

GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIOLOGY (BA)

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

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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; 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.

This major draws on the Department of Sociology's strength in theoretical creativity and substantive empirical research on important social issues. Global public health/sociology graduates may go on to a diverse array of careers in law, health, public administration, and social service, as well as further graduate study in sociology, public health, or related disciplines.

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 in this combined major must consult with the director of undergraduate studies or other departmental adviser in sociology to work out a course plan, **especially as this major requires students to study away for one semester**. The major requirements of fifteen 4-credit courses (60 credits) must be completed with a grade of C or higher (courses graded Pass/Fail will not count).

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 combined 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 combined major electives.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4

EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	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>Sociology Requirements</i>		
SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology	4
SOC-UA 111	Sociological Theory	4
SOC-UA 301	Research Methods	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOC-UA 934	Seminar: (Variable topic)	
SOC-UA 935	Seminar in Sociology (Variable topic)	
SOC-UA 936	Advanced Seminar: (Variable topic)	
SOC-UA 937	Seminar: (Variable topic)	
SOC-UA 938	Seminar: (Variable topic)	
SOC-UA 939	Seminar: (Variable topic)	
<i>Sociology Electives</i>		
Select two of the following: ⁶		8
SOC-UA 21	Sex and Gender	
SOC-UA 135	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC-UA 131	Social Networks	
SOC-UA 137	Wealth, Power & Status: Inequality in Society	
SOC-UA 413	Law and Society	
SOC-UA 414	Sociology of Medicine	
SOC-UA 451	The Family	
SOC-UA 452	Immigration	
SOC-UA 454	The Social Challenges of Climate Change	
SOC-UA 460	Cities, Communities, & Urban Life:	
SOC-UA 503	Criminology	
SOC-UA 970	Variable Tpcs:	
Combined Electives		
Combined Major Electives (select two to three electives) ⁷		8-12
Other Elective Credits		24
Total Credits		128

- 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 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 with an academic 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 Electives not listed require departmental approval.
- ⁷ Three additional electives must be completed in the GPH program or sociology, 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.

Sample Plan of Study

Note: This major requires one semester of study away. Students are advised to discuss their study away plans with both GPH and sociology advisors to ensure they remain on track to complete their degree.

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
SOC-UA 1	Intro to Sociology	4
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context	4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
SOC-UA 111	Sociological Theory	4
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health	4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
SOC-UA 301	Research Methods	4
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
Foreign Language		4

Physical Science		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
Foreign Language		4
Life Science		4
Expressive Culture		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
Sociology Elective 1 of 2 ¹		4
Additional Major Elective 1 of 3 ²		4
Foreign Language		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Sociology Elective 2 of 2 ¹		4
Additional Major Elective 2 of 3 ²		4
Foreign Language		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Advanced Seminar in Sociology 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
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		128

- ¹ Chosen from a list of approved courses. See a departmental advisor in sociology for more information.
- ² Chosen from courses in the GPH program or in sociology, by advisement. Students who matriculated before fall 2021 take only **two** combined major electives, but **must take** one foreign language course above the intermediate two level.
- ³ SOC-UA 934-939 (Sociology Honors Seminars) do not count as an advanced seminar. Any substitution for the advanced seminar requirement must be approved by the director of undergraduate studies in sociology.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will:

1. Understand key concepts in the field of sociology, including class, status, capitalism, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, culture, power, stratification, rationalization, anomie, alienation, etc.
2. Understand the key ideas of leading sociological theorists, including Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Du Bois, and others.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the ways in which the field of sociology complements or intersects with other scholarly disciplines.
4. Analyze data and employ both qualitative methods (ethnography, interviewing, archival research, and experiments) and statistical methods to conduct rigorous investigations of a wide range of social institutions and phenomena.

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.
9. Connect public health concepts to disciplinary practice in the field.

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/>).

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 (-JA) 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.