PUBLIC HEALTH BS

More Information

Advising Requirement
Advising is mandatory for this program. Consult your department advisor or program coordinator for information.

E-advising Tools
Students are encouraged to use the interactive e-advising tools that have been designed to help them graduate within four years. These tools can be accessed through the Student Center.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health prepares students for entry-level positions in county health departments, nonprofit health agencies, medical service settings, school systems, and businesses. Public health workers promote, maintain, and improve individual and community health. They do this by assessing needs; planning, implementing, and evaluating health programs; coordinating health services; serving as a resource person; and advocating for specific health issues. Graduates in this option are qualified to apply to take the test for national credentialing as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

Grading Requirement
All courses taken to fulfill program course requirements must be taken for a letter grade except those courses specified by the department as credit/no credit grading only.

A grade of C- or higher is required in all Public Health and Health Administration (PHHA) courses in the major.

Course Requirements for the Major: 67 units
Completion of the following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, is required of all candidates for this degree. Courses in this program may complete more than one graduation requirement.

A maximum of 15 units of internship (courses numbered 189, 289, 389, 489) may be applied to a bachelor’s degree at California State University, Chico.

Course | Title | Units | Course | Title | Units | Course | Title | Units
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BIOL 104 | Human Physiology | 4 | PHHA 325W | Introduction to Public Health Practice and Research (W) | 3 | PHHA 328 | Health Equity | 3
MATH 105 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 | NFSC 303 | Nutrition and Physical Fitness | 3 | PHHA 32 | Community Health | 3
PHHA 320 | Chronic and Communicable Diseases | 3 | PHHA 321 | Community Health | 3 | PHHA 325W | Introduction to Public Health Practice and Research (W) | 3
PHHA 32 | Community Health | 3 | PHHA 362 | Environmental Health | 3 | PHHA 328 | Health Equity | 3
PHHA 325W | Introduction to Public Health Practice and Research (W) | 3 | PHHA 369 | Health Promotion Techniques | 3 | PHHA 362 | Environmental Health | 3
PHHA 369 | Health Promotion Techniques | 3 | PHHA 425W | Research and Evaluation in Health (W) | 3 | PHHA 363 | Epidemiology | 3
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PHHA 489 | Internship | 6 | PHHA 579W | Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies (W) | 3
Select two of the following: | 6 | PHHA 265 | Human Sexuality | 6
PHHA 323 | International Health | 3 | PHHA/WMST 368 | Women’s Health | 3
PHHA 370 | Drugs in Our Society | 6 | PHHA 541 | Health in the Later Years | 6
Select two of the following (at least one must be upper division): | 6
ANTH 435 | Medical Anthropology | 6
CHLD 252 | Child Development | 6
CHLD 255 | Marriage and Family Relationships | 6
CHLD 321 | Risk and Resilience in Development | 6
CMST 459 | Health Communication | 6
GEOG 211 | Introduction to Geographical Information Systems | 6
KINE 314 | Psychology of Coaching | 6
KINE 315 | Introduction to Adapted Physical Activity | 6
NFSC 310 | Global Nutrition | 6
PSYC 323 | Health Psychology | 6
SOCI 370 | Population and Migration | 6
SOCI 484 | Youth, Crime, and Delinquency | 6
SPED 343 | Overview of Special Education | 6

Total Units: 67

1 Must be taken for a minimum of six units.
2 Any other upper-division health-related and/or professional skills courses (such as nutrition or sociology) selected with prior approval from a Public Health advisor.

Electives Requirement
To complete the total units required for the bachelor’s degree, select additional elective courses from the total University offerings. You should consult with an advisor regarding the selection of courses which will provide breadth to your University experience and possibly apply to a supportive second major or minor.

Honors in the Major
Honors in the Major is a program of independent work in your major. It requires six units of honors coursework completed over two semesters.

The Honors in the Major program allows you to work closely with a faculty mentor in your area of interest on an original performance or research project. This year-long collaboration allows you to work in your field at a professional level and culminates in a public presentation of your work. Students sometimes take their projects beyond the University for submission in professional journals, presentation at conferences, or academic competition. Such experience is valuable for graduate school and professional life. Your honors work will be recognized at your graduation, on your permanent transcripts, and on your diploma. It is often accompanied by letters of commendation from your mentor in the department or the department chair.

Some common features of Honors in the Major program are:
• You must take six units of Honors in the Major coursework. All six units are honors courses (marked by a suffix of H), and at least three of these units are independent study (399H, 499H, 599H) as specified by your department. You must complete each course with a minimum grade of B.

• You must have completed 9 units of upper-division coursework or 21 overall units in your major before you can be admitted to Honors in the Major. Check the requirements for your major carefully, as there may be specific courses that must be included in these units.

• Your cumulative GPA should be at least 3.5 or within the top 5% of majors in your department.

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• Most students apply for or are invited to participate in Honors in the Major during the second semester of their junior year. Then they complete the six units of coursework over the two semesters of their senior year.

• Your honors work culminates with a public presentation of your honors project.

While Honors in the Major is part of the Honors Program, each department administers its own program. Please contact your major department or major advisor to apply.

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/bachelors-degree-requirements/) for complete details on general degree requirements. A minimum of 39 units, including those required for the major, must be upper division.

General Education Requirements: 48 units

See General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/) and the Class Schedule (http://www.csuchico.edu/schedule/) for the most current information on General Education Requirements and course offerings.

Diversity Course Requirements: 6 units

You must complete a minimum of two courses that focus primarily on cultural diversity. At least one course must be in US Diversity (USD) and at least one in Global Cultures (GC). See Diversity Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/diversity-requirements/) for a full list of courses. Most courses taken to satisfy these requirements may also apply to General Education (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/undergraduate-education/general-education/).

Upper-Division Writing Requirement

Writing Across the Curriculum (EM 17-009 (http://www.csuchico.edu/prs/EMs/2017/17-009.shtml/)) is a graduation requirement and may be demonstrated through satisfactory completion of four Writing (W) courses, two of which are designated by the major department. See Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning and Writing Requirements (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/undergraduate-requirements/mathematicsquantitative-reasoning-writing-requirements/) for more details on the four courses. The first of the major designated Writing (W) courses is listed below.

• PHHA 579W Grant Writing and Other Fundraising Strategies (W)