Public health is an exciting field that concentrates on assuring and improving population health, and protecting against threats to health. Public health covers a broad range of disciplines and issues, including such topics as environmental pollution, access to health insurance, avian influenza, bioterrorism, and obesity. The minor can serve as a precursor to further study in public health, other health professions, or any fields in which the health of persons and populations is a relevant concern. In addition, public health is of interest for its own sake, as a component of a rigorous liberal arts education.

The minor in Global Public Health requires 20 hours of course work plus one prerequisite course in statistics of four or more hours. The courses may be taken in any order.

**Prerequisite (minimum of 4 credit hours)**
One introductory course in statistics (Statistics 135, 145, or equivalent) must be taken before or concurrent with the required course in epidemiology. No other prerequisites are required for the minor or for any of the required courses in public health.

**Required courses (16 credit hours)**
PUB HLTH 400 Introduction to Public Health
(4 hrs., Autumn, Spring)

PUBH-EPI 510 Introduction to Epidemiology
(4 hrs., Autumn, Winter)

Any two of the following three courses
(the other may be used as an elective):
PUBH-EHS 530 Current Issues in Environmental Health
(4 hrs., Winter)
PUBH-HBHP 520 The Role of Behavior in Public Health
(4 hrs., Spring)

HSMP 550 Health Care in America (4 hrs, Spring)

**Electives (minimum of 4 credit hours)**
Any letter-graded course in the College of Public Health available for undergraduate credit is acceptable as an elective (i.e., courses graded pass/fail or S/U are not eligible). Courses from outside the College of Public Health that have a focus on analytic methods or issues related to population health may also be approved as electives. Students or academic units may propose additional courses for inclusion in the minor. These will be reviewed by the Office of Academic Programs in the College of Public Health and approved as appropriate. Courses used as electives in the public health minor must not also be part of the student’s major.

**Approved courses from other units include:**
Alli Med 665 Understanding the Aging Process (3 hrs)
Alli Med 668 Prevention and Wellness in Aging (3 hrs)

**Public Health minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation** No

**Credit hours required** A minimum of 20

**Transfer credit hours allowed** A maximum of 10

**Overlap with the GEC** Permitted, up to 5 credit hours

**Overlap with the major** Not allowed

**Overlap between minors** Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours

**Grades required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

**Approval required** Course work must be approved by The College of Public Health. Meet with an advisor in the College of Public Health to complete the program form.

**Filing the minor program form** The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.