DUAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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The Milken Institute School of Public Health accepts a small number of outstanding students who demonstrate academic excellence and a strong commitment to public health into its dual bachelor of science with a major in public health (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/bs-public-health/) and master of public health (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/#graduatetext) (BS/MPH) degree program each year. The program allows students to take up to 12 graduate credits as part of their undergraduate degree, thereby decreasing the number of credits normally required for the master’s degree. All requirements for both degrees must be fulfilled.

The BS/MPH program is designed to help pre-professional students who are interested in public health issues become leaders dedicated to improving the health and well-being of local, national, and international communities. Current public health undergraduate students may apply to the program after their sophomore or junior academic year. Interested students may apply to any of the MPH programs.

Visit the program website (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/programs/public-health-bs/) for additional information.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Coursework for the university general education requirement in the bachelor of science in public health is distributed as follows:

- Communication—one approved course in university writing and two approved writing-in-the-disciplines (WID) courses;
- Critical Analysis in the Humanities—one approved course in humanities that involves critical thinking skills;
- Quantitative Reasoning—one approved course in either mathematics or statistics;
- Scientific Reasoning—one approved laboratory course that employs the process of scientific inquiry; and,
- Critical Analysis in the Social Sciences—two approved courses in the social sciences

Please visit the university general education requirement (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/general-education/) page for a list of qualifying courses.

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 155 credits, including 19 credits in University General Education requirements; 34 credits in public health core courses including 10 graduate crossover credits; 9 credits in undergraduate public health electives; 58 credits in additional electives; and 35 credits in selected programspecific and graduate electives.
### Additional MPH required core course (11 credits)

These courses are in addition to the above MPH courses shared between programs:

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<td>Fundamentals of Health Policy (BSPH students receiving an A- or better in PUBH 3135W may waive/replace this course with an approved graduate elective)</td>
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<td>PUBH 6022</td>
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<td>Culminating Experience (or other CE or Capstone for specific MPH program)</td>
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Refer to the program guide for the dual BS in public health-MPH program for specific rules regarding course substitutions that may be applicable as well as course scheduling issues. Also, the relevant MPH program guide is the best source of information for program-specific graduation requirements. The undergraduate BS/MPH program advisor and mph faculty advisors are available to support individual curriculum planning.

### Graduation requirements

Successful completion of a total of 153 credits in undergraduate and graduate courses.

Successful completion of the undergraduate degree, graduate core courses, and MPH program-specific coursework.

Achievement of an overall 3.0 (B) grade-point average in graduate-level coursework.

Completion of the degrees within five years of matriculation into the dual degree program.

In accordance with undergraduate and graduate established policies- see student handbooks.

Students must comply with all policies and procedures outlined in University Regulations, SPH regulations, the SPH Undergraduate Handbook and the SPH Graduate Handbook.

* See University Regulations (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/university-regulations/), SPH regulations (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/public-health/#regulationstext), the SPH Undergraduate Handbook (https://publichealth.gwu.edu/academics/forms/).