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
- 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/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) Introduction to Public Health
- HSERV 481 (3) Issues in Public Health
- NUTR 300 (3) Nutrition for Today

B. Statistics Course—ONE course
- BIOST 310 (4) Biostatistics for the Health Sciences
BIOST 310 is the preferred course to meet this requirement. These courses are also acceptable: QMETH 201, Q SCI 381, STAT 221, and STAT 311.

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
- Bachelor 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
- Bachelor of Science (30 credits)
  - At least 15 credits must come from one full year sequence of introductory science with labs, from biology, chemistry or physics
  - At least 5 credits must come from biology: BIOL or MICROM
  - At least 5 credits must come from chemistry: CHEM
  - Remaining credits from a range of relevant sciences: BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, MICROM, B STR, NBIO or BIOC

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 within the field of public health. This represents the culmination of your studies in public health and will count toward the writing requirement.