



2026-2027

PRE-PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIOLOGY MAJOR, B.A.

Social Science & History Department; College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences

This program emphasizes the application of sociological theory, research methods, and cultural fluency to the issues addressed in fields of public health, epidemiology, and health services. Its inter-disciplinary approach also draws heavily on the field of biology, underscoring human health as holistic: physical, social, cultural, environmental, and spiritual. The curriculum will foreground critical reflection on broad questions about human flourishing, the common good, compassionate citizenship, & social ethics. It will also prioritize the development of applied technical skills like data collection and management and research design. Graduates will be equipped for entrance into Masters in Public Health (MPH) programs as well as some entry-level positions in research, epidemiology, overdose prevention, health education, etc.

Students must complete all Foundations requirements and major requirements, as well as any additional General Electives needed to reach the minimum of 124 total credits required for a Bachelor's degree.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (45)

Choose one Biology with Lab:

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| ___ 4 | BIO | 100 & 101 | Biological Science w/Lab |
| ___ 4 | BIO | 201 & 203 | General Biology I w/Lab |
| ___ 3 | BIO | 211 | Microbiology |
| ___ 1 | BIO | 213 | Microbiology Lab |
| ___ 2 | BIO | 341 | Ethical Issues |
| ___ 3 | PSY | 315 | Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences |
| ___ 3 | SOC | 100 | Intro to Sociology |
| ___ 3 | SOC | 201 | Inequalities in Society |
| ___ 3 | SOC | 331 | Research Methods |
| ___ 3 | SOC | 372 | Sociological Theory |
| ___ 2 | SOC | 475 | Sociology Capstone |

Choose one Social Dimensions course:

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| ___ 3 | SOC | 350 | Race and Ethnicity |
| | SOC | 355 | Gender and Society |

Choose 6 credits SOC courses 300 or higher:

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Choose 9 credits Social Welfare courses:

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| | BIO | 217 & 219 | Environmental Biology w/Lab (4) |
| ___ 3 | BIO | 252 | Nutrition |
| | BIO | 262 | Human Physiology |
| ___ 3 | BIO | 322* | Genetics (*additional prerequisites required) |
| | PSY | 210 | Social Psychology |
| ___ 3 | PSY | 220 | Stress Management |
| | SW | 100 | Intro to Social Work |
| | SW | 402 | Social Welfare Policies |

Plus FOUNDATIONS REQUIREMENTS (49)

(3 credits Social Science and 4 credits Science w/Lab met by required major courses.)

Plus GENERAL ELECTIVES needed to reach minimum 124 credits (30)