HEALTH SCIENCES (BS)

The mission of DePaul University's Department of Health Sciences is to educate and train students who will collaboratively address human health from interdisciplinary natural and social scientific perspectives in order to promote health and to improve the lives of individuals and communities.

The Health Sciences major offers concentrations in BioScience and Public Health Sciences that will enable future health care professionals to begin this cross-disciplinary conversation even earlier. Each concentration offers tracks that help students focus their interests and prepare for future careers. This degree a) provides students interested in pursuing a career in one of many health-related professions with a common core of knowledge; b) provides a general track in each concentration but also articulates additional tracks that meet requirements for entry into graduate programs; c) provides enough flexibility to enable students to move among those tracks as their interests evolve, and d) brings students headed for multiple health-related professions into on-going conversation with each other.

Program Requirements Quarter Hours
Liberal Studies requirements 72
Major Requirements 48-52
Major Concentration Requirements 36-40
Open Electives 24-32
Total hours required 192

Learning Outcomes
Students will be able to:

• Evaluate scientific research and evidence-based approaches to human health on an individual and population level.
• Identify the core concepts and principles of public health and explain how they promote health and prevention of disease.
• Explain the foundational biological principles related to human health.
• Identify and analyze ethical issues in research, health, and public health.
• Explain how social determinants influence an individual’s health and create health disparities.
• Demonstrate effective communication skills and work collaboratively with individuals of varied perspectives.

College Core Requirements

Modern Language Requirements
Students who intend to graduate with the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. Such competence may be demonstrated in one of several ways:

• completing the last course in the fourth-year high school sequence of any language
• completing the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language
• completing a college course beyond the first-year level in any language

• achieving a satisfactory score on any of the Modern Language placement examinations administered at DePaul
• achieving a satisfactory rating in a proficiency examination accepted by DePaul
• achieving a score of 3 or higher on the Advance Placement (AP) test for any language
• achieving a score of 5 or higher in the Language B assessment from a Standard or Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) program
• achieving a satisfactory score on the CLEP examination

For further information regarding satisfactory scores and possible credit from the DePaul placement, AP, CLEP, or IB examinations, please contact Student Records.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College of Science and Health will abide by the College of Science and Health Modern Language Requirement in place on the effective date of the ICT. BA students who meet College requirements and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the "Modern Language Option" of the Liberal Studies Program. While Bachelor of Science (BS) students are not required to demonstrate competency in a modern language, the "Modern Language Option" is available to them for language study at any level.

Major Declaration Requirements
All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. After researching College programs, the student should declare a major field by visiting Campus Connection and using the Declarations and Inter-College Transfer tool. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor or staff advisor in the department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

To change major fields, or to declare a minor or concentration, the student must use the Declarations and Inter-College Transfer tool described above. However, for the purpose of exploring the possibility of changing a major field, the student should consult an academic advisor in the College or an academic advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

Liberal Studies Requirements
Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.
### Learning Domains

**Arts and Literature (AL)** ([https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/))
- 3 Courses Required

**Historical Inquiry (HI)** ([https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/](https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/))
- 2 Courses Required

- 2 Courses Required
  (See Note Below)

- 2 Courses Required
  (See Note Below)

- Not Required

- 3 Courses Required

### Major Requirements

#### Core Course Requirements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Quarter Hours</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>HLTH 201</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SCIENCE</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLTH 202</td>
<td>HEALTH RESEARCH LITERACY</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLTH 210</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH (not required for some Accelerated Program concentrations)</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HLTH 350</td>
<td>HEALTH SCIENCES CAPSTONE</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIO 191</td>
<td>GENERAL BIOLOGY I FOR SCIENCE MAJORS</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

All majors will also complete one approved health ethics course, which can apply to the Religious Dimensions or Philosophical Inquiry learning domains (REL 229 or PHL 229) within their liberal studies program, or to their track electives in the major (HLTH 229).

#### Concentration Requirements

Students must select a concentration within the major and complete the requirements. A maximum of one concentration and one track may be selected. Health Sciences concentrations include: BioScience (with tracks in General; Medical; Lab Investigations; and Pre-nursing) and Public Health Sciences.

### Notes

Students must complete one approved health ethics course: REL 229 (RD) or PHL 229 (PI) within their liberal studies program or a track elective in the major, HLTH 229.

Specified required courses within Liberal Studies may have grade minimums (e.g. C- or better). Please consult your advisor or your college and major requirements.

Students with a primary major in Health Sciences are required to complete the Capstone offered by the Health Sciences department. Students double majoring or pursuing dual degrees with the primary major or primary degree in Health Sciences are required to complete the Capstone offered by the Health Sciences department. Health Sciences students in the University Honors Program shall take the University Honors Capstone. They are not expected to take both the Honors Capstone and the primary major or primary degree Capstone.

Courses offered in the student’s primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student’s major and is cross-listed with a course within the student’s major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.
requirements and major requirements, student are required to choose one of the following concentrations.

- BioScience Concentration, Health Sciences (BS) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/health-sciences-bs/bioscience-concentration-health-sciences-bs/)
- Public Health Sciences Concentration, Health Sciences (BS) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/programs/health-sciences-bs/public-health-sciences-concentration-health-sciences-bs/)