

Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences

The goal of the Health Sciences major is to provide students with a fundamental background in health promotion and disease prevention. This background will enable them to understand the role that health promotion plays in society and the mechanisms that affect public and community health, while also considering the complexities of maintaining an optimal level of personal health.

The Health Sciences major is viewed as an excellent option for undergraduate students who are preparing to enter graduate school in public health, health promotion, and health education, as well as other health-related graduate or professional programs, such as medicine or dentistry.

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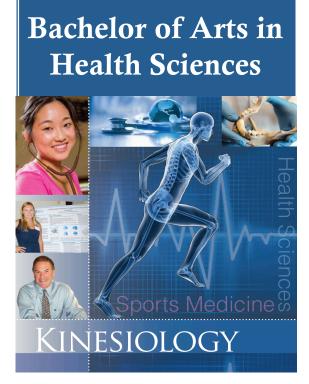
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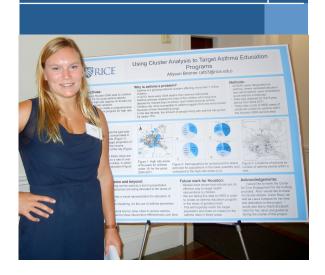






Degree Information

A minimum of 120 semester hours is required for the Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences degree. In addition to the University course requirements, students majoring in Health Sciences must complete 42 hours of course work within the major and from a selection of elective credits. Students desiring to major in Health Sciences should consult the appropriate faculty advisor for personalized degree planning tailored to his/her desired career path.





Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences Degree Requirements

CORE COURSES (18 hours total)

HEAL 222 (3) Principles of Public & Community Health

HEAL 313 (3) Foundations of Health Promotion & Health Education

KINE 319 (3) Statistics for the Health Professional

HEAL 407 (3) Epidemiology

HEAL 422 (3) Theories & Models of Health Behavior

HEAL 460 (3) Planning & Evaluation of Health Promotion/Education

ELECTIVES (24 hours total)

HEAL 103 (3) Nutrition

HEAL 119 (3) Introduction to Health & Wellness

HEAL 132 (3) Medical Terminology

HEAL 208 (3) Chemical Alterations of Behavior

HEAL 212 (3) Consumer Health & the Media

HEAL 306 (3) Human Sexuality

HEAL 350 (3) Understanding Cancer

HEAL 360 (3) Violence in America: A Public Health Perspective

HEAL 375 (3) The Built Environment & Public Health

HEAL 379 (1-3) Internship in Health Sciences

HEAL 380 (3) Disparities in Health in America

HEAL 495 (1-3) Independent Research in Health Sciences

HEAL 498 (1-3) Special Topics in Health Sciences

ELECTIVES (Continued)

ANTH 381 (3) Medical Anthropology

ANTH 386 (3) Medical Anthropology Food/Health

ANTH 446 (3) Advanced Biomedical Anthropology

BIOS 201 (3) Introductory Biology 1

BIOE 360 (3) Appropriate Design for Global Health

ECON 481 (3) Health Economics

ENGL 272 (3) Literature & Medicine

ENGL 273 (3) Medicine & Media

ENST 315 (3) Environmental Health

GLHT 201 (3) Introduction to Global Health

KINE 300 (4) Human Anatomy with Lab

KINE 301 (3) Human Physiology

KINE 326 (3) Exercise Epidemiology

KINE 440 (3) Research Methods

MDHM 201 (3) Introduction to Medical Humanities

PHIL 266 (3) Medical Ethics

PHIL 354 (3) Philosophy of Medicine

POLI 329 (3) Health Policy

PSYC 345 (3) Health Psychology

PSYC 346 (3) Stress and Health Across the Lifespan

SOCI 313 (3) Demography

SOCI 345 (3) Introduction to Medical Sociology

SOCI 465 (3) Gender & Health

SOSC 330 (3) Health Care Reform in the US

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED: 42