

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENCE (BS)

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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 (GPH). 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.

Students interested in this major will choose one of the following concentrations:

Concentrations

Global Public Health and Biology

Students pursuing this combined major complete a concentration in biology that emphasizes one of the following areas: genetics and genomics, infectious diseases, or environmental health. This major provides a unique opportunity for students to explore cutting-edge life science and how recent advances can help address some of the world's most complex health challenges. Graduates are well-prepared to pursue professional studies in medicine, dentistry, public health, and nutrition, as well as academic and research positions.

Departmental advising is absolutely crucial for students pursuing this demanding major. Students must satisfy all requirements of the College Core Curriculum (the First-Year Seminar, foreign language, expository writing, and Foundations of Contemporary Culture). Careful planning is necessary to ensure that all major, pre-health, and College Core Curriculum requirements can be completed in four years.

Students in this combined major must consult with the DUS or other departmental advisor to work out a course plan, especially as this major requires students to study away for one semester.

Global Public Health and Chemistry

Students pursuing this combined program concentrate in chemistry—the central natural science that interfaces physics and mathematics with the life sciences.

Departmental advising is absolutely crucial for students pursuing this demanding major. As with all majors and minors offered by the Department of Chemistry, BIOL-UA 11 Principles of Biology I, BIOL-UA 12 Principles of Biology II are not required for this major; however, prehealth

students must take this sequence in addition to the major requirements outlined below. In addition, students must satisfy all requirements of the College Core Curriculum (the First-Year Seminar, foreign language, expository writing, and Foundations of Contemporary Culture). Careful planning is necessary to ensure that all major, prehealth, and College Core Curriculum requirements can be completed in four years.

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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>).

Program Requirements

Students must choose one of the concentrations below.

Global Public Health and Biology

Students in this concentration 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 concentration requires twenty-two courses (94 credits) 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 as Inquiry	4
	Foreign Language ¹	16
	Texts and Ideas	4
	Cultures and Contexts	4
	Societies and the Social Sciences	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
BIOL-UA 42	Biostatistics ⁴	4
	or BIOL-UA 45 Biostatistics and Human Genetics	
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health ^{3,5}	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

Foreign Language Course

Select one foreign language course above the intermediate two level ⁶	4
<i>Biology Core Courses</i> ⁷	
BIOL-UA 11 Principles of Biology I	4
BIOL-UA 12 Principles of Biology II	4
BIOL-UA 21 Molecular and Cell Biology I ⁸	4
BIOL-UA 22 Molecular and Cell Biology II	4
<i>Biology Emphasis Area</i>	
BIOL-UA 223 Molecular and Cell Biology Laboratory ¹¹	1
Select two upper-level biology courses from one of these three areas: ⁹	8
Genetics and Genomics	
Infectious Diseases	
Environmental Health	
<i>Additional Required Courses in Science and Mathematics</i>	
Chemistry:	
CHEM-UA 125 General Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 126 General Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 225 Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
CHEM-UA 226 Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
Physics:	
PHYS-UA 11 General Physics I	5
PHYS-UA 12 General Physics II	5
Mathematics:	
MATH-UA 121 Calculus I	4
Study Away Requirement	8-12
Total Credits	134

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ Taken in lieu of UGPH-GU 20 Biostatistics for Public Health.

⁵ UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health is an additional (recommended) prerequisite or corequisite for UGPH-GU 40 Health Policy in a Global World.

⁶ • **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-credit 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/>), 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-credit post-intermediate language requirement and satisfy the total number of credits required for the major.

⁷ **Note:** Biology majors are not required to register for the 1-credit BIOL-UA 123 Principles of Biology Laboratory. It is intended for prehealth students not majoring in biology.

⁸ **Note:** It is strongly recommended that students in this combined major take the optional 1-credit BIOL-UA 223 Molecular and Cell Biology Laboratory concurrently with BIOL-UA 21 Molecular and Cell Biology I.

⁹ A current list of courses satisfying each area is maintained on the official web site of the Department of Biology.

¹⁰ • One additional biology elective **must** be completed by **all** students pursuing this major. A current list of courses approved as electives is maintained on the official web site of the Department of Biology.

• A second (and, for some students, also a third) elective must be completed that either is one of these approved biology electives or an elective approved by the GPH program, as follows:

• Students who matriculate in and after fall 2021 must take three major electives in total. The third elective replaces the discontinued (for them) post-intermediate language requirement in this major.

• Students who matriculated before fall 2021 technically have a major elective requirement of only two courses/8 credits; however, if they waive or exempt out of the major's post-intermediate language requirement, they must take a third major elective for 4 credits.

¹¹ This course is strongly recommended. Brings total credit requirement to 135 credits.

Global Public Health and Chemistry

Students in this concentration 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 concentration requires twenty-one courses (90 credits) 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 as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		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 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

Foreign Language Course

Select one foreign language course above the intermediate two level ⁵		4
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Chemistry Core Courses

CHEM-UA 125	General Chemistry I & Laboratory	10
& CHEM-UA 126	and General Chemistry II & Laboratory ⁶	

Select one of the following: 10

CHEM-UA 225	Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	
& CHEM-UA 226	and Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	

CHEM-UA 227	Majors Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	
& CHEM-UA 228	and Majors Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	

CHEM-UA 651	Quantum Mechanics & Spectroscopy	8
& CHEM-UA 652	and Thermodynamics & Kinetics	

CHEM-UA 881	Biochemistry I	8
& CHEM-UA 882	and Biochemistry II	

Additional Required Courses in Science and Mathematics

Mathematics:

MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
MATH-UA 122	Calculus II ⁷	4

Physics:

PHYS-UA 11	General Physics I ⁸	5
PHYS-UA 12	General Physics II ⁸	5

Study Away Requirement		8-12
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Total Credits 130

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² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health is an additional (recommended) prerequisite or corequisite for UGPH-GU 40 Health Policy in a Global World.

⁵ • **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-credit 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/>), 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-credit post-intermediate language requirement and satisfy the total number of credits required for the major.

⁶ The one-semester CHEM-UA 129 Accelerated General Chemistry may be taken by qualified students and substitutes for this sequence.

⁷ Advanced Placement credit for Calculus II (a score of 5 on BC Calculus) is not accepted for this major requirement. Students with this AP credit must either (1) take Calculus II at NYU and forfeit 4 of the 8 AP credits, or (2) register for one of the following: CHEM-UA 140 Mathematics of Chemistry, MATH-UA 123 Calculus III or MATH-UA 140 Linear Algebra, using the BC credits as a prerequisite.

⁸ Credit for AP Physics C: Mechanics is accepted for PHYS-UA 11 General Physics I and credit for AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism is accepted for PHYS-UA 12 General Physics II, but only for students who are not prehealth. No other AP or equivalent international credit is accepted. (Because of medical, dental, etc., school admissions requirements, students on the prehealth track cannot use AP Physics C credit to place out of either or both semesters of General Physics.)

⁹ • Three additional electives must be completed in the GPH program or chemistry, by advisement. For students who matriculate in and after fall 2021, the third elective replaces the discontinued (for them) post-intermediate language requirement in this major.

- Students who matriculated before fall 2021 technically have a major elective requirement of only two courses/8 credits; however, if they waive or exempt out of the major's post-intermediate language requirement, they **must** take a third major elective for 4 credits.

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 Global Public Health and Biology

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
BIOL-UA 11	Principles of Biology I	4
CHEM-UA 125	General Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
First-Year Seminar		4
		Credits 17
2nd Semester/Term		
BIOL-UA 12	Principles of Biology II	4
CHEM-UA 126	General Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context	4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
		Credits 17
3rd Semester/Term		
BIOL-UA 21	Molecular and Cell Biology I	4
BIOL-UA 223	Molecular and Cell Biology Laboratory (strongly recommended; total credits for degree will equal 135)	1
CHEM-UA 225	Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	5

Foreign Language		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Credits		17
4th Semester/Term		
BIOL-UA 22	Molecular and Cell Biology II	4
CHEM-UA 226	Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
Foreign Language		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Credits		17
5th Semester/Term		
BIOL-UA 42	Biostatistics	4
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
PHYS-UA 11	General Physics I	5
Foreign Language		4
Credits		17
6th Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
PHYS-UA 12	General Physics II	5
Foreign Language		4
Biology Emphasis Area 1 of 2 ¹		4
Credits		17
7th Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
Expressive Culture		4
Biology Emphasis Area 2 of 2 ¹		4
Additional Biology Elective ²		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
Additional Major Elective 1 of 2 ³		4
Additional Major Elective 2 of 2 ³		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		134

¹ Students select two upper-level Biology courses from one of the following three areas: genetics and genomics; infectious diseases; or environmental health; a current list of courses satisfying each area is maintained on the official website of the Department of Biology.

² Must be completed by all students pursuing this concentration; a current list of upper-level courses satisfying this requirement is maintained on the official website of the Department of Biology.

³ Chosen from courses in the GPH program or in Biology, by advisement). Note: students who matriculated before fall 2021 take only **one** additional major elective, but **must take** one foreign language course above the intermediate two level.

Global Public Health and Chemistry

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 125	General Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
MATH-UA 121	Calculus I	4
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context	4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		17
2nd Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 126	General Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
MATH-UA 122	Calculus II	4
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health	4

Expository Writing		4
Credits		17
3rd Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 225 or CHEM-UA 227	Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory or Majors Organic Chemistry I & Laboratory	5
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
Foreign Language		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Credits		17
4th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 226 or CHEM-UA 228	Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory or Majors Organic Chemistry II & Laboratory	5
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
Foreign Language		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Credits		17
5th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 881	Biochemistry I	4
PHYS-UA 11	General Physics I	5
Foreign Language		4
Expressive Culture		4
Credits		17
6th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 882	Biochemistry II	4
PHYS-UA 12	General Physics II	5
Foreign Language		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Credits		17
7th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 651	Quantum Mechanics & Spectroscopy	4
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
Additional Major Elective 1 of 3 ¹		4
Additional Major Elective 2 of 3 ¹		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
CHEM-UA 652	Thermodynamics & Kinetics	4
UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
Additional Major Elective 3 of 3 ¹		4
Credits		12
Total Credits		130

¹ Chosen from courses in the GPH program or in Chemistry, 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.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

Biology

1. Demonstrate a foundation of knowledge in current concepts of, and the mechanisms underlying, living systems.
2. Utilize skills that enable them to reason critically and to analyze primary literature in the life sciences.
3. Conduct problem-solving, including quantitative analysis.
4. Use the scientific method to design and implement controlled experiments or tests to address explicit hypotheses.

5. Communicate scientific ideas in both oral and written formats, and also collaborate on common scientific projects.
6. Recognize key historical milestones in the development and evolution of the field of public health with examples from both the U.S. 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.

Chemistry

1. Demonstrate a fundamental command of chemistry, as well as of the subdisciplines of organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry.
2. Display mastery of laboratory skills in organic and physical chemistry.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with contemporary problems in chemistry and both articulate these problems and propose well-considered solutions.
4. Demonstrate expertise in modern research methods as applied in contemporary scientific studies.
5. Recognize key historical milestones in the development and evolution of the field of public health with examples from both the U.S. and international contexts.
6. Describe and assess the biological, social, environmental, and structural determinants of health by applying interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies.
7. 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.
8. Apply public health promotion and prevention concepts to engage in collaborative and culturally relevant public health activities.
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Policies

Program 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.

School of Engineering courses

No CAS student (whether pursuing a major in Global Public Health or not) is allowed to take Tandon substitute courses for CHEM-UA 125, 126, 127, 128, 129 (General Chemistry); 225, 226, 227, 228 (Organic Chemistry); 651, 652, 661 (Physical Chemistry); 711 (Inorganic Chemistry); or 881, 882, 885, 890 (Biochemistry). However, students pursuing a major in the Department of Chemistry may seek prior permission of the director of undergraduate studies to take advanced electives in the School of Engineering and apply them to the major. This is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. These courses count against each student's 16-point allowance in the other divisions of NYU and cannot be applied to the 64-point UA residency requirement.

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/>).