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Mark A. Emmert, President

April 15, 2008

Dean Patricia W. Wahl
School of Public Health and Community Medicine
Box 357230

Dear Patricia:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of eliminating the minor in Public Health. A copy of the change is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Public Health and Community Medicine is authorized to eliminate this minor beginning winter quarter 2008.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jeremy Sappington (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Mildon, J.D. (with enclosure HSERV-20080206)



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New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree.
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____.
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____.
- Leading to a minor in _____.

Changes to Existing Programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____.
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____.
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____.

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____.
- Eliminate program in Public Health Minor

Proposed Effective Date:

Quarter: Autumn Winter Spring Summer Year: 2008

Contact Person Jeremy Sappington	Contact's Phone 206 _ 616 _ 2941	Contact's Email jerem@u.washington.edu
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EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE

For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support and departmental handouts. (Use additional pages if necessary).

Please see attachment "A" Rational for Ending the Minor in Public Health

Objective: NO New students declaring minor.

Revise existing requirements for students who have already signed up for the minor, but close to new students.

Priority: NO more students!

Currently 70-75 students pursuing minor.

CATALOG COPY

Catalogue Copy as currently written. Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if you request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.



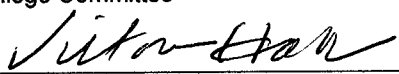
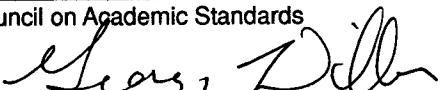
Please see attachment "B" Summary Information: Minor in Public Health

PROPOSED CATALOG COPY

Reflecting requested changes (Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications)

Please see attachment "C" Proposed Public Health Minor Requirement Winter 2008

SIGNATURES (required)

Chair/Program Director	Date
	2/14/08
Dean	Date
	2/14/08
College Committee	Date
	2-14-08
Faculty Council on Academic Standards	Date
	3-7-08

RESET FORM

Attachment A

Rationale for Ending the Minor in Public Health

Rationale for Ending the Minor in Public Health

The SPH&CM wants to eliminate the undergraduate minor in public health as of Winter 2008 and make selected changes in requirements for those who are current minors to facilitate their completion of required courses by Spring 2010.

The reasons for eliminating the minor are:

1. The minor was originally established to offer an opportunity for undergraduates who were interested in public health to have a guided program of study. In its early years only 5-10 minors were actively registered at any one point in time. **The original need no longer exists as the SPH&CM and General Studies now offer an undergraduate major in public health and a proposal to offer an undergraduate minor and major in global health is in development.**
2. The original minor required minimal staffing and had little if any impact on other courses because of the small number of students. There are currently more than 75 students who are declared minors in addition to the 75 students who are currently declared majors. The major is capped at 75 students but there are no administrative or academic controls of students who wish to declare the minor. Therefore the minor could continue to grow significantly in the near future if it continues to be an option for undergraduates. **At even the current numbers they far exceed the School's ability to provide adequate advising support and required courses.**
3. This increased number of majors and minors has also begun to cause significant overloading of those courses that are required in both the major and minor, specifically HSERV 480, MHE 417, EPI 420 and ENVH 311. At least one of these departments has recently informed the SPH&CM that it's preference is that their course no longer be required for both the major and minor. Other departments are expressing similar pressures.
4. The SPH&CM has a priority to continue to offer the major as that creates the preferred route to graduate school and eventual careers in public health.

Changes that are being proposed in requirements for the minor are designed to facilitate the completion of the minor by those students who are currently declared as public health minors. It is currently very difficult for them to get the required courses as they are often filled with those students who have priority such as MHE minors in MHE 417, Environmental Health majors in Environmental Health and Public Health majors in HSERV 480.

The current requirements for the minor are shown in Attachment B and the proposed revised curriculum is shown in Attachment C. Specific changes that are being recommended are:

1. Drop MHE 417 as a required course because that program is no longer able to guarantee public health students access to the course.
2. Drop HSERV 480 (3) as a required course and substitute the requirement of **either** HSERV 481 (2) or HSERV 482 (2)
3. Drop the current list of approved electives and substitute the revised list of approved electives including credits from three areas of study, anthropology, psychology, and sociology. This would assure that students who have earned the minor at least have introductory studies in cores areas of the social and behavioral sciences that are critical in understanding the determinants of health related behavior. It would also give the students much greater flexibility in selecting and completing the elective requirements for the minor.

Attachment B

Summary Information: Minor in Public Health



University of Washington
School of Public Health
 and Community Medicine

Summary Information: Minor in Public Health

Contact Information	Jeremy Sappington, MSPH, Senior Lecturer, Health Services; Phone: (206) 616-2941, Email: jerem@u.washington.edu (mailto: jerem@u.washington.edu)
Department/Program Title	Public Health
Degree	Undergraduate Minor (http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/phminor.asp)
Brief Program Description	This minor gives undergraduates at the University of Washington an opportunity to be introduced to major public health issues which confront the world, the United States, and our local communities.
Application Deadline	N/A
# Required Credits - Total	30
Minimum # Grad. Level Graded Credits	n/a
# Thesis/Dissertation Credits (Min/Max)	n/a
Usual Time to Complete Degree (Range)	n/a
Required Courses (Include common alternate courses if applicable)	<p>The minor in public health is 30 credits, including required courses (20 credits) and electives (10 credits) as listed below.</p> <p>Required Courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSERV 480 Introduction to Public Health (3) • ENVH 311 Introduction to Environmental Health (3) • EPI 420 Introduction to Epidemiology (3) • GEOG 280 Introduction to the Geography of Health and Health Care (5) • MHE 417 Disease in History (3) • BIOST 111 Lectures in Applied Statistics (1) • PABIO 201 Newly Emerging Diseases in Public Health (2) <p>Electives</p> <p>The remaining credits may be taken from the following list and others if approved by a public health advisor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTH 375 Comparative Systems of Healing (3) • ANTH 475 Perspectives in Medical Anthropology (5) • ANTH 476 Culture, Medicine, and the Body (5) • ANTH 477 Medicine in America: Conflicts and Contradictions (3)

- GEOG 380 Geographical Patterns of Health and Disease (4)
- HSERV 481 Issues in Public Health (2)
- HSERV 482 Population and Public Health (2)
- MHE 474/PHIL 411 Justice in Health Care (3)
- MHE 481 The Pursuit of Health in American Society (3)
- NUTR 300-Nutrition for Today (3)
- PSYCH 451 Health Psychology (5)
- SOC 112 Evolution and Revolution: An Introduction to the Study of Comparative Social Change (5)
- SOC 331 Population and Society (5)
- STAT 311 Basic Statistics with Applications (5)
- UCONJ 490 Social Sensitivity in Health Care (3)
- UCONJ 497 Health Care in a Rural Community (3).

Other Academic Requirements

Admissions Requirements and Prerequisites

Preferred Credentials and Qualifications

Eligibility for Certifying Exams (e.g., RD, Prev Med. Boards)

Likely Careers

Learning Objectives

Comments

Educational Programs: [overview \(http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/edprograms.asp\)](http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/edprograms.asp) | [by degree \(http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/bydegree.asp\)](http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/bydegree.asp) | [by department \(http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/bydept.asp\)](http://sphcm.washington.edu/about/bydept.asp)

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Attachment C

**Proposed Public Health Minor Requirements
Winter 2008**

Proposed Public Health Minor Requirements Winter 2008

A minimum of 30 credits is required to earn the public health minor. Those credits can be earned in a combination of required and elective courses as described below.

Required Courses (14 credits):

BIOST 111 Lectures in Applied Statistics (1)
GEO 280 Introduction to the Geography of Health and Health Care (5)
ENVH 311 Introduction to Environmental Health (3)
EPI 420 Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
HSERV 481 Issues in Public Health (2) **or** HSERV 482 The Health of Populations (2)

Elective Courses (16 CREDITS):

PABIO 201 Newly Emerging Diseases in Global Health (2)
NUTR 300 Nutrition for Today (3)
MHE 417 Disease in History (3)
Anthropology – Any upper division anthropology course but no more than 5 credits can be applied toward the minor
Psychology – Any upper division psychology course but no more than 5 credits can be applied toward the minor
Sociology – Any upper division sociology course but no more than 5 credits can be applied toward the minor

Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2008 11:26:35 -0800 (PST)
From: JEREMY L. SAPPINGTON <jerem@u.washington.edu>
To: Curriculum Office <uwcr@u.washington.edu>
Subject: Re: 1503: Public Health Minor changes

Matt,

Yes confirmed. That is my understanding.

Thanks.....

jeremy

On Tue, 4 Mar 2008, Curriculum Office wrote:

> Jeremy,
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> Thanks for the quick reply. What SCAP will recommend FCAS to approve is what
> you submitted, but under elective courses, students will have the following:
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> Electives (16 credits): 16 credits to be selected from PABIO 201 (2), NUTR 30
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> (3), MHE 417 (3), or from the approved list of electives available from the
> adviser.
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> Matthew Winslow
> Assistant Registrar
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> On Mon, 3 Mar 2008, JEREMY L. SAPPINGTON wrote:
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> > Matt,
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> > Thanks for the call today.....YES we will approve the use of the list of
> > electives currently being used for the major as the list of electives for
> > the minor.
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> > I assume your e-mail indicates the other changes being recommended in the
> > minor requirements would be approved also.
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> > I will have e-mail access again tomorrow eveing so if you have any
> > additional questions please e-mail them to me and I will respond tomorrow
> > night.
> > Thanks again
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> > jeremy
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> > On Mon, 3 Mar 2008, Curriculum Office wrote:
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> > > Jeremy,
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> > > Jennifer Payne is out on maternity leave until April 14. I will be the
> > > contact person for curriculum issues until her return. You can continue t
o
> > > use the uwcr@u. email address for correspondence.
> > >

> > > The Faculty Council on Academic Standard's Subcommittee on Admissions and
> > > Programs (SCAP) met this past Friday to discuss your request for the
> > > termination of the Public Health Minor with additional changes to the
> > > requirements for the students who have currently declared the minor.

> > > SCAP approves of the termination of the minor. However, they were
> > > concerned that the changes to the minor for the remaining students were
> > > too extreme and would result in students being able to take courses (in
> > > SOC, PSYCH, and ANTH) that have no applicability to the minor. The
> > > committee suggested using the list of courses from the public health
> > > major. (The handout that David Sayrs referenced during the meeting is
> > > titled, "Courses approved for section D: public-health related courses."

> > > If your program approves of this change, SCAP has recommended forwarding
> > > this change to the next step of full review by FCAS at the meeting next
> > > Friday (March 7).

> > > Matthew Winslow
> > > Assistant Registrar

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> > > New Course and Course Change forms are available on the Curriculum Office
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Courses Approved for section D: "Public Health Related Courses"

ANTH 308-Anthropology of Women's Health and Reproduction (5) I&S
ANTH 375-Comparative Systems of Healing (3) I&S
ANTH 473-Anthropology of Science and Technology (5) I&S/NW
ANTH 474-Social Difference and Medical Knowledge (5) I&S
ANTH/HSERV 475-Perspectives in Medical Anthropology (5) I&S
ANTH 476-Culture, Medicine, and the Body (5) I&S
ANTH 477-Medicine in America: Conflicts and Contradictions (3) I&S
ANTH 487-Cultures and Politics of Environmental Justice (5) I&S
BIO A 450-Biodemography Seminar (5) I&S/NW
BIO A 482-Human Population Genetics (5) NW, QSR
CHID 332-Disability and Society: Introduction to Disability Studies (5) I&S
ECON 301-Intermediate Macroeconomics (5) I&S
ENV H 451-Ecology of Environmentally Transmitted Microbiological Hazards (3)
ENV H 472-Environmental Risk and Society (3)
ENVIR 379-Environmental Sociology (5) I&S/NW
GEOG 335-Geography of the Developing World (5) I&S
GEOG 370-Problems in Resource Management (5) I&S
GEOG 371-World Hunger and Resource Development (5) I&S
GEOG 380-Geographical Patterns of Health and Disease (4) I&S
GEOG 430-Contemporary Development Issues in Latin America (5) I&S
GEOG 480-Environmental Geography, Climate, and Health (5) I&S
HIST 311-Science in Civilization: Antiquity to 1600 (5) I&S
HSERV 481-Issues in Public Health (2)
HSERV 482-The Health of Populations (2)
HSERV 490-Undergraduate Special Topics (1-6, max. 12)
HSERV 499-Independent Study in Health Services (1-12, max. 12)
HSERV 511-Introduction to Health Services and Public Health (3-4)
HSERV 531-Problems in International Health (4)
HSERV 536-Emerging Infections of International Public Health Importance (3-, max. 3)
MHE 401-History of Modern Medicine (3) I&S
MHE 411-Introduction to Bioethics (3) I&S
MHE 440-Philosophy of Medicine (5) I&S
MHE 474-Justice in Health Care (5) I&S/VLPA
MHE 481-The Pursuit of Health in American Society (3) I&S
NURS 407-Culture, Diversity, and Nursing Practice (3)
NUTR 300-Nutrition for Today (3) NW
NUTR 405-Phys Activity in Health and Disease (3)
PHARM 301-Self-Care Products and Practices (2)
PHIL 338-Philosophy of Human Rights (5) I&S
PHIL/MHE 459-Philosophy of Medicine (5) I&S
PSYCH 303-Personality (5) I&S
PSYCH 322-Introduction to Drugs and Behavior (3) NW
PSYCH 345-Social Psychology (5) I&S
PSYCH 380-Cross-Cultural Competence (4) I&S
PSYCH 451-Health Psychology (5) I&S/NW
SIS 470-Human Rights in Latin America (5) I&S
SOC 316-Introduction to Sociological Theory (5) I&S
SOC 330-Human Ecology (5) I&S
SOC 331-Population and Society (5) I&S
SOC 356-Society and Politics (5) I&S
SOC 360-Introduction to Social Stratification (5) I&S
SOC 364-Women in the Social Structure (5) I&S
SOC 379-Environmental Sociology (5) I&S/NW
UCONJ 440-Biological Aspects of Aging (3)
UCONJ 490-Social Sensitivity in Health Care (3) I&S
UCONJ 497-Health Care in a Rural Community (3)
UCONJ 501-503-International Health (1)