

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND HISTORY (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/history/>)

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Program Description

The highly selective, demanding undergraduate majors in Global Public Health (GPH) allow CAS students to choose a course of study that is a combination of public health and an academic discipline housed in the College (GPH is not a stand-alone major), and also provide them with instructors and courses drawn from the entire university. This unique structure responds to the ever-increasing demand for interdisciplinary public health practitioners both in the U.S. and abroad. The coursework is integrated with experiential learning and study away requirements to ensure that students are broadly trained and uniquely prepared for a variety of careers.

The majors' global public health courses are offered by the NYU School of Global Public Health (708 Broadway, 11th Floor; 212-992-6741; <https://publichealth.nyu.edu/>). GPH delivers truly interdisciplinary public health education at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral level. It builds on the global reach of NYU's unique Global Network University; draws strength from the entrepreneurial spirit of NYU's many talented faculty and students; and serves as a conduit for groundbreaking research and education that advances and promotes equitable health for all.

The global public health/history major provides a unique opportunity to unite the study of human experience in relation to particular times and places with the study of health of populations around the world. The major draws on the expertise of the CAS Department of History in providing students with the tools needed to analyze and interpret many different kinds of evidence—cultural, social, economic, and political—and to organize them into a coherent whole, presented clearly in written or oral form. Students will study a variety of topics, such as environmental history, ethnicity, sexuality, epidemiology, health policy, gender, and social movements. NYU's global public health/history major provides a unique set of skills that may be applied in a variety of careers including law, teaching, public health, business, film, international affairs, and medicine and science.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see [How to Apply \(https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html\)](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html).

Program Requirements

Students in this combined major must consult with the DUS or other departmental adviser to work out a course plan, especially as this major requires students to study away for one semester. The major requirements (60 credits) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Note: The post-intermediate language requirement for the major applies only to students who matriculated before fall 2021; if they are granted a waiver or exemption from the requirement, they must take an additional (third) 4-credit elective in the major. Students who matriculate in and after

fall 2021 have no post-intermediate language requirement for this major, and are all required to take three major electives.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Expressive Culture		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Global Public Health Requirements</i>		
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context (no prerequisites) ^{2,3}	4
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health (satisfies the College Core Curriculum requirement in Quantitative Reasoning) ³	4
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health ^{3,4}	4
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
<i>Foreign Language Course</i>		
	Select one foreign language course above the intermediate two level ⁵	4
<i>History Requirements</i>		
	Select one workshop ⁶	4
	Select one capstone seminar ⁷	4
Electives		
	History Electives (select four courses) ⁸	16
	Major Electives	8
	Other Elective Credits	24
Total Credits		128

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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UGPH-GU 10 Health and Society in a Global Context is the prerequisite or corequisite for UGPH-GU 20 Biostatistics for Public Health, UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health, UGPH-GU 40 Health Policy in a Global World, and UGPH-GU 50 Environmental Health in a Global World.

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UGPH-GU 10 Health and Society in a Global Context, UGPH-GU 20 Biostatistics for Public Health, and UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health are firm prerequisites for UGPH-GU 60 Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health.

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UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health is an additional (recommended) prerequisite or corequisite for UGPH-GU 40 Health Policy in a Global World.

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- **This requirement applies only to students who matriculated before fall 2021; students who matriculate in and after fall 2021 do not take this additional course.**
- Students in the former category may petition for a waiver from the requirement, or may use an NYU language placement or language exemption exam to meet this requirement. If they successfully waive or exempt out of the requirement, they **must** take an additional (third) 4-point major elective (see below) to satisfy the total number of credits required for the major. For more details, consult the archived PDF of the 2020-2022 CAS Bulletin at bulletin.cas.nyu.edu. (<http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/edu> (<http://bulletin.cas.nyu.edu/>), or discuss with a major adviser.
- Students in the latter category are all required to take a third elective in the major (see below) to replace the discontinued (for them) 4-point post-intermediate language requirement and satisfy the total number of credits required for the major.

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HIST-UA 900-999; excluding HIST-UA 994 Honors Seminar, HIST-UA 996 , HIST-UA 980 Internship and HIST-UA 997 Independent Study

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HIST-UA 400-499

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Numbered above HIST-UA 101 . Students must take at least one pre-1800 course and at least one course in each of these three regions: U.S., non-Western, and European. All must be advanced.

Study Away

All majors must also study away for one semester. Programs of study are planned with the director of undergraduate studies in the chosen CAS department. The e-mail address for general inquiries from CAS students is cas.gph@nyu.edu

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context	4
Foreign Language		4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health	4
Foreign Language		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
History Elective 1 of 4 ¹		4
Foreign Language		4
Physical Science		4
Credits		16

4th Semester/Term

History Elective 2 of 4 ¹		4
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
Foreign Language		4
Life Science		4
Credits		16

5th Semester/Term

UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
Expressive Culture		4
History Elective 3 of 4 ¹		4
History Elective 4 of 4 ¹		4
Credits		16

6th Semester/Term

Additional Major Elective 1 of 3 ²		4
Additional Major Elective 2 of 3 ²		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16

7th Semester/Term

Workshop Requirement ³		4
Additional Major Elective 3 of 3 ²		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16

8th Semester/Term

UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
Capsone Seminar ⁴		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

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Must include at least one pre-1800 course and at least one course in each of these three regions: U.S., non-Western, and European. All four must be advanced-level courses.

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Chosen from courses in the GPH program or in History, by advisement. **Note:** students who matriculated before fall 2021 take only two additional major electives, but must take one foreign language course above the intermediate two level.

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HIST-UA 900-999 (excluding 994, 996, and 997).

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HIST-UA 400-499.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Articulate original, relevant, significant, and researchable historical questions; identify the best evidence to answer such questions; and develop persuasive interpretations of such evidence that yield coherent and effective arguments.
2. Research and write well-organized, well-referenced works of history that synthesize primary-source research based on historical documents and secondary-source research based on academic scholarship.

3. Trace the development of human societies, chart patterns of continuity and change over time, and identify the historical antecedents of contemporary issues.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of historical fields and methods from social and cultural history to political and economic history to the histories of science, medicine, and the environment.
5. Develop a deep understanding of a particular global region and time period, set in the context of comparative chronological and geographical knowledge.
6. Recognize key historical milestones in the development and evolution of the field of public health with examples from both the US and international contexts.
7. Describe and assess the biological, social, environmental, and structural determinants of health by applying interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies.
8. Explain key data analytic techniques and epidemiologic concepts for measuring disease occurrence and frequency and how the information obtained from these measures is used to assess the health of populations.
9. Apply public health promotion and prevention concepts to engage in collaborative and culturally relevant public health activities.
10. Connect public health concepts to disciplinary practice in the field.

Policies

General Policies Applying to the Combined Global Public Health Majors

CAS students are allowed to count 16 credits from the other schools of the University toward the baccalaureate degree. Four of the six core UGPH-GU courses required for the combined GPH majors are treated as liberal arts courses and therefore do not count against the 16-credit allowance: UGPH-GU 10, 20, 30, and 50. (These four courses are exempt from the 16-credit rule both for declared GPH majors and also for CAS students who simply take one or more of them as electives.) The two required GPH core courses UGPH-GU 40 and 60 are not exempt from the 16-credit rule, and together use up 8 credits of each student's 16-credit allowance. Any other UGPH-GU courses besides 10, 20, 30, and 50 will also count against the 16 credits.

Students may request additional non-CAS, non-liberal arts credits beyond the 16-credit limit through the College Advising Center, 726 Broadway, 7th floor; 212-998-8130.

No UGPH-GU courses can count toward the 64 credits that internal or external transfer students are required to complete in CAS (-UA) courses.

Students must earn a C or better in all courses for their combined major and maintain a 2.0 major GPA. Courses graded Pass/Fail cannot be counted toward the major.

The GPH tracks with anthropology, history, and sociology all satisfy the College Core Curriculum requirement in Societies and the Social Sciences. However, the two GPH concentrations in science do not satisfy this requirement. None of the UGPH-GU courses can exempt students from any part of the Core's Foundations of Contemporary Culture.

Transfer Student Policies Applying to the Combined Global Public Health Majors

Transfer students to CAS must complete at least half of their entire combined GPH major at NYU, with at least half of the CAS coursework

required for the major completed at NYU. In addition, GPH stipulates that transfer credit cannot be used for more than one of the six core GPH requirements (the other five must always be completed at NYU). The internship course (UGPH-GU 60) can never be satisfied with transfer credit.

Applicants to schools of the health professions who are pursuing one of the science GPH majors must complete at least five of the required prehealth science courses at NYU in order to be eligible for a committee interview and letter from the CAS Preprofessional Advising Center.

Some transfer students may therefore be required to complete more than half of their GPH major at NYU to satisfy these policies, regardless of transfer coursework presented.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).