills and a foundation to address health problems faced by human populations. Students learn about the tools that public health professionals use to analyze and understand causes, risk factors and spread of disease; evaluate prevention and health care programs; and develop interventions to address community-based health issues. Students work collaboratively in areas such as health education, chronic and emerging infectious diseases, access to health care, health care delivery systems, and the impact that personal behavior, society, genetics and the environment have on health outcomes.

Admission
Admission to this major is competitive and offered twice a year for autumn and winter quarters. Beyond the requirements below, students are selected based on their overall academic record, grades in major relevant coursework, a personal statement, and ability to make satisfactory progress towards the degree.

Requirements at time of application
- Minimum 45 credits
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- A minimum grade of 2.0 in one of the following:
  - ENV H 111, HSERV 100, G H 101, any 5-credit course from ANTH, POL S, PSYCH or SOC (200 level recommended)
- Minimum grade of 2.0 in one introductory science from the following list: BIOL 118, BIOL 180, CHEM 120, CHEM 142, CHEM 145, PHYS 114 or PHYS 117

Application Deadline
Autumn Quarter Entry
3rd Friday of the previous Spring Quarter

Winter Quarter Entry
3rd Friday of the previous Autumn Quarter

Notification Period
3–5 weeks after the application deadline

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Degree Requirements
Complete General Education Requirements for the School of Public Health

A. Public Health Foundation Courses—ALL of the following
- ENV H 311  (3)  Introduction to Environmental Health
- EPI 420  (3)  Introduction to Epidemiology
- G H 101  (5)  Introduction to Global Health
- GEOG 280  (5)  Introduction to the Geography of Health & Health Care
- HSERV 480  (3)  Issues in Public Health
- HSERV 481  (3)  Issues in Public Health
- NUTR 300  (3)  Nutrition for Today

B. Statistics Course—ONE of the following
- QMETH 201  (4)  Introduction to Statistical Methods
- Q SCI 381  (5)  Introduction to Probability and Statistics
- STAT 220  (5)  Basic Statistics
- STAT 221  (5)  Statistical Concepts and Methods for the Social Sciences
- STAT 311  (5)  Elements of Statistical Methods

C. Social Science Courses—ONE 5-credit course from EACH
- Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology
  At least 3 of the 4 must be 200-level and above

D. Science Coursework and Degree Option—ONE of the following
  - Bachelors of Arts (10 credits)
    - 5 credits of biology:  BIOL 118, BIOL 180, MICROM 301 or 302
    - 5 credits of chemistry:  CHEM 120, CHEM 142 or CHEM 145
  - Bachelors of Science (30 credits)
    - One year introductory science with labs, from biology, chemistry, or physics
    - 5 credits from among a range of relevant sciences: BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, MICROM, B STR, NBIO or BIOC
    - 5 credits of biology:  BIOL, MICROM
    - 5 credits of chemistry:  CHEM

E. Public Health Electives
Choose 15 credits from the list of electives at http://sph.washington.edu/uph/courses.asp. Other courses by approval.

F. Public Health Capstone
SPH 493:  PH Capstone (5 credits) is a final independent study project/paper on a topic of interest to you within the field of public health. This represents the culmination of your studies in public health and will count toward your Writing requirement.