

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Requirements: **Students enrolled in the BS in Public Health program must maintain a SHSU GPA of 2.75 or higher.** This minimum GPA requirement is mandated by the Council on Education of Public Health, the accrediting organization for public health education programs. The first semester a student earns a GPA below 2.75, he/she must meet with the BS in Public Health Program Coordinator to develop a plan of study to improve their GPA. **The second semester a student earns a GPA below 2.75, she/he must declare a new major in the program areas of Health Sciences, Health Care Administration, Bilingual Health Care Studies, or another area that will allow students to enter the degree with a GPA below 2.75.**

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science in Public Health		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) ²		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ³		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ⁴		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
BIOL 2403	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ^{2, 5}	4
BIOL 2404	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ⁵	4
CHEM 1406 or CHEM 1411	Inorganic & Envir Chemistry ² General Chemistry I	4
FACS 2362	Nutrition ⁶	3
KINE 2115	Lifetime Health and Wellness ⁴	1
MATH 1314 or MATH 1410 or MATH 1420	Pre Calculus Algebra ¹ Elementary Functions Calculus I	3
MATH 1342 or MATH 1370 or MATH 3379	Elementary Statistics Intro Biomedical Statistics Statistical Mthods in Practice	3
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology ³	3
Major: Foundation		
HLTH 1360	Fund Hlth Promo & Hlth Careers (Freshman)	3
HLTH 2383	Multicultural Health Issues	3
HLTH 2391	Human Diseases	3
HLTH 3350	Principles of Public Health	3
HLTH 3355	US Health Care Systems	3
HLTH 3360	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 3361	Health Planning & Evaluation	3
HLTH 3392	Health Comm & Literacy	3
HLTH 4380	Global Health	3
HLTH 4387	Community Health	3
HLTH 4390	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 4360	Research Methods/Statistics	3
HLTH 4393	Prof Prep Health Careers ⁷	3
HLTH 4394	Internship Program ⁷	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		
Select 26 hours of the following (9 hours must be 3000 or 4000 level):		26
BIOL 1401	Environmental Science	

BIOL 2420	Intro Applied Microbiology
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing (WE)
HLTH 1366	Lifestyle and Wellness
HLTH 2372	Health & Medical Terminology
HLTH 3380	Drug Use and Abuse
HLTH 3385	Safety Education
HLTH 3390	Family Life & Sex Education
HLTH 4117	Practicum
HLTH 4360	Research Methods/Statistics
HLTH 4363	Interventions for Wellness
HLTH 4365	Health Care Policy
HLTH 4366	Health Informatics
HLTH 4367	Economics for Health Managers
HLTH 4371	Patient Navigation
HLTH 4375	Health Laws and Ethics
HLTH 4392	Problems in Health
HLTH 4394	Internship Program
HLTH 4395	Special Topics in Health
KINE 2330	First Aid & CPR - Am Red Cross
KINE 3362	Functional Kinesiology
KINE 3373	Physiology of Exercise
KINE 4361	Managing Health Promotion in the Workplace
KINE 4365	Directing Wellness Programs
MATH 1316	Plane Trigonometry
MCPA 4381	Social Marketing for PR & Adv
PHYS 1101	General Physics Laboratory I
PHYS 1301	General Phy-Mechanics & Heat
POLS 3335	Pol Ethnic Minorities & Gender
POLS 3366	Public Administration
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 3333	Physiological Psychology
PSYC 3374	Development Psychology
SOCI 1301	Principles Of Sociology
SOCI 3365	Sociology Of Health & Illness
SOCI 4334	Sociology Of Disaster
SOCI 4338	Social Gerontology
VCST 4338	Child Abuse And Neglect

Or other courses approved by Department

Minor. Not Required^{8,9}

Total Hours

120

¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics).

² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area III (Life and Physical Science).

³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

⁴ Satisfies one hour of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

⁵ BIOL 2401 and BIOL 2402 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see SAM Center advisor for more details.

⁶ FACS 1367 may be used as a transfer course for this requirement; please see SAM Center advisor for more details.

⁷ Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in HLTH 4393 and HLTH 4394.

⁸ A minor is **not required** for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so additional semester credits hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.

⁹ The following minor cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Health.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

Students must meet a 2.0 minimum overall major GPA in all major coursework.

Students must earn a 2.75 minimum SHSU GPA in all coursework.

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Consult current University catalog for questions concerning transfer courses and residency requirements.

ENGL 1301 and ENGL 1302 are prerequisites for ENGL 3330 and satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communications).

FACS 3339 requires a prerequisite of FACS 3380.

HLTH 3350, HLTH 3361, HLTH 4387, requires 55 credit hours completed.

HLTH 3360 requires a prerequisite of MATH 1342, MATH 1370, MATH 3379 or STAT 3379.

HLTH 3392 requires the prerequisite of HLTH 1360.

HLTH 4360, HLTH 4363, HLTH 4365, HLTH 4380, HLTH 4390, KINE 3373 require Junior standing.

HLTH 4375 requires prerequisites of HLTH 1360, HLTH 3355, and Senior standing.

HLTH 4393 requires a prerequisite of the completion of 12 hours of HLTH.

HLTH 4394 requires a prerequisite of HLTH 4393 with a C or better.

KINE 3362 requires a prerequisite of BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2403 and 60 credit hours.

MATH 3379 requires 3 hours of completed coursework in College Math.

MCPA 4381 requires MCOM Instructor approval.

PHYS 1301 has a prerequisite of MATH 1410 or MATH 1316 or MATH 1420 with a grade of "C" or higher for the course. MATH 1316 and MATH 1410 satisfy the 3 hours of Math required for the Core Competency Area II.

POLS 3366 requires a prerequisite of POLS 2305.

PSYC 3331 requires 3 hours of completed coursework in Psychology.

PSYC 3333 requires 3 hours of completed coursework in Psychology and 4 hours of completed coursework in Biology or permission of the Instructor.

SOCI 3365 requires a prerequisite of SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2319 which satisfies 3 hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 2403 ^{1,2}		4 Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv)	3
CHEM 1406 or 1411 ¹		4 ENGL 1302 ³	3
ENGL 1301 ³		3 HIST 1301 ⁶	3
KINE 2115 ⁴		1 MATH 1342, 1370, or 3379	3
MATH 1314, 1410, or 1420 ⁵		3	
		15	12

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
BIOL 2404 ²		4 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)	3

HIST 1302 ⁶	3 FACS 2362 ⁹	3
HLTH 1360	3 HLTH 2383	3
HLTH 2391	3 POLS 2306 ⁷	3
POLS 2305 ⁷	3 Prescribed Electives ¹⁰	3
PSYC 1301 ⁸	3	
	19	15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 HLTH 3361	3
HLTH 3350		3 HLTH 4380	3
HLTH 3355		3 HLTH 4387	3
HLTH 3360		3 HLTH 4390	3
HLTH 3392		3 HLTH 4393 ¹¹	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

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HLTH 4360		3 HLTH 4394 ¹¹	3
Prescribed Electives ¹⁰		12 Prescribed Electives ¹⁰	11
	15		14

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BS in Public Health is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Participate in a proactive manner the day-to-day tasks of public health organizations.
- Conduct data collection and analysis to investigate public health issues.
- Participate in public health fieldwork requiring cultural competency skills.
- Develop public health program plans to meet the needs of at-risk populations.
- Act as a resource specialist for public health outreach.
- Demonstrate effective public health communications to diverse populations.

These competencies are outlined in the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals (http://www.phf.org/resourcestools/Documents/Core_Competencies_for_Public_Health_Professionals_2014June.pdf).