College of Public Health and Human Sciences

Lifelong health and well-being for every person, every family, every community.

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Inspired by our mission as a leading land grant university, we create synergy in teaching, research, and outreach to develop the next generation of globally minded public health and human sciences professionals. Through interdisciplinary research and innovative curricula, we advance knowledge, policies, and practices that improve population health in communities across Oregon and beyond.

The College of Public Health and Human Sciences offers a comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate education programs under the public health umbrella.

Our graduates are employed in a wide variety of research, education, service, management, and leadership positions in business, government, industry, education, and agencies related to health, nutrition, education, community development, and family relationships.

The college’s scholarly and creative work improves the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Reflecting the strength and diversity of our faculty and disciplines, this work includes laboratory-based investigations of nutrition and physiology.

Our outreach and engagement initiatives and programs serve individuals, families, professionals, and communities across the campus, Oregon, the nation, and the world. This outreach includes OSU Extension’s Family and Community Health program, active continuing education initiatives ranging from credit and noncredit courses to full degrees, and service programs that serve OSU students, faculty, staff, as well as individuals and families.

Degree Programs

Advanced degrees include the master of arts (MA), master of public health (MPH), the master of science (MS), and doctor of philosophy (PhD). The MS and PhD degrees are offered in units of the college. Most units also participate in the master of arts interdisciplinary studies (MAIS) graduate degree program.

Advising

The Office of Academic Advising is a primary source of information for all College of Public Health and Human Sciences undergraduate students. Students receive accurate, thorough, and timely information regarding their degree requirements, academic progress, job opportunities, and campus activities. Professional advisors oversee the undergraduate students within the college. Faculty members also serve a vital role to undergraduates by providing professional and career advice. Faculty members often involve students in research and professional activities that create opportunities for leadership, personal growth, and discovery.

Internships and Practicums

To help prepare students in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences for careers, many of the degree programs include internships and/or practicum experiences as part of their academic programs. These opportunities provide students with invaluable work experience in their field of study and may lead to postgraduate employment. Faculty members help place students and assist in the structure of these experiences. Additional information is available at http://health.oregonstate.edu/internships.

Double Degrees

Undergraduates with majors in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences can earn a second degree in education, innovation management, international studies, or sustainability. See the College of Education, College of Business, International Programs or Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society sections of this catalog for more information.

Scholarships

The College of Public Health and Human Sciences offers a variety of scholarships to deserving students. Many are reserved for students in designated majors or for first-year students. A list of scholarships and application forms are available from the college’s website at http://health.oregonstate.edu/students/current/undergraduate/scholarships.

Additional scholarship information is also available at the OSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

College Requirements

A grade of C– or higher is required for all courses in a student’s undergraduate program of study.

- This includes all courses and associated prerequisite courses in a student’s undergraduate program of study for a major, minor or certificate as listed in the online course catalog.
- Some programs have additional grade and/or GPA criteria, which must be met in addition to this grade policy.
• Baccalaureate core courses are not subject to this policy unless they serve as courses required in or prerequisites for a student’s major, minor, or certificate.

Effective calendar year 2017-2018 (June 2017–May 2018):

The College of Public Health and Human Sciences does not accept third-course attempts either at the university or transferred in from other institutions to meet individual course requirements within any major effective Fall term 2014.

• Third or subsequent attempts taken prior to Fall term 2014 may be considered to meet major program of study requirements.¹

¹ The Exercise and Sport Science and Athletic Training majors stopped allowing third or subsequent course attempts effective Fall term 2013.

Graduate Programs

Majors

• Public Health (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-mph-phd)
  Options
  • Biostatistics (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-mph-phd/biostatistics-option)
  • Epidemiology (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-mph-phd/epidemiology-option)
  • Health Promotion and Health Behavior (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-mph-phd/health-promotion-health-behavior-option)

Minors

• Public Health (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-graduate-minor)

Certificates

• Public Health (http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/public-health-human-sciences/other-degrees-programs/public-health-graduate-certificate)