

# General Differences between the Global Health Major Curriculum and the Public Health Major Curriculum

(for students who entered UC San Diego in FA26 and later)

*NOTE: Both the Global Health Program and the Public Health Program offer a robust curriculum to set students up for future success. Neither program is “better” than the other, however while many of the courses can overlap between the two programs, the curriculum structure of each program is very different.*

*Below, our program advisors have tried to generally highlight some differences for review.*

<b>B.A. in Global Health - 68 Units</b>	<b>B.S. in Global Health - 96 Units</b>
<p><b>Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 LD Introduction to Public Health or Global Health course</li> <li>• 1 LD Elective from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 LD Statistics course from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 UD Core Global Health courses</li> <li>• 1 UD Policy Analysis course from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 LD/UD Biology Science Electives from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 UD Medical Social Science Electives from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 UD Medical Humanities Elective from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 UD Global Processes Elective from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 UD Significant Writing course from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 UD Elective from the approved list</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork/Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Global Health Field Experience - 100 hours at a research, service, clinical or study abroad</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 LD Introduction to Public Health or Global Health course</li> <li>• 1 LD Elective course from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 LD General Biology sequence courses</li> <li>• 4 LD General Chemistry sequence with lab courses</li> <li>• 2 LD Calculus sequence courses</li> <li>• 1 LD Statistics course from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 UD Core Global Health courses</li> <li>• 1 UD Policy Analysis course from the approved list</li> <li>• 3 UD Biology Science Electives from the approved list</li> <li>• 4 UD Medical Social Science Electives from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 UD Medical Humanities Elective from the approved list</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork/Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Global Health Field Experience - 100 hours at a research, service, clinical or study abroad</i></li> </ul>

<b>B.S. in Public Health (BSPH) - 80 Units</b>	<b>BSPH/Biostatistics - 101 Units</b>	<b>BSPH/Medicine Sciences - 116 Total Units</b>
<p><b>Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 LD Introduction to Public Health course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Research Methods course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Trending Topics (PH TT) course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Elective (PH LDE) course</li> <li>• 3 LD Biology courses from the approved list</li> <li>• 1 LD Statistics course from the approved list</li> <li>• 5 UD Public Health Core Disciplines courses</li> <li>• 3 UD Public Health Perspective (PH UDP) courses</li> <li>• 2 UD Public Health Electives (PH UDEs) from the approved list</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork/Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 quarter UD Capstone or Honors Practicum sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (<a href="#">Strict mandatory attendance</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 LD Introduction to Public Health course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Research Methods course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Trending Topics (PH TT) course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Elective (PH LDE) course</li> <li>• 3 LD General Biology sequence courses</li> <li>• 1 LD/UD Programming (CP) course</li> <li>• 3 LD Calculus for Engineers sequence courses</li> <li>• 1 LD Linear Algebra course</li> <li>• 1 LD Calculus-Based Statistics course</li> <li>• 5 UD Public Health Core Disciplines courses</li> <li>• 2 UD Public Health Perspective (PH UDP) courses</li> <li>• 3 UD Statistical Analysis Concentration Core courses</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork/Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 quarter UD Capstone or Honors Practicum sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (<a href="#">Strict mandatory attendance</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Coursework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 LD Introduction to Public Health course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Research Methods course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Trending Topics (PH TT) course</li> <li>• 1 LD Public Health Elective (PH LDE) course</li> <li>• 3 LD General Biology sequence courses</li> <li>• 4 LD General Chemistry sequence with lab courses</li> <li>• 3 LD Natural Science courses from the approved list</li> <li>• 2 LD Calculus sequence courses</li> <li>• 1 LD Statistics course from the approved list</li> <li>• 5 UD Public Health Core Disciplines courses</li> <li>• 2 UD Public Health Perspective (PH UDP) courses</li> <li>• 3 UD Medicine Sciences Electives from the approved list</li> </ul> <p><b>Fieldwork/Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 quarter UD Capstone or Honors Practicum sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (<a href="#">Strict mandatory attendance</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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