

Public Health

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Offered by the Graduate School of Public Health

Doctor of Philosophy degree in public health.
Master of Public Health degree.
Master of Science degree in public health.
Master of Public Health and Master of Arts in Latin American studies
degrees (concurrent program).
Master of Social Work and Master of Public Health degrees
(concurrent program).
Major in health science with the B.S. degree in applied arts and
sciences.
 Emphasis in public health.
Minor in health science.

The Major

The health science major with an emphasis in public health, provides a broad educational opportunity and exposure of undergraduate students to the field of public health and its many disciplines. The major prepares students to develop, implement, and assess public health programs conducted in varied settings, with diverse populations and aimed at reducing threats to public health. The major prepares students for entry-level positions in a variety of settings, including government agencies, private/voluntary agencies, hospitals, clinics, and international programs. Students develop basic competencies in public health concepts, theories, and methods. Students are exposed to the disciplines of epidemiology, environmental health, occupational health, health services administration, and behavioral science. The program of study uses examples of public health problems from all of these disciplines.

Impacted Program and Standards for Admission

The health science major with an emphasis in public health is an impacted program. To be admitted to the emphasis in public health, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have completed all lower division public health courses required for the major (Public Health 101, 290, and 294). These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC);
- Receive a grade of B or higher in Public Health 101 and 290;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher;
- Submit a written statement outlining career goals and personal motivation for entering the public health field.

Acceptance to the health science major with an emphasis in public health occurs only in January and May of each year.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the premajor at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

Major Academic Plans (MAPs)

Visit <http://www.sdsu.edu/mymap> for the recommended courses needed to fulfill your major requirements. The MAPs Web site was created to help students navigate the course requirements for their majors and to identify which General Education course will also fulfill a major preparation course requirement.

Health Science Major

With the B.S. Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 12011)

All candidates for a degree in applied arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements."

A minor is not required with this major.

Emphasis in Public Health

Preparation for the Major. Public Health 101, 290, 294; Biology 100, 100L, 210, 212; Chemistry 100; Nutrition 107; Psychology 101; Sociology 101; Statistics 119 or 250. (37 units)

Public Health 101, 290, and 294 may not be taken Cr/NC. The minimum grade for Public Health 101 and 290 is B or higher.

Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement. Passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above, or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 503W, or Linguistics 305W with a grade of C (2.0) or better. See "Graduation Requirements" section for a complete listing of requirements.

Major. A minimum of 42 upper division units to include Public Health 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 402, 490A, 490B, 490C; Biology 336; and at least 12 units selected from the following:

- Six to nine units of electives from Public Health 331, 345, 353, 362, 450, General Studies 330, 340. Maximum of three units may be included from Public Health 353, General Studies 330, 340. Other electives as selected and offered by the Graduate School of Public Health, with approval of academic adviser.
- Three to six units from one of the following categories:

Preprofessional. Science courses selected with approval of Graduate School of Public Health undergraduate academic adviser.

Research. Public Health 499 (Special Study) and completion of a senior research paper under guidance of a faculty member.

Practice. Public Health 497 (Supervised Field Experience); internship from a list of selected public health agencies.

Time Limitation. All public health courses taken for the major must have been taken and completed within seven years of the granting of the undergraduate degree. Courses taken prior to the seven year rule must be repeated. This policy applies to courses taken at SDSU or transferred from another four-year college or university or appropriate courses from a community college. No exceptions will be made to this policy.

Health Science Minor

The minor in health science consists of a minimum of 18 units, to include six units of Public Health 101, 290, and 12 units selected from Public Health 301, 302, 303, 304, 305.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

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