

Public Health

The MMU graduate with a BS in Public Health will be prepared to engage in addressing the world's most pressing health problems. The multi-disciplinary study of Public Health at Mount Mercy University includes improving and protecting the health of individuals, families, communities and populations both locally and globally. The MMU graduate will acknowledge that public health initiatives improve global health, affect environmental health, reduce the impact of natural disasters and global epidemics, address health disparities and create healthier communities. The MMU graduate may explore employment in public health agencies, health care environments, and human service agencies as well as be prepared for graduate programs, law school, and further medical professional programs. A student majoring in nursing, social work, business, science, or health care may find a minor in Public Health an excellent complement to these majors. The Public Health major or minor will gain skill in critical analysis, strategic communication, advocacy, activism, global and community awareness, and health policy development. The student majoring or minoring in Public Health at Mount Mercy University will be highly encouraged to engage in service learning and community volunteerism while pursuing this degree.

Major

Choose one:		4 - 4.5
BI 123	Biology Of Human Concern	
BI 125 & 125L	Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I and Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I	
BI 150	Basic Microbiology	
CO 101	Oral Communication	3
PS 101	Introductory Psychology	3
SO 122	Introduction To Sociology	3
HS 200	Organization of Health Care Services	3
HS 201	Quality Patient/Resident Care	3
HS 210	Introduction to Public Health	3
HS 215	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
HS 220	Health Literacy	3
HS 320	Health Care Law, Regulations and Compliance	3
HS 399	Special Topics: Health Care	3
HS 415	Health Care Informatics	3
SO 235	Social Inequalities	3
Internship		3 - 6
HS 450	Internship in Health Care	
Choose one:		3 - 4.5
BI 225	Global Environmental Issues	
HI 278	History Of US Environmentalism	
SW 300	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	
Choose one:		3
SO 240	Medical Sociology	
PS 259	Health Psychology: Health & Wellness Applied	
Total Hours		49-54

Academic Requirements for the Public Health Major

All public health majors must achieve a minimum grade of C- in all major courses. This applies to equivalent courses transferred from other institutions.

Minor

HS 200	Organization of Health Care Services	3
HS 210	Introduction to Public Health	3
HS 215	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
Select two of the following:		6
HI 278	History Of US Environmentalism	
PO 112	Globalization and Human Survival	
HS 201	Quality Patient/Resident Care	
HS 205	Essentials and Practice in Health Care Navigation	
HS 220	Health Literacy	
HS 305	Spiritual and Cultural Perspectives in Health Care Management	
HS 320	Health Care Law, Regulations and Compliance	
HS 415	Health Care Informatics	
HS 430	Financial Issues in Health Care Organizations	
SO 235	Social Inequalities	
SO 240	Medical Sociology	
SW 225	Aging In America	
SW 245	Basic Helping Skills	

Total Hours 15

Academic Requirements for the Public Health Minor

All public health minors must achieve a minimum grade of C- in all major courses. This applies to equivalent courses transferred from other institutions.

The following is the typical sequence of courses required for the major*:

Freshman

Fall	Hours Winter	Hours Spring	Hours
BI 123, 125, or 150 ¹	4 Holistic Health Domain	3 CO 101	3
Portal	3	SO 122	3
Writing Competency	4	History Domain	3
PS 101	3	MA 135	3
		AR 101	3
	14	3	15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Winter	Hours Spring	Hours
HS 200	3 Elective	3 SO 235	3
HS 201	3	SO 240 or PS 259	3
PL 269	3	EN 133	3
Elective	3	HS 210	3

Elective	3	Elective	3
	15	3	15

Junior

Fall	Hours Winter	Hours Spring	Hours
Global Awareness Domain	3 Elective	3 HS 320	3
Elective	3	BI 225, HI 278, or SW 300	4.5
HS 215	3	Elective	3
HS 220	3	Elective	3
Elective	3		
	15	3	13.5

Senior

Fall	Hours Winter	Hours Spring	Hours
Elective	3 Elective	3 HS 399	3
Religious Studies Domain	3	Elective	3
Internship	3	ME 450	1
Elective	3	HS 415	3
		Elective	3
	12	3	13

Total Hours: 124.5

Note: Elective courses could be used for a second major, a minor, a course of interest, internship or study abroad experience.

Note: See the Curriculum section (<http://catalog.mtmercy.edu/curriculum/#corecurriculumtext>) for more information on Portal, Competency, Domain, and Capstone courses.

¹ Students who choose BI 125 Foundations of Biology & Scientific Inquiry I will also have to complete BI 125L Biostatistics and Scientific Investigation I

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This plan of study represents a typical sequence of courses required for this major. It may not be applicable to every student. Students should contact a department faculty member to be sure of appropriate course sequence.