

HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, BS

Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Health Policy and Management equips students with the knowledge and practical skills needed to work effectively in healthcare organizations, policy environments, and related sectors. The interdisciplinary program blends health policy, data analytics, management, and public health principles to prepare graduates for careers focused on improving healthcare delivery, policy implementation, and organizational operations.

Requirements and Plan of Study

Students pursuing this bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in the Newcomb-Tulane College core curriculum, 120 credit hours in their degree and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.000. More information on degree and core curriculum requirements can be found [here](#).

See Recommended Plan of Study (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/public-health-tropical-medicine/undergraduate-public-health/health-policy-management/#hpm-bs-plan-of-study>) below.

BS in Health Policy and Management Requirements

Course ID	Title	Credits
SPHU 1010	Intro To Public Health	3
SPHU 2160	Biostatistics in Public Health	3
SPHU 3170	Foundations of Epidemiology	3
SPHU 4010	Formulation of Public Health Policy	3
SPHU 2510	US Healthcare: How it Works and Why it Matters	3
SPHU 2520	Professional Communications in Health Policy and Management	3
SPHU 2500	Principles of Professionalism in Healthcare	3
SPHU 2530	Measuring What Matters: Healthcare Quality in the U.S	3
DATA 1010	Introduction to Data	3
DATA 2030	Data Visualization	3
SPHU 3012	Paying for Health: U.S. Healthcare Reimbursement Systems	3
SPHU 3013	Fundamentals of Healthcare Finance	3
SPHU 4260	Organizational Leadership and Management in Public Health	3
SPHU 4011	Politics of Health: Power, Policy, and Reform	3
SPHU 4012	Health Marketing and Strategy: Communicating Value in Healthcare	3
Elective Courses	Choose Three of the Options Listed Below	9
Capstone Course	See Options Below	3-7
Total Credit Hours		57-61

Health Policy and Management Capstone Courses

Students should select one (1) course from the following list. The Honors Thesis Sequence, SPHU 4990 Honors Thesis (3 c.h.) and SPHU 5000 Honors Thesis (4 c.h.) are taken together; SPHU 4990 in the Fall and SPHU 5000 in the Spring

Course ID	Title	Credits
SPHU 4540	Capstone Senior Seminar	3
SPHU 4560	Capstone Internship	3
SPHU 4990 & SPHU 5000	Honors Thesis and Honors Thesis	7

Elective Courses

Students should select three (3) courses from the following list:

Course ID	Title	Credits
Elective Credits		9
SPHU 2420	Health Challenges and Climate Change	

SPHU 2430	Pandemics and Public Health
SPHU 3011	Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety
SPHU 3120	Issues & Strategies in Public Health
SPHU 3330	Disasters & Environmental Health
SPHU 3560	Biological Basis of Disease
SPHU 3570	Introductory Microbiology
SPHU 3600	Women's Reproduction & Obstetric Health
SPHU 4220	Latino Health in the US
SPHU 4240	Epidemiology of Sexually Transmitted Infections

Approved study abroad courses

Consult the Undergraduate Public Health Office

Recommended Plan of Study

This example plan of study for the BS in Health Policy and Management represents a fall semester start and encompasses all program requirements. Students are responsible for reviewing university, school, and program requirements, along with prerequisites and the sequencing of courses in coordination with their academic and major advisors.

		Credit Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
SPHU 1010	Intro To Public Health	3
NTC Core and General Electives		13
		Credit Hours
		16
Spring		
DATA 1010	Introduction to Data	3
NTC Core and General Electives		12
		Credit Hours
		15
Year 2		
Fall		
SPHU 2500	Principles of Professionalism in Healthcare	3
SPHU 2510	US Healthcare: How it Works and Why it Matters	3
DATA 2030	Data Visualization	3
NTC Core and General Electives		6
		Credit Hours
		15
Spring		
SPHU 2520	Professional Communications in Health Policy and Management	3
SPHU 2160	Biostatistics in Public Health	3
NTC Core and General Electives		12
		Credit Hours
		18
Year 3		
Fall		
SPHU 2530	Measuring What Matters: Healthcare Quality in the U.S	3
SPHU 3013	Fundamentals of Healthcare Finance	3
Select one approved elective		3
NTC Core and General Electives		7
		Credit Hours
		16
Spring		
SPHU 3012	Paying for Health: U.S. Healthcare Reimbursement Systems	3
SPHU 3170	Foundations of Epidemiology	3
Select one approved elective		3

NTC Core and General Electives		7
Credit Hours		16
Year 4		
Fall		
SPHU 4010	Formulation of Public Health Policy	3
SPHU 4260	Organizational Leadership and Management in Public Health	3
Select one Capstone course (see list above)		3-7
NTC Core and General Electives		3
Credit Hours		12-16
Spring		
SPHU 4011	Politics of Health: Power, Policy, and Reform	3
SPHU 4012	Health Marketing and Strategy: Communicating Value in Healthcare	3
Select one approved elective		3
NTC Core and General Electives		3
Credit Hours		12
Total Credit Hours		120-124

Program String and Field of Study: PHBS_UG, PPHP

Contact

To learn more about the BS in Health Policy and Management, please visit <https://sph.tulane.edu/bsph/home>