

**Undergraduate Minor in Public Health**  
**University of Colorado Denver**  
**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and**  
**Colorado School of Public Health**

The undergraduate minor in Public Health is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the social, cultural, and biological dimensions of health. The minor curriculum provides students with the intellectual and methodological tools needed to understand the joint bio-cultural determinants and contexts of health, health care and public health. Graduates with a minor in Public Health will be prepared for pursuit of graduate degrees in a broad range of fields, including the natural, social and behavioral sciences, public health, law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, business administration, and health services research. The program is especially appropriate for students intending to pursue careers in public health, as well as primary care specialties in medicine, nursing, or health policy and administration.

To earn a minor in Public Health, a minimum of **24 credit hours** are required, of which 12 must be upper division and taken at UCD. Students must achieve no less than a C (2.0) in each course applied toward minor requirements. Up to 6 credit hours completed towards a major or minor in another department may be counted towards the minor in Public Health.

**Tier 1: General Public Health.** All students pursuing the public health minor are required to take the following two courses (8 cr. hrs):

PBHL 2001 Introduction to Public Health (4)  
PBHL 3001 Introduction to Epidemiology (4)

**Tier 2: Public Health Foci.** Choose at least two of the following four courses (6 cr. hrs.):

PBHL 2020 Environmental Health (3)  
PBHL 3030 Health Policy (3)  
PBHL 3070 Perspectives in Global Health (3)  
PBHL 4040 Social Determinants of Health (3)

Note: Students may elect to take all four of these courses in lieu of taking two of the elective courses listed in ‘Tier 4’ below.

**Tier 3: Biological Background.** Choose one of the following three courses (4 cr. hrs.):

BIOL 1550 Basic Biology: Ecology and the Diversity of Life (4)  
BIOL 1560 Basic Biology: From Cells to Organisms (4)  
ANTH 1303 Introduction to Biological Anthropology (4)

**Tier 4: Electives.** Choose two of the courses from the Pre-Approved Elective List. **1 of the 2 required electives must be a PBHL course** (6 cr. hrs.).