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President

February 10, 2015

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Dear Howie:

Based on the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised admission requirements for both the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Public Health. A copy of the changes is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the School of Public Health is authorized to specify these requirements beginning autumn quarter 2015.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael K. Young".

Michael K. Young  
President

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Susan Inman (with enclosure)  
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)  
Ms. Virjean Edwards (with enclosure)



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# CREATING AND CHANGING UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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<b>College/Campus</b> Public Health/Seattle	<b>Department/Unit</b> Dean's Office	<b>Date</b> 12/3/14
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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 <sup>Public Health</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of <sup>BA/BS</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~Revised Program Requirements for the Major in <sup>Public Health</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ within the Bachelor of <sup>BA/BS</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.~~
- Revised Requirements for the Option in \_\_\_\_\_ within the major in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Changes**

- Change name of program from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Change delivery method or location of program.
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for \_\_\_\_\_.
- New Honors Requirements for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Eliminate program in \_\_\_\_\_.

Proposed Effective Date: **Quarter:**  Autumn  Winter  Spring  Summer **Year: 20 15**

Contact Person: Susan Inman	Phone: 1-4440	Email: susani@uw.edu	Box: 357230
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**EXPLANATION OF AND RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE**

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

**ADMISSION:** We propose to split our admission requirements into an early admission option for students who have found the Public Health Major early in their academic career and an upper division admission option for all other students. Early and upper division admission options make our competitive process more transparent. An increase in requirements for upper division admission will also better match expectations for successful and timely completion of the Public Health Major. We have had six admission cycles, with very basic requirements, since becoming a free standing major and know these changes will help us better communicate and remain accessible to students.

**ELECTIVES:** Major electives are meant to develop and master competency areas introduced in our Integrated Core series. We propose that a minimum 10 of 20 credits of these 300 and 400-level courses come from the School of Public Health which is offering more in these ten prefixes - BOST, ENV H, EPI, G H, HIHIM, HSERV, NUTR, PABIO, PHG, SPH - every year. Committed to remaining an interdisciplinary major, this increases from 33 to 43 the number of credits required to be taken from across our School.

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED**

List all departments/units/ or co-accredited programs affected by your new program or changes to your existing program and acquire the signature of the chair/director of each department/unit listed. Attach additional page(s) if necessary. \*See online instructions.

Department/Unit:	Chair/Program Director:	Date:
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**CATALOG COPY**

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


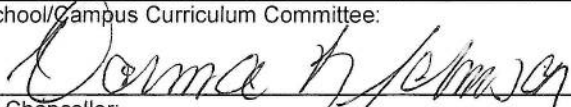

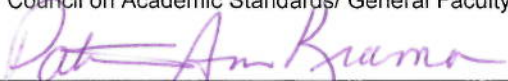
See attached.

**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 note:** all copy will be edited to reflect uniform style in the General Catalog.

See attached.

**APPROVALS**

Chair/Program Director:		Date:	12/10/14
College/School/Campus Curriculum Committee:		Date:	12/31/14
Dean/Vice Chancellor:		Date:	1/5/15
Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:		Date:	6 Feb 2015

**POST TRI-CAMPUS APPROVAL (when needed)**

Faculty Council on Academic Standards/ General Faculty Organization/Faculty Assembly Chair:	Date:
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## 1503 AUT 2015 for Public Health Major

### Catalog Excerpt re: Admission

#### Current

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1. Admission to the major is competitive. Applicants must complete prerequisite coursework (see below) and an application to be considered. Completing the prerequisites and submitting an application do not guarantee admission.
2. Admission is offered twice a year for autumn and winter quarters. Applications for autumn are due the third Friday of spring quarter and applications for winter are due the third Friday of autumn quarter. Applications can be downloaded from the Public Health undergraduate program website at [sph.washington.edu/uph](http://sph.washington.edu/uph). (Transfer students must apply for admission to the UW for autumn or winter quarter, following the admission process and policies found at [admit.washington.edu](http://admit.washington.edu). Application deadline for the UW for autumn quarter is February 15 and winter quarter is September 15.)
3. Applicants must complete the following by the application deadline to be considered for admission:
  - a. Minimum 45 college credits.
  - b. Minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA.
  - c. Minimum 2.0 grade in one introductory public health course from the following: [ENV H 111](#), [G H 101](#), [HSERV 100](#), [NUTR 300](#), or one 5-credit course from anthropology (ANTH only), political science, psychology, or sociology (200 level or above recommended)
  - d. Minimum grade of 2.0 in one introductory science from the following: [BIOL 118](#), [BIOL 180](#), [CHEM 120](#), [CHEM 142](#), [CHEM 145](#), or [PHYS 114/PHYS 117](#)
4. The program evaluates applications based on overall academic record, grades in major relevant coursework, selection of and preparation for appropriate BA or BS option, a personal statement, and ability to make satisfactory progress toward the degree.
5. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information session before submitting an application.
6. Transfer students may use any transferable equivalent course(s) for prerequisite coursework. Consult the UW Equivalency Guide or a UW adviser to verify transferability of coursework.

#### Proposed

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1. Admission to the major is competitive. Applicants must complete prerequisite coursework (see below) and an application to be considered for admission. Completing the prerequisites and submitting an application do not guarantee admission.
2. Admission is offered twice a year for autumn and winter quarters. Applications for autumn are due the third Friday of spring quarter and applications for winter are due the third Friday of autumn quarter. The application is available from the Public Health Major website at [sph.washington.edu/uph](http://sph.washington.edu/uph). Transfer students must also apply to for admission to the UW for autumn or winter quarter, following the admission process, policies, and deadlines found at [admit.washington.edu](http://admit.washington.edu).
3. The program evaluates applications based on overall academic record, grades in major relevant coursework, selection of and preparation for appropriate BA or BS path, ability to make satisfactory progress toward the degree and understanding of and potential fit with the major as demonstrated in personal statement.
4. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an information session before submitting an application.

5. Transfer students may use any transferable equivalent course(s) for prerequisite coursework. Consult the UW Equivalency Guide or a UW adviser to verify transferability of coursework.

### Early Admission

The early admission option is for a select group of students, already enrolled at the UW, who have discovered the major early in their academic career and want to begin developing stronger connections to the School and related opportunities. Students apply to the early admission option during spring of their first year for entry in autumn of their second year or during autumn of their second year for entry in winter of their second year.

Applicants must complete the following by the application deadline to be considered for admission:

- a. Minimum 30 college credits
- b. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- c. 5 credits of English composition
- d. Minimum grade of 3.0 in one introductory public health course from the following: ENV H 111, EPI 201, G H 101, HSERV 100, NUTR 300, PHG 200
- e. Minimum grade of 3.0 in one introductory science from the following: BIOL 118, BIOL 180, CHEM 120, CHEM 142, CHEM 145, or MICROM 301/302

### Upper Division Admission

The upper division admission option is typical for most students both at the UW and transferring from other institutions.

Applicants must complete the following by the application deadline to be considered for admission:

- a. Minimum 60 college credits
- b. Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- c. 5 credits of English composition
- d. Minimum grade of 2.5 in one introductory public health course from the following: ENV H 111, EPI 201, G H 101, HSERV 100, NUTR 300, PHG 200 or one 5-credit course from anthropology (ANTH only), geography (GEOG), political science (POL S), psychology (PSYCH), or sociology (SOC)
- e. For BA path students, minimum grade of 2.5 in one introductory science from the following: BIOL 118, BIOL 180, CHEM 120, CHEM 142, CHEM 145, or MICROM 301/302
- f. For BS path students, minimum grades of 2.5 in at least two courses of year-long sequence of introductory science, with laboratories, or mathematics, chosen from: biology (BIOL 180, BIOL 200, BIOL 220); chemistry (CHEM 142, CHEM 152, CHEM 162); organic chemistry (CHEM 237, CHEM 238, CHEM 239, CHEM 241 CHEM 242); physics (PHYS 114/PHYS 117, PHYS 115/PHYS 118, PHYS 116/PHYS 119, or PHYS 121, PHYS 122, PHYS 123); or mathematics (MATH 124, MATH 125, MATH 126)

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Catalog Excerpt re: Electives

**Current Catalog**

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7. *Public Health Electives (20 credits)*: 300- and 400-level courses to build competency areas in public health. See website or adviser for approved list. Any course not on the list must be approved by public health adviser.

**Proposed Catalog**

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7. *Public Health Electives (20 credits)*: 300- and 400-level courses to build competency areas in public health. Minimum 10 credits must come from School of Public Health (prefixes: BIOST, ENV H, EPI, G H, HIHIM, HSERV, NUTR, PABIO, PHG, SPH). See website or adviser for approved list. Any course not on the list must be approved by public health adviser.



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c/o Jennifer Payne, University Curriculum Procedures Analyst

From: Public Health Major Steering Committee  
c/o Susan Inman, Program & Advising Manager

Re: AUT 2015 1503 Curriculum Application

Thank you for the opportunity to address concerns about our proposal to require students to complete 10 of their 20 approved electives within the School of Public Health. It sounded like *concerns included the impact on a student's ability to complete a double degree/double major or minor with the non-Public Health academic units on the approved elective list, and how the restriction aligned with the School's stated commitment to an interdisciplinary major. Also that, because the majority of SPH courses currently on the approved electives list are 3 credits, many students would actually need to complete 12 credits of the approved electives from SPH courses to meet the requirement.*

It has long been our goal to create more upper division undergraduate courses in the School in order to provide our students an opportunity to develop and master competency areas introduced in our Integrated Core series of courses. By increasing elective requirements from the School (ten different prefixes representing five departments and interdisciplinary programs) we are meeting the needs of students and reinforcing the interdisciplinary work that is inherent in public health.

We are reassured in this move by our students who report they are satisfying their electives in this way already or will as options increase. We do have a few new courses in proposal, ranging in topics from statistical analysis to health promotion, that will be 4 and 5 credits so more credit combinations will be available. The School offers nine different seminars that students frequently take to round out their electives so three 3-credit courses and one 1-credit seminar would be a pretty typical way to get to the 10 presently.

Additionally, we require social science breadth (20 credits) and BA Selectives (20 credits) or BS Selectives (30+ credits) which are predominately from the College of Arts & Sciences. We require 25 credits in our own prefix and 4-8 credits in prefix's within the School (BIOST 310 preferred, EPI 320 required).

*Soul Catcher emblem:  
A Northwest Indian  
symbol of physical and  
mental well-being.  
Artist: Marvin Oliver*

With this change, students would complete 43 credits in the School which is comparable to other liberal arts degrees that require as many or more credits in one department.

It is not our intention to make double majors, degrees, or minors difficult for our students so we intend to closely monitor any scheduling challenges so that we can adjust our requirements or make appropriate exceptions. Students would have no difficulty completing our most popular minors, global health, nutrition, geography, bioethics & humanities because required courses are, in fact, offered in the School or because of flexibility provided by the BA and BS Selectives.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, we would be happy to answer them.



Mon Feb 02 10:34:51 2015 **susani <susani@uw.edu> - Ticket created**

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Subject: 1503 Follow Up

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From: "Susan Inman" <susani@uw.edu>

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I verified with our faculty, Jennifer. Please strike the elective request and we'll revisit it at the time when we move to make public health disciplined focused options.

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Anything else you need from me to move forward?

Thanks,

Susan

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