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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH

Welcome to the School of Public Health! I am so pleased that you have chosen to pursue a baccalaureate degree in public health. You have made a choice that will not only shape your future but potentially the future of others near and far.

Your curriculum in public health promises to be both challenging and rewarding. In order to guide you as you navigate the program, we have compiled this handbook which includes the policies, information, and resources that you will need. It should be regarded as a supplement to the Undergraduate Catalog. Keep it in a convenient place so that you can access it when questions arise. We are here to assist you and to provide you with an education that will serve you well in whatever career path you ultimately choose.

While you are here in the program, I encourage you to interact with other students and faculty in the public health community. I will be conducting a Director's Seminar regularly for students in the major so that we can address relevant issues together, and I strongly urge you to attend. The School of Public Health hosts special presentations and events throughout the year that can enhance your education as well, and you are sure to discover new interests and develop new insights by participating.

All the best to you in this phase of your education!

Sincerely,



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INTRODUCTION TO THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Health Student Handbook contains information that is useful to undergraduate students in the School of Public Health throughout their program of study and is intended to be a supplement to the information provided in the UIC Undergraduate Catalog (<http://www.uic.edu/ucats/catalog/>). Please note that information contained in this handbook is for informational purposes only and is subject to change without notice.

Each student will be held responsible for its content and the policies and regulations that apply, regardless of whether the student is informed of these points through other means.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE

The School of Public Health is one of 15 colleges/schools that comprise the University of Illinois at Chicago. Established in 1970, the fully accredited School of Public Health offers six degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Public Health (BA), Master of Public Health (MPH), Master of Science (MS), Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA), Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), along with certificate programs and non-degree continuing education opportunities to both full and part-time students and professionals practicing in the field. The Bachelor of Arts in Public Health is housed within the SPH Office of the Dean.

SPH MISSION STATEMENT

The UIC School of Public Health is dedicated to excellence in protecting and improving the health and well-being of the people of the metropolitan Chicago area, the State of Illinois, and the nation, and of others throughout the world. The School achieves this mission by: educating scientists, professionals and the public; conducting research to develop

solutions to public health problems; providing public health service; and formulating public health policy.

SPH STATEMENT OF VALUES

We are a community of scholars, students and staff dedicated to creating a healthy society. In achieving this goal, we are committed to:

COMMUNITY the basic unit of analysis for public health, enabling communities to address their own problems, sharing skills, lowering barriers to action, and acting as a catalyst for progress.

KNOWLEDGE the pursuit, development and dissemination of which will improve the health of the public.

PROFESSIONALISM acting with integrity and collegiality in learning, teaching, research and public service.

STEWARDSHIP of natural, human and financial resources.

IDEALISM whether secularly or spiritually motivated.

CARING promoting compassion for and action on behalf of others.

JUSTICE whereby everyone is given access to the resources necessary to live a humane life and necessary to fulfill his or her full potential.

DIVERSITY celebrating unique contributions to the fabric of our community.

RESPECT for the members of this community and for those whom our efforts are intended to serve.

HUMILITY as we set our goals, as we work together to achieve them, and as we address

the inevitable conflicts produced by those joint efforts.

MUTUAL TOLERANCE AND RESPECT STATEMENT

Public health deals with controversial issues from multiple perspectives and consideration of these issues may cause disagreements among us or may evoke strong personal feelings, depending on our individual experience, histories, identities and worldviews. Therefore, in all of our interactions and communications, it is important that we strive to have mutual respect and tolerance for one another and for any course guests and members of the community with whom we come into contact. If you feel you have been offended by any content or interactions, you are encouraged to discuss this with the instructor or another faculty member.

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The commitment of the University of Illinois to the most fundamental principles of academic freedom, equality of opportunity, and human dignity requires that decisions involving students and employees be based on individual merit and be free from invidious discrimination in all its forms.

The University of Illinois will not engage in discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, order of

protection status, genetic information, marital status, disability, sexual orientation including gender identity, unfavorable discharge from the military or status as a protected veteran and will comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action laws, orders and regulations. This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions, employment, access to and treatment in the University programs and activities.

University complaint and grievance procedures provide employees and students with the means for the resolution of complaints that allege a violation of this Statement. Members of the public should direct their inquiries or complaints to the appropriate equal opportunity office.

For the Chicago campus, the Office for Access and Equity, 717 Marshfield Building, M/C 602, 809 South Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60612-7297, (312) 996-8670, cabw@uic.edu.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

For information on admission policies and procedures, please visit the Admissions section of the SPH website

(www.publichealth.uic.edu/admissions/).

Outstanding Admission Requirement Policy Statement

Under special circumstances, an applicant may be recommended for admission with an outstanding admission requirement still to be completed (e.g., completion of preparatory course work). The outstanding admission requirement(s) under which a student is admitted to the School are to be stipulated in writing by the Director of Undergraduate Public Health. Students admitted with an outstanding admission requirement must satisfy the requirement during their first term of enrollment in the program unless otherwise specified. Failure to satisfy the requirement in the specified time frame may result in dismissal from the program.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Health is a junior entry program in which students will acquire an array of skills that can be applied to many forms of inquiry, analysis, scientific and moral reasoning, and practice. Students complete 60 hours of prerequisite course work at UIC or another college/university and then an additional 60 hours of course work once admitted to the major.

The BA in Public Health offers two tracks:

- Professional track - designed for those students who intend to enter the professional workforce upon completion of the BA.
- Academic track - designed for those students who intend to pursue further

academic degrees upon completion of the BA.

With a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health, graduates can pursue entry level positions in the public health workforce, or graduate school within the health sciences or related fields by building the necessary prerequisite course work into their studies.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the baccalaureate program in public health is to engage and enlighten students about matters related to the health of societies locally, nationally, and globally. By systematically examining biological,

environmental, cultural, behavioral, historical, economic, and political factors that mitigate health, students in the program will become informed citizens who can consider the public's health in whatever life roles they assume. For those who go on to careers in medicine, nursing, dentistry and other health related professions, the baccalaureate program in public health builds upon a broad foundation in the biological and behavioral sciences imbued with social ecology and population-based perspectives. Graduates of the program will acquire an array of skills that can be applied to many forms of inquiry, analysis, scientific and moral reasoning, and practice. At the baccalaureate level, graduates may seek employment in public health as communicable disease investigators, public health educators, program coordinators, environmental specialists, information specialists, and other roles commensurate with their skills. Those wishing to pursue professional careers in the public health arena will be well positioned to continue their studies through matriculation into master's degree programs in public health (MPH) or the Master of Science degrees in specific public health disciplines. Emerging from the program with an informed understanding of public health, graduates will embrace the vision of health equity and social justice.

CURRICULAR THEMES

The following themes will be revisited throughout the baccalaureate curriculum:

Health as a Moral Endeavor: Exploring the moral importance of health and healthcare considering individual and societal commitments and obligations including the fair use of limited resources.

Health Equity: Having equitable access and the means and resources to attain one's full life potential.

Life Course Perspective: The cumulative evolutionary, pre-generational, pre-natal, and life events and circumstances that influence health at any one point in time.

One Health [Human-Animal-Environment]: The inextricable relationship among animal, human, and environmental health as determined by, e.g. evolutionary biology, human behavior, and environmental phenomena.

Cultural Relevance: The lens through which life events are experienced and interpreted and through which meaning is ascribed.

Local/Global Impact: Appreciation for the global systems that influence the processes, dynamics, and activities of the world's populations; health as a multi-faceted state shaped within, e.g., biological, socio-cultural, geographic, economic, and political contexts.

CURRICULAR GOALS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The overarching goals and learning outcomes of the baccalaureate curriculum in public health are to produce citizens who will:

1. Rise to the challenge of understanding the world in a nuanced way expressing a broad world view and an expansive view of health.
 - a. Explain the inter-section of human rights and principles of social justice in the production of population health, health equity, and health disparities.

- b. Analyze historical and contemporary public health events from multiple perspectives.
 - c. Identify and discuss major public health challenges for local, national, and global populations.
2. Be informed, attuned, and energized advocates of health accepting individual responsibility to effect positive change.
 - a. Discuss the characteristics, limitations, and evolution of health care systems.
 - b. Describe the social, economic, and political processes that influence public health policy and public health services.
 - c. Articulate how human, animal, and environmental health interact and impact the health of populations.
3. Demonstrate skill in critical and analytical thinking.
 - a. Describe the methods used to measure health status, promote public health, and curtail disease.
 - b. Discriminately apply scientific information and data to public health endeavors.
 - c. Demonstrate the use of selected strategies and tools used for measuring population health.
4. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing with a variety of audiences.
 - a. Apply critical reasoning to select or develop public health related messages.
 - b. Develop reasoned arguments in support of public health premises.
- c. Describe culturally appropriate strategies to promote health.
5. Be sensitive and astute observers.
 - a. Describe socio-cultural, economic, behavioral, and other contextual determinants of individual and population health.
 - b. Explain the importance of cultural practices, values, and perspectives in the assessment and development of public health strategies.
 - c. Discuss the importance of collaboration with professional and non-professional stakeholders in the interest of public health.
6. Commit to being educated consumers of health information.
 - a. Explain the significance of incorporating perspectives from an array of disciplines to inform public health efforts.
 - b. Access public health information and data using credible resources and information technology.
 - c. Promote public health through presentation of accurate and relevant information.
7. Apply skills and tools acquired to an array of roles in the realm of employment contributing directly or indirectly to public health.
 - a. Define public health and describe activities in the public health arena.
 - b. Critically assess their own roles and potential contributions to public health in light of their planned career trajectories.
 - c. Explain the importance of developing strategic partnerships to promote public health.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH CURRICULUM

To earn a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health degree students need to complete the University and School degree requirements as well as a minimum of 120 credit hours. Degree requirements are outlined below.

PRE-PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS (60 HOURS)

| Course/Category | Credits |
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| ENGL 160: Academic Writing I: Writing for Academic and Public Contexts | 3 |
| ENGL 161: Academic Writing II: Writing for Inquiry and Research | 3 |
| Foreign language (16 hours in a single language or equivalent) ^a | 16 |
| Quantitative Reasoning course ^b – Select from: COMM 201, CLJ 262, MATH 121, MATH 123, MATH 145, MATH 160, MATH 165, MATH 180, STAT 101, PHIL 102, PHIL 201, POLS 201, PSCH 343, or SOC 201. | 3-5 |
| PUBH 100: Health and the Public <i>May be used to satisfy Individual and Society or World Cultures category below</i> | 3 |
| PUBH 110: Public Health and Global Societies <i>May be used to satisfy Individual and Society or US Society category below</i> | 3 |
| PUBH 120: Public Health and the Study of Disease and Epidemics <i>Natural World - No Lab course.</i> | 3 |
| Additional Analyzing the Natural World course – Select from: ANTH 105, BIOS 100, BIOS 101, or BIOS 104. | 4-5 |
| Exploring World Cultures course ^c | 3 |
| Understanding U.S. Society course ^c | 3 |
| Understanding the Individual and Society course ^c | 3 |
| Understanding the Past course ^c | 3 |
| Understanding the Creative Arts course ^c | 3 |
| Additional General Education course(s) from any category, as necessary to total 24 hours of General Education credit ^c | 1-3 |
| Free electives to total 60 hours | |
| Total Hours - Pre-Public Health | 60 |

^a If a student has a background in a foreign language, proficiency in that language will be determined by testing. Should a student be deemed proficient, other course work is chosen for this credit hour requirement. See the Foreign Language Requirement section below for further explanation.

^b See Quantitative Reasoning section below.

^c Students should consult the General Education section of the UIC Undergraduate Catalog for a list of approved courses in this category. All students must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of General Education course work with at least one course from each of the six General Education categories.

Foreign Language Requirement

The basic requirement is proficiency in a language that has a recognized literature or culture. The level of proficiency must be the equivalent of that expected of the student who has completed the elementary and intermediate levels of language study (i.e., the first two years) at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Students studying foreign language at UIC are strongly encouraged to register for

required language courses in consecutive semesters until the requirement is met. Students may satisfy the requirement in any one of several ways:

1. By presenting qualifying scores on Advanced Placement examinations in foreign language or a qualifying score on a UIC foreign language placement test or other authorized proficiency test for languages not offered at UIC.
2. By completing four semesters of language courses at UIC. The college currently offers complete sequences in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Modern Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish.
3. By completing a partial sequence of language courses as determined by the results of a placement test or placement by a language department. The school determines eligibility for credit in a recommended course.
4. By presenting evidence of secondary education completed in a country where the language of instruction was other than English. No elementary- or intermediate-level course or proficiency credit will be given for that language. The language requirement, however, will be considered fulfilled only if the student consults their Advisor for application of this rule and receives conditional approval.
5. By transferring four semesters of credit in American Sign Language courses from an accredited U.S. college or university. Courses must include the study of deaf culture.

Quantitative Reasoning

Students in the School of Public Health must demonstrate competency in quantitative reasoning to earn a degree. Such competence can be demonstrated in any one of the following ways:

1. Achievement of a score on the mathematics placement examination high enough to qualify for enrollment in Mathematics 180.
2. Grade of B or better in any one of the following courses: Mathematics 121, 123, 145, 160, 165, 180, Statistics 101.
3. Grade of B or better in a mathematically oriented or quantitative course in a department in LAS other than Mathematics. Such courses must require Mathematics 090 or 118 as a prerequisite. At present, such courses include Communication 201; Criminology, Law, and Justice 262; Political Science 201; Psychology 343; and Sociology 201.
4. Grade of B or better in a logic course in the Department of Philosophy: Philosophy 102 or 210.
5. Transfer students may present equivalent courses taken elsewhere, for which they have received a grade of B or better, to satisfy this requirement.

PUBLIC HEALTH CORE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (33 - 36 HOURS)

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| PUBH 300 | Critical Thinking in Public Health | 4 |
| PUBH 310 | Public Health and Global Citizenship | 3 |
| PUBH 320 | Ecologies of Health and Modern Life | 3 |
| PUBH 330 | Health Equity and Health Disparities | 3 |
| PUBH 340 | Health Literacy | 3 |
| PUBH 350 | Health Systems, Health Policy | 3 |
| PUBH 360 | Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives | 4 |

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| PUBH 370 | Using the Public Health Toolbox | 3 |
| PUBH 410 | Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I | 2 |
| PUBH 411 | Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II | 2 |
| PUBH 397 | Baccalaureate Project in Public Health | 3 |
| PUBH 393 | Public Health Fieldwork (required for those in the professional track, optional for students in the academic track) ^a | 3 |
| Total Hours – PUBH Courses | | 33 or 36 |

^a Students in the professional track are required to take PUBH 393: Public Health Fieldwork. Students in the academic track may choose to take the PUBH 393 as part of their 15 hours of selectives (see below).

PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE AND ELECTIVE HOURS (24 - 27 HOURS)

| Course/Category | Credits |
|--|-----------------|
| <p>Public Health Selectives: In consultation with their Advisor, students must develop an area of focus and choose 12 -15 hours of courses from the list on the following page that work toward their focus area (students in the Professional Track select 12 hours and students in the Academic Track select 15 hours).</p> <p>PUBH 393: Public Health Fieldwork is a requirement for students in the professional track but may be taken as a selective for those in the academic track.</p> | 12 or 15 |
| Public Health Electives: Pre-approved by Advisor as relevant to the student's plan of study | 6 |
| Free Electives | 6 |
| Total Hours – Selective and Elective Courses | 24 or 27 |

Developing an Area of Focus Plan

In order to formalize their area of focus, students must complete an Area of Focus Plan whereby they provide an overview and rationale of their focus area as well as the courses they intend to complete to create this focus area. This Area of Focus Plan must be submitted to the Advisor no later than the 8th Friday of the student's second semester in the program. The plan will be reviewed by the Advisor and students will be notified of approval or required revisions.

Please note that selectives and public health electives must be approved by the Advisor in order to ensure that they will be applicable toward the student's degree. The student is responsible for securing approval for any potential selectives or public health electives completed prior to submission of the Area of Focus Plan or any revisions to the plan thereafter. This approval must be secured prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student intends to complete the specified course.

PUBLIC HEALTH SELECTIVE OPTIONS

The selective options below are current as of August 2014. The list will be evolving so students are advised to consult their Advisor for the most up to date list prior to developing their Area of Focus Plan. In addition, students should consult the UIC Course Descriptions website (<http://www.uic.edu/ucat/courses/>) for up to date descriptions of courses in which they are interested in enrolling.

Please note that many of the courses below have prerequisite requirements and/or require permission of the instructor. Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet any and all prerequisites and/or secure consent of the instructor prior to enrolling. In addition, please be aware that not all courses are offered every semester or every year.

African American Studies (AAST)

AAST 225 Racial and Ethnic Groups

3 hours. Sociological and social-psychological analysis of racial, religious, and other ethnic groups; consideration of historical and current social problems arising from their relationships in society. Same as LALS 225 and SOC 225. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 100; or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

AAST 258 Race and Urban Life

3 hours. Examines the experiences of Blacks in urban areas since the 1900's. Same as SOC 258.

AAST 272 Race, Gender and Sexuality

3 hours. The course will focus on the various ways that African American Studies has conceptualized issues of gender and sexuality. Same as GWS 272. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

AAST 405 Urban Ethnography

3 OR 4 hours. The study of processes and meanings in African American communities in urban areas, interviews, participant observation, focus groups. Same as SOC 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100; and junior standing or above.

AAST 406 Politics of Race, Gender and Class

3 OR 4 hours. Formation of social status categories, individual and collective identity construction, the mechanisms of group-based marginalization and stigmatization; relationship between social status categories. Same as GWS 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100 or GWS 102 or GWS 101; or graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

AAST 410 Seminar in Black Child Development

3 OR 4 hours. Race, class and cultural theories of black child development. Examination of socialization process and developmental outcomes, with particular attention to social attitudes and behaviors. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 201 or PSCH 100 or consent of instructor.

AAST 431 The History and Politics of Africa on Film

3 OR 4 hours. Key moments and issues in African history through the eyes of African film and documentary makers. Same as MOVI 431. *Prerequisite(s)*: Junior standing or above.

Anthropology (ANTH)**ANTH 216 Medicine, Culture, and Society**

3 hours. Medical anthropology is the study of human health and illness across culture, time, and location. The cultural, political and moral components of disease, illness, suffering, health, and well-being will be discussed. *Prerequisite(s)*: ANTH 101; or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and World Cultures course.*

ANTH 312 Cross-Cultural and Historical Perspectives of Youth Culture

3 hours. The cultural construction of "youth" and "youth culture" through time and around the world. The ways in which age designations are used to naturalize a variety of broader cultural/ideological projects.

ANTH 411 Urban Cultural Problems

3 OR 4 hours. A study of the processes of urbanization and of cultural and social adjustments to the city; illustrated by case studies. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours.

ANTH 413 Social Organization

3 OR 4 hours. Theory and method in the study of kinship and social organization, for advanced undergraduate and graduate students. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: ANTH 213 or graduate standing or consent of the instructor.

ANTH 418 Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Methods

3 OR 4 hours. Practical introduction to the techniques of social scientists for research in natural social settings: participant observation/non-participant observation, interviewing, use of documentary sources, etc. Same as GEOG 418. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Junior standing or above.

ANTH 424 Violence

3 OR 4 hours. Explores how men and women have experienced violence historically and in modern times. Students examine how violence is perpetrated through words, pictures, physical harm, and silences. Same as CLJ 423. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: CLJ 101 and CLJ 200.

ANTH 438 Reproductive Ecology

3 OR 4 hours. Utilizes an evolutionary framework to consider both proximate (physiological) and ultimate (evolutionary) explanations for the relationship between female and male reproductive patterns and environmental challenges. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of B or better in ANTH 238, and graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

ANTH 453 Seminar in Cultural Ecology

3 OR 4 hours. Cultural ecology and cultural evolution, emphasizing peasant farming and other subsistence systems. Soil management under shifting and sedentary agriculture. Same as GEOG 453. 3

undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: ANTH 101 or GEOG 151 or consent of the instructor.

ANTH 473 Anthropology of Social Movements

3 OR 4 hours. Examines the causes of social change from the perspective of sociocultural anthropology. An ethnographic approach to political life, how communities describe and enact their experiences as individuals and citizens. 3 undergraduate hours; 4 graduate hours.

ANTH 481 Geographic Information Systems I

4 hours. Components and performance properties of geographic information systems. Geographic hierarchies and data structures. Problems and solutions in handling large geographic files. Geocoding. Same as GEOG 481. *Prerequisite(s)*: GEOG 100 and one from GEOG 278, GEOG 386, IDS 100; or consent of the instructor.

Communication (COMM)

COMM 200 Communication Technologies

3 hours. History, development, and social impact of communication technology: print, broadcast, cable, satellite, computer, internet. Issues related to infrastructure, regulation, access, globalization, conveyance, and change. Same as MOVI 200. This is blended-online and classroom course. Use of computer and internet access is required. A high speed connection, while not required, is strongly suggested. *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 103 and sophomore standing or above and approval of the department. Moving Image Arts minors must obtain approval of the Department of Communication.

COMM 303 Communication and Culture

3 hours. Examination of the relationship between communication and culture through an exploration of the general theoretical principles linking cultural influences and communicative acts. Credit is not given for COMM 303 if the student has credit in COMM 203. *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 101 and COMM 102 and COMM 201 and junior standing or above; or approval of the department.

COMM 306 Organizational Communication

3 hours. Examination of communication issues in organizational settings. Exposure to topics such as rules, networks, leadership, and decision making as well as methods of analyzing communication problems. *Prerequisite(s)*: Junior standing and COMM 201 and COMM 315; or consent of the instructor.

COMM 430 Media, Information and Society

3 OR 4 hours. News as a distinct form of mass communication, involving social functions and significant questions about facts, truth, knowledge and values. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 103 and COMM 200; or Comm 300; or approval of the department.

COMM 434 Global Communication Systems

3 OR 4 hours. Structure and flow of international communication. Media organization systems. International impact of new media and information technology. Impact of U.S. media reporting on foreign affairs. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Approval of the department.

COMM 458 Minorities and Communication

3 OR 4 hours. Description and analysis of the processes through which ethnic and racial perceptions

shape public discourse. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Two communication courses at the 300-level; or approval of the department.

COMM 460 Visual Communication

3 OR 4 hours. Exploration of processes through which meaning is derived from verbal and visual roles of media images in the cultural circuit. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Two communication courses at the 300-level; or approval of the department.

COMM 490 Seminar in Culture and Communication

3 hours. Analysis of contrastive cultural paradigms (interethnic, gender, class) to develop student's awareness of own socialization and cultural orientation. *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 301 plus any other 300-level Communication course, or approval of department.

COMM 491 Seminar in Media and Communication

3 hours. Analysis of contemporary or historical issues in mediated communication. *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 301 plus any other 300-level Communication course, or approval of Department.

COMM 494 Special Topics in Communication: Health Communication

3 OR 4 hours. Contemporary trends in the field of communication. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 2 time(s). *Prerequisite(s)*: COMM 200 and COMM 201 and consent of the instructor; or approval of the department.

Disability and Human Development

DHD 201 Disability, Rights, and Culture

3 hours. Provides an overview of disability rights and disability culture. Focuses on moral, legal, cultural, and economic aspects of the lives of people with disabilities in history and at present. *Prerequisite(s)*: DHD 101 or DHD 102. *Individual and Society course.*

DHD 202 Disability, Health, and Society

3 hours. The notion of disability and health through the use of the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF) focusing on influence of family, culture, and policies. *Prerequisite(s)*: DHD 101 or DHD 102. *Individual and Society course.*

403 Disability in Latino Communities

3 hours. Designed to examine the distinct needs of Latino families and communities in the US and in Latin American countries, and their experiences with disabilities.

Education (ED)

ED 402 Philosophy of Education and Urban School Policy

3 hours. Selected social and education philosophies and their impact on urban school curriculum design, school organization and control.

ED 403 Policy Issues in the History of American Education

3 hours. Political, economic, and cultural influences shaping the development of American education policy; emphasis on issues of education theory and practice in their historical settings.

ED 445 Adolescence and the Schools

3 hours. Physiological, intellectual, and social development of adolescence. Relations between aspects of adolescent development and the academic and social demands of secondary schools. *Prerequisite(s)*: EPSY 210, or the equivalent, or graduate standing.

Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences (EOHS)**EOHS 480 Environmental and Occupational Health Policy**

3 hours. Introduction to the framework for policymaking in the realm of occupational and environmental health. Focus is on the role of economics, legal/regulatory processes, and ethical issues. Cross-cultural and international differences will be explored. *Prerequisite(s)*: Graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

Gender and Women's Studies (GWS)**GWS 262 Constructions of Gender, Race, Health, and Human Rights**

3 hours. Explores issues at the intersections of gender, race, and sexuality through the lens of health in both U.S. and non-U.S. contexts. *Prerequisite(s)*: GWS 101 or GWS 102; and sophomore standing or above; or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and World Cultures course.*

GWS 272 Race, Gender and Sexuality

3 hours. The course will focus on the various ways that African American Studies has conceptualized issues of gender and sexuality. Same as AAST 272. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

GWS 276 Latinas in the United States

3 hours. Socioeconomic conditions and cultural experiences of Latinas in the U.S. Historical and contemporary views of labor, health, education, family, identity formation and leadership. Same as LALS 276, and SOC 226.

GWS 294 Topics in Gender and Women's Studies

1 TO 3 hours. Study of a problem, topic, or issue relevant to the interdisciplinary area of gender and women's studies. Content varies. May be repeated to a maximum of 9 hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Consent of the instructor or one gender and women's studies course.

GWS 361 Gender Theory

3 hours. Survey of theories of gender in culture. Same as ENGL 361. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in ENGL 240; and Grade of C or better in ENGL 241 or Grade of C or better in ENGL 242 or Grade of C or better in ENGL 243; or GWS 101 or GWS 102; or consent of the instructor. Recommended background: ENGL 117.

GWS 390 Feminism and Social Change

3 hours. An examination of the historical development of feminist models of social change, as well as strategies of contemporary feminist activism. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: GWS 101 and GWS 102 and Junior standing; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 394 Intermediate Topics in Gender and Women's Studies

3 hours. Study of a problem, topic or issue relevant to the interdisciplinary area of gender and women's studies at the intermediate level. Content varies. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: Consent of the instructor or one course in gender and women's studies.

GWS 406 Politics of Race, Gender and Class

3 OR 4 hours. Formation of social status categories, individual and collective identity construction, the mechanisms of group-based marginalization and stigmatization; relationship between social status categories. Same as AAST 406. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100 or GWS 102 or GWS 101; or graduate or professional standing; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 424 Gender, Crime, and Justice

3 OR 4 hours. An in-depth examination of the etiology of female crime and the involvement of females in the criminal justice system as offenders, victims, and workers/professionals. Same as CLJ 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: CLJ 101 and CLJ 220; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 425 Sociology of Gender

3 OR 4 hours. Variety and change in gender roles; patterns and consequences of gender inequality; gender and sexuality; gender and social institutions such as family, economy. Same as SOC 424. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 224, or any 100 or 200-level GWS course and an additional 200 or 300-level elective in sociology or gender and women studies; Junior standing or above; or graduate standing; or consent of the instructor.

GWS 428 Asian/Asian American Women in the Global Economy

3 OR 4 hours. Examines the racialization and feminization of a global division of labor and focuses primarily on Asian and Asian American women's participation and incorporation as workers and key actors in the development of the global economy. Same as ASAM 428 and SOC 428. 3 undergraduate hours; 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: At least one ASAM or GWS or SOC course; or consent of the instructor.

Health Policy and Administration (HPA)**HPA 402 Social Ethics and Public Health**

3 hours. Application of ideas from philosophy, law, political science and economics to analyze the ethical basis of public health policies and programs.

Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)**LALS 220 Latin American Cities in a Global Context: Environment, Employment, and Housing**

3 hours. Global economic trends impacting Latin American cities, with a focus on three urban planning issues: environment, employment and housing. Growing inequality, precarious employment, spatial segregation, and squatter settlements will be explored. Same as UPA 220. Recommended background: LALS 101. *Individual and Society, and World Cultures course.*

LALS 277 Issues of Race, Class, and Gender Among Latinos

3 hours. Institutional, cultural and psychological components of race, class, and gender relations. Institutional inequality, questions of assimilation and identity, attitudes, and effects of inequality on community. *Prerequisite(s)*: LALS 102.

LALS 348 Seminar: Political Problems of Developing Societies

3 hours. Selected aspects of the politics and countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Same as POLS 348. *Prerequisite(s)*: POLS 200 and POLS 130; or consent of the instructor.

LALS 350 Latinos and Latin Americans in U.S. Public Discourse

3 hours. The U.S. public images of Latinos and Latin Americans. *Prerequisite(s)*: Two 200-level LALS courses; junior standing or above or consent of the instructor.

LALS 380 Social Movements in Latin America

3 hours. The different ways in which different groups have used non-traditional means to change the social and political circumstances that have conditioned their lives. *Prerequisite(s)*: Two 200-level courses; junior standing or above or consent of the instructor.

LALS 382 Race and Citizenship in the Americas

3 hours. The relationship between citizenship and racial ideologies in the Americas. Comparison of the diverse racial and social experiences of U.S. Latinos with other populations in the Americas. *Prerequisite(s)*: Two 200-level LALS courses; junior standing or above or consent of the instructor.

LALS 385 Latino Social Movements in the United States

3 hours. Social movements and public action by Latinos in the United States. Includes farmworkers organizing, unionization efforts, nationalist movements, feminism, struggles, and community debates. *Prerequisite(s)*: LALS 102.

LALS 433 Latin American Migration to the U.S.

3 OR 4 hours. Latin American migration to the U.S. International migration theories, family remittances, transnational linkages, dual citizenship, and past and current U.S. immigration policy debates. Same as SOC 433. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Consent of the instructor.

Psychology (PSCH)**PSCH 201 The Psychology of African Americans**

3 hours. Historical analysis of various psychological approaches to the African American experience and identity. Special attention to development of African American psychology as a disciplinary orientation. Same as AAST 201. *Prerequisite(s)*: PSCH 100 or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

PSCH 231 Community Psychology

3 hours. Psychological principles, research and interventions concerning community settings; community human services, primary prevention, consultation, advocacy, social ecology, organizational change, and citizen participation. *Prerequisite(s)*: PSCH 100. *Individual and Society course.*

PSCH 312 Social Psychology

3 hours. Survey of theory and research in social psychology, emphasizing experimental investigations of attitudes and social cognition, and interpersonal relations and group processes. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in PSCH 242.

PSCH 315 Psychology of Women and Gender

3 hours. Critical examination of research on women and gender across the life span, including psychological aspects of reproduction, and the way that gender shapes cognition, sexuality, family, friendship, and work experiences. Same as GWS 315. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in PSCH 242 or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 320 Developmental Psychology

3 hours. Analysis of research and theory concerning social, cognitive, and biopsychological aspects of human development. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in PSCH 242.

PSCH 394 Special Topics in Psychology: Youth Mentoring: Research and Practice

1 TO 3 hours. Lectures devoted to an announced topic. May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in PSCH 242.

PSCH 411 Stereotyping, Prejudice, and Racism (with permission of instructor only)

3 hours. Psychological research and theory concerning stereotyping, prejudice, and racism. Historical conceptualization, development, causes, expression, and psychological consequences of prejudice, as well as theories of prejudice reduction. *Prerequisite(s)*: Graduate standing in psychology or consent of the instructor.

PSCH 415 Social Bases of Health Behavior (with PSCH 270 and permission of instructor only)

3 hours. Psychological theory and research concerning the coronary-prone personality, pain management, controlling adherence to medical regimens, biofeedback, smoking, and weight control. *Prerequisite(s)*: PSCH 270 and consent of the instructor, or graduate standing.

Public Administration (PA)**PA 210 Introduction to Policy Process**

3 hours. Public policy and the policymaking process. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in ENGL 161. *US Society course*.

PA 211 Policy Analysis and Alternatives

3 hours. Policy analysis and approaches to assessing policy problems and alternatives in the U.S. context. *Prerequisite(s)*: Grade of C or better in ENGL 161. *US Society course*.

PA 230 Nonprofit Organizations in U.S. Society

3 hours. Provides a basic introduction to the U.S. nonprofit sector and examines the social, political, and economic impact of these organizations in American society. *US Society course*.

PA 300 Introduction to Urban Policy Processes

3 hours. Basic structure of the policy process within the urban context including the nature of urban policy, its formulation, evaluation, and implementation. Emphasis on state and local policy development

as it relates to urban areas. Same as UPA 300. Field work required. *Prerequisite(s)*: Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs and College-level Microeconomics; or consent of the instructor.

PA 303 Urban Government I: Managing the Internal Environment

3 hours. Personnel management, organizing, budgeting, finance, leadership, motivation, economic development, accountability, ethics, legal and constitutional foundations. Same as UPA 303.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

PA 305 Urban Government II: Managing the External Environment

3 hours. Intergovernmental finance, inter-jurisdictional competition, intergovernmental cooperation, intergovernmental cooperative agreements, and contractual and informal relations with non-profit organizations and governmental actors. Same as UPA 305. *Prerequisite(s)*: Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

PA 410 Economics for Public Administration and Policy Decisions

3 OR 4 hours. Basic economic tools and methods relevant to public administration and current policy, including opportunity cost, competition versus monopoly, economic efficiency, equity, market failure, public goods, and externalities. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Appropriate score on the department placement test and graduate standing and admission to the MPA program; or consent of the instructor.

Public Health (PUBH)

PUBH 393 Public Health Fieldwork (PUBH 393 may count toward the selective hours for students in the Academic Track only)

3 hours. Public Health fieldwork is an integrative practicum experience for students who are undergraduate public health majors. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Field work required. Locations are chosen from an array of public health sites established through the Fieldwork Coordinator in the Dean's Office. Domestic and international opportunities are available. Students are expected to spend a minimum of 90 hours in the field site. Fieldwork schedules may be configured to the mutual benefit of sites and students. *Prerequisite(s)*: Senior standing in the BA in Public Health program and consent of the SPH Fieldwork Coordinator.

PUBH 394 Advanced Special Topics in Public Health

1 TO 3 hours. Intensive analysis of selected public health challenges and issues. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term.

PUBH 396 Independent Study in Public Health

1 TO 3 hours. Self-directed study of a special public health topic under the guidance of a faculty member. May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: Consent of the instructor supervising the independent study and approval of the department/school.

Sociology (SOC)

SOC 225 Racial and Ethnic Groups

3 hours. Sociological and social-psychological analysis of racial, religious, and other ethnic groups; consideration of historical and current social problems arising from their relationships in society. Same

as AAST 225 and LALS 225. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 100; or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

SOC 271 African Americans and the Politics of Incarceration

3 hours. Examination of the status of African Americans as offenders, victims, and personnel within the criminal justice system. Same as AAST 271 and CLJ 271. Previously listed as SOC 371. *Prerequisite(s)*: AAST 100 or CLJ 101 or SOC 100; or consent of the instructor. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

SOC 276 Urban Sociology

3 hours. Examination of the history, patterns, and consequences of urban places and life in those places. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 100. *Individual and Society, and US Society course.*

SOC 300 Introduction to Sociological Research Methods

4 hours. Survey of the principal methods of social research; problem and concept formation, research design, sampling reliability, internal and external validity, control of alternative explanations, ethical responsibilities of researchers. Previously listed as SOC 202. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 201; and sophomore standing or above; or Soc 201 and one additional 200-level course in sociology.

SOC 425 Race and Ethnicity

3 OR 4 hours. Critical examination of the conceptual frameworks and empirical findings in the study of race and ethnicity. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 225 an additional 200- or 300- level elective in Sociology; or consent of the instructor.

SOC 426 Topics in Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

3 OR 4 hours. Intensive examination of a specialized topic in race, ethnicity and gender. The specific topic of the course varies depending on the faculty offering it. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 2 times. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 224; or SOC 225; and junior standing or above and an additional 200 or 300-level elective in sociology; or consent of the instructor.

SOC 433 Latin American Migration to the U.S.

3 OR 4 hours. Latin American migration to the U.S. International migration theories, family remittances, transnational linkages, dual citizenship, and past and current U.S. immigration policy debates. Same as LALS 433. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: Consent of the instructor.

SOC 440 Topics in Organizations and Institutions

3 OR 4 hours. Intensive examination of a specialized topic announced when the class is scheduled. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated up to 2 times. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 244 or MGMT 340, and an additional 200-level sociology elective, and junior standing; or consent of the instructor.

SOC 448 Sociology of Development

3 OR 4 hours. Historical, economic, political, social, and geographic factors shaping national and international development experiences and outcomes. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: 6 hours of upper-division social science courses or consent of the instructor.

SOC 451 Medical Sociology

3 OR 4 hours. Survey of major topics in sociology of health and medicine including social definitions of health and illness, patient practitioner interaction, the organization of health institutions and professions. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: 6 hours of upper-division sociology or consent of the instructor.

SOC 455 Topics in Medical Sociology

3 OR 4 hours. Intensive examination of a specialized topic announced when the class is scheduled. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. May be repeated to a maximum of 12 hours. Students may register in more than one section per term. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 451 or consent of the instructor.

SOC 471 Population

3 OR 4 hours. The measurement and study of major trends and differentials in fertility, mortality, migration, growth, and compositional characteristics of the population of the United States and other nations. Same as EPID 471. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 201 and an additional 200 or 300-level course in sociology; and junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

SOC 473 Cities and Regions

3 OR 4 hours. Characteristics, conditions, and consequences of structure and change of cities and metropolitan regions. Spatial, political economy, cultural perspectives. Census, ecological, historical, comparative data for cities. 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. *Prerequisite(s)*: SOC 201 and an additional 200 or 300-level course in sociology; and junior standing or above; or consent of the instructor.

Urban Planning and Policy (UPP)**UPP 202 Planning Great Cities**

3 hours. What makes a city great, how cities change, can cities be planned, and how planners plan; characteristics of Great Cities and current urban planning issues. *US Society course*.

UPP 205 Cinema and the City

3 hours. Explores how diverse societies, cities and urban phenomena are represented in film at different points in history, explores theories of urbanism and individual relationships to cities and urban society and institutions. Students are required to view films outside of regular class hours. *Individual and Society course*.

UPP 304 Visualizing the City: Methods and Tools for Representing the City

3 hours. Addresses basics of visualization methods and techniques of representing the physical environment. Same as UPA 304. Field work required. *Prerequisite(s)*: Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPP 306 Urban Policy Analysis Methods

3 hours. Introduces students to the basics of policy and program evaluation using rational model. Needs analysis, performance evaluation, data collection methods and analysis, discounting valuation problems. Same as UPA 306. *Prerequisite(s)*: Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPP 308 Globalization in Urban and Public Affairs

3 hours. Study of urban and public affairs as they relate to globalization. Same as UPA 308.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

Urban and Public Affairs (UPA)**UPA 220 Latin American Cities in a Global Context: Environment, Employment, and Housing**

3 hours. Global economic trends impacting Latin American cities, with a focus on three urban planning issues: environment, employment and housing. Growing inequality, precarious employment, spatial segregation, and squatter settlements will be explored. Same as LALS 220. Recommended background: LALS 101. *Individual and Society, and World Cultures course.*

UPA 300 Introduction to Urban Policy Processes

3 hours. Basic structure of the policy process within the urban context including the nature of urban policy, its formulation, evaluation, and implementation. Emphasis on state and local policy development as it relates to urban areas. Same as PA 300. Field work required. *Prerequisite(s):* College-level Microeconomics and Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 301 Political Economy of Urban Development

3 hours. Political and economic approaches to the study of urban life, urban problems and the built environment. Same as UPP 301. Field work required. *Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 303 Urban Government I: Managing the Internal Environment

3 hours. Personnel management, organizing, budgeting, finance, leadership, motivation, economic development, accountability, ethics, legal and constitutional foundations. Same as PA 303.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 304 Visualizing the City: Methods and Tools for Representing the City

3 hours. Addresses basics of visualization methods and techniques of representing the physical environment. Same as UPP 304. Field work required. *Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 305 Urban Government II: Managing the External Environment

3 hours. Intergovernmental finance, inter-jurisdictional competition, intergovernmental cooperation, intergovernmental cooperative agreements, and contractual and informal relations with non-profit organizations and governmental actors. Same as PA 305. *Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 306 Urban Policy Analysis Methods

3 hours. Introduces students to the basics of policy and program evaluation using rational model. Needs analysis, performance evaluation, data collection methods and analysis, discounting valuation problems. Same as UPP 306. *Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 307 E-Government in Urban and Public Affairs

3 hours. This course will investigate the implications of electronic forms of service delivery, for example

via the Internet, for citizens, for managers, for elected officials and for the relationships between citizens and their elected representatives. *Prerequisite(s)*: Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

UPA 308 Globalization in Urban and Public Affairs

3 hours. Study of urban and public affairs as they relate to globalization. Same as UPP 308.

Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Urban and Public Affairs Program or consent of the instructor.

PUBH 393: PUBLIC HEALTH FIELDWORK

Students in the Professional Track are required to complete a 3 credit hour field experience during their senior year – PUBH 393: Public Health Fieldwork. While students in the Academic Track are not required to complete a field experience, they may choose to complete Public Health Fieldwork as one of their selective options.

Public Health Fieldwork is intended to provide students in the major first-hand exposure to public health practice. Fieldwork affords an opportunity to integrate concepts and skills learned in the curriculum while immersed in a practice setting. Any given fieldwork experience in public health should encourage the student to consider at least one if not all of the six curricular themes. Fieldwork locations are chosen from an array of public health sites established through the Field Practicum Coordinator in the Office of Students Affairs (Annette Clemens, ajc@uic.edu, (312) 355-4272).

Field Experience Learning Objectives

Public health majors engaging in the Public Health Fieldwork course will be able to:

1. Apply acquired knowledge and skills to a specific public health practice setting.
2. Increase understanding of the expectations and opportunities in the public health workforce.
3. Relate specific jobs and contributions to the health and well-being of the public.
4. Formulate questions pertaining to the practice of public health.
5. Articulate how the field experience illustrates one or more of the curricular themes.

Credit Hours

PUBH 393: Public Health Fieldwork is completed in a single semester for a total of 3 credit hours. Students are expected to spend a minimum of 90 hours in the field site (30 experiential hours for each semester hour of credit earned). Fieldwork schedules may be configured to the mutual benefit of sites and students.

International Students

International students **must** receive authorization from the Office of International Services to begin their field experience. Visit the OIS webpage at www.ois.uic.edu to receive information on eligibility factors, application procedures and to receive the appropriate application materials.

PUBH 397: BACCALAUREATE PROJECT IN PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBH 397: Baccalaureate Project in Public Health represents the students' culminating experience, providing them with opportunity to demonstrate through individual or group effort, attainment of the curriculum's over-arching curriculum goals. Students register for PUBH 397 during their final Spring semester in the program and complete a cumulative project on a topic that reflects two or more of the curricular themes and their significance to the selected topic. Project topics and groups will be selected by the students and a project strategic plan will be developed as part of PUBH 370: Using the Public Health Toolbox. Students will be required to present their work to an audience of faculty, public health professionals, and peers on Baccalaureate Celebration Day during the week of Commencement in a format appropriate to the project. Each project will be evaluated by a panel of faculty and designated others according to specified criteria. Participation in this event is a requirement for graduation.

Baccalaureate Project Learning Objectives

At the end of the baccalaureate project students will be able to:

1. Develop and implement a scholarly project using conceptual skills learned throughout their course of study.
2. Apply relevant public health tools and strategies in their work.
3. Analyze, synthesize, and summarize the outcomes of the project.
4. Illustrate the relationship of the endeavor to two or more of the curricular themes.
5. Generate recommendations for future endeavors.
6. Present the project in an appropriate format before an audience of faculty, students and community members.

SAMPLE MAJOR CORE COURSE WORK SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2014 COHORT

Note: This sample schedule assumes that all prerequisite/general education course work was completed prior to admission to the major. Students who were admitted to the major with an outstanding admission requirement (i.e., still needing to complete specified prerequisite/general education course work) will need to fit in that course work in addition to the courses listed below in order to complete their degree requirements. As a result, it may take longer than 4 semesters to complete the program. The course offering schedule listed below is subject to change.

| Fall 2014 | | |
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| Course | Title | Credits |
| PUBH 300 | Critical Thinking in Public Health | 4 |
| PUBH 320 | Ecologies of Health and Modern Life | 3 |
| PUBH 330 | Health Equity and Health Disparities | 3 |
| | Free Elective | 3 |
| | Free Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 16 |

| Spring 2015 | | |
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| Course | Title | Credits |
| PUBH 310 | Public Health and Global Citizenship | 3 |
| PUBH 340 | Health Literacy | 3 |
| PUBH 350 | Health Systems, Health Policy | 3 |
| PUBH 360 | Local Citizenship and Community Health Initiatives | 4 |
| | Public Health Selective | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 16 |

| Fall 2015 | | |
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| Course | Title | Credits |
| PUBH 370 | Using the Public Health Toolbox | 3 |
| PUBH 393 | Public Health Fieldwork (required for those in the professional track, optional for students in the academic track) ^a | 3 |
| PUBH 410 | Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges I | 2 |
| | Public Health Selective | 3 |
| | Public Health Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 14 |

^a PUBH 393: Public Health Fieldwork may be taken in Summer 2015 or Spring 2016 instead. Students in the Academic Track may replace PUBH 393 with an additional selective option.

| Spring 2016 | | |
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| Course | Title | Credits |
| PUBH 397 | Baccalaureate Project in Public Health | 3 |
| PUBH 411 | Historical and Contemporary Public Health Challenges II | 2 |
| | Public Health Selective | 3 |
| | Public Health Selective | 3 |
| | Public Health Elective | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 14 |

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) REQUIREMENT

To be in good standing in the School of Public Health, a student must earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.75/4.00 in all work taken at UIC each term. In addition, the combined average of a student's transfer work and work taken at UIC must be at least 2.75/4.00. The minimum cumulative grade point average in core public health major course work is a 3.00/4.00. Failure to meet these GPA requirements will result in academic probation and possible dismissal from the University.

GRADE POINT SYSTEM AND CALCULATING GPA

Effective Fall 2004, UIC adopted a 4.00 grade point system, where 4.00 = A. See the chart below for grade descriptions.

| Grades | Equivalent | Grade Points per Hour |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------|
| A | Excellent | 4 |
| B | Good | 3 |
| C | Average | 2 |
| D | Poor but passing | 1 |
| F | Failure | 0 |

Semester GPA is calculated by multiplying the grade points per hour associated with the grade earned by the number of credit hours of each course. Next, add up the points earned per course and divide by the total number of graded credit hours attempted for the term to determine the semester GPA. Please note that courses which are numbered 001-099 do not carry academic credit and are not calculated into the GPA.

Sample GPA Calculation

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| ENGL 160 (3 credit hours) = A | 4 points (A) x 3 hours = 12 GPA Points |
| BIOS 101 (5 credit hours) = C | 2 points (C) x 5 hours = 10 GPA Points |
| MATH 121 (5 credit hours) = B | 3 points (B) x 5 hours = 15 GPA Points |
| THTR 109 (3 credit hours) = B | 3 points (B) x 3 hours = 9 GPA Points |
| Total Credit Hours Attempted= 16 | Total GPA Points Earned= 46 |

Total GPA Points (46)/Total Credit Hours Attempted (16) = 2.875 (A = 4.0)

ACADEMIC STANDING

At the end of each term, the school reviews the academic status of each undergraduate student. At that time, students are classified as being in good standing, probationary standing, or dismissed from the University.

Probation rules

A student will be placed on academic probation in any term in which either a cumulative or semester grade point average of less than 2.75/4.00 is earned for all academic work or when the cumulative grade point average in core public health course work falls below 3.00. A student on probation is expected to earn greater than a 3.00 in the next term and have an overall UIC cumulative grade point average of 2.75 by the end of the second term on probation. Please note that academic probation at UIC cannot be remedied by taking course work at other colleges or universities, including programs of the Springfield and Urbana-Champaign campuses.

Dismissal rules

Students failing to earn a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 by the end of two terms on probation will be dismissed from the University. In any term, a student may be dismissed for one or more of the following reasons:

1. First-term students will be dismissed after their first term of enrollment if they earn zero credit or obtain a deficit of -15 points or more. Deficit points are calculated as follows: multiply the number of credit hours for each course taken by the points for the grade received, A=+2, B=+1, C=0, D=-1, F=-2. Add the points of each course taken during the semester. The total equals the deficit points used to determine probation status. Each deficit point equals one hour of B.
2. Continuing students will be dismissed at the end of any term in which their cumulative deficit points (see above) are -15 or more.
3. Failure to earn any credit.
4. Failure to earn at least a 1.00/4.00 (D) average for a term.
5. Failure to earn at least a 3.00/4.00 while on probation.
6. Failure to meet conditions of probation.
7. Failure to meet conditions specified at the time of admission.
8. Failure to make progress toward completion of the Public Health degree.
9. Two or more consecutive terms of University withdrawals.

The dean may waive the dismissal rules in extraordinary circumstances.

Appeal of a Dismissal Decision

Students who can document that poor academic performance was the result of significant extenuating circumstances, such as a long-term or debilitating illness or personal crisis, may petition for immediate reinstatement. The student must complete an Academic Dismissal Appeal Petition Form, attach supporting documentation, and make arrangements for an interview with the Director of Undergraduate Public Health prior to the first day of instruction of the new term.

ENROLLMENT RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

A student must complete at least one-half of the core public health course work in enrollment residence at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

For all course work, either the first 90 semester hours or the last 30 semester hours of degree work must be completed in continuous, uninterrupted enrollment residence at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Concurrent attendance at the University of Illinois at Chicago and another collegiate institution, or enrollment during the summer at another institution, when approved by the school, does not interrupt the UIC enrollment residence requirement.

Work taken at the Springfield and Urbana-Champaign campuses of the University of Illinois does not satisfy these requirements. Credit earned through proficiency examinations including the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), UIC extension courses, and Urbana-Champaign distance-learning courses does not apply toward the minimum 30-semester-hour enrollment residence requirement. Study abroad courses that have been approved by the school to apply toward the degree are not considered an interruption of enrollment residence for students in the School of Public Health.

ACADEMIC LOAD

In the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health program, while full-time student status is preferred, students may enroll in a part-time program of study. During the fall and spring semesters, a minimum full-time program is 12 hours of credit per semester. A program of 19 semester hours or more must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Public Health. For Summer Session 1 (four-week) and Summer Session 2 (eight-week), UIC considers a total aggregate of 6 semester hours as the minimum number necessary to constitute full-time enrollment. A program of 11 semester hours or more during the summer session must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Public Health.

REGISTRATION APPROVAL

All new students are required to attend an orientation program prior to registration. Certain students or groups of students may be required to meet with their Advisor prior to registration.

REGISTRATION

Course registration occurs through UIC's student portal: my.UIC.edu. In order to login to the portal, students use their assigned netid and password. Once you have logged in, click on the "Academics" tab and then "Registration" where you will be able to access the Student Self-Service Login directly, check your account for holds, view your registration time ticket, etc. Alternatively, students may click on "Scheduling" to access various scheduling tools.

Registration Availability

Continuing UIC students are issued a time ticket prior to registration for the following term which specifies when their registration window will open. Students will receive an e-mail from the UIC

Registrar with time ticket information and can also check this information in *my.UIC*. Students are advised to plan their schedule *prior* to the opening of their registration window so that their registration will not be delayed.

Registration Holds

Students with holds on their accounts (advising hold, financial hold, immunization hold, transcript hold, etc.) will not be permitted to register or make any registration changes until that hold is lifted. Students are advised to check their hold status in *my.UIC* prior to their registration window being opened so that they can resolve any issues and register in a timely manner.

Registration Helpline

Students who need assistance with registration issues may contact the Registration Help Line at (312) 996-8600. The Help Line is available Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

CHANGE OF COURSE SCHEDULE – ADDING AND DROPPING COURSES

Adding Courses

Students may add courses for which they have met the prerequisite(s) if seats are still available by the following deadlines:

Fall Semester: Friday of Week 2
 Spring Semester: Friday of Week 2
 Summer Session 1: Wednesday of Week 1
 Summer Session 2: Friday of Week 1

Students should seek approval of the instructor to enroll in a class after the fifth day of the semester as some courses prohibit enrollment during the second week in accordance with college policy. In addition, a student may find that he or she has missed too much content to be successful in the course. Adding a course after the term has begun is generally not recommended.

Dropping Courses Online Using my.UIC

Undergraduate students may drop courses online with no notation on the transcript using *my.UIC* following the deadlines listed below:

Fall Semester: Friday of Week 2
 Spring Semester: Friday of Week 2
 Summer Session 1: Wednesday of Week 1
 Summer Session 2: Friday of Week 1

Dropping Courses with a “W”

After the deadlines listed on the previous page, students may late drop courses with the permission of the school and receive a W notation on their transcript following the timeline below:

Fall Semester: Week 3 through Friday of Week 10

Spring Semester: Week 3 through Friday of Week 10

Summer Session 1: Thursday of Week 1 through Wednesday of Week 3

Summer Session 2: Week 2 through Friday of Week 5

Undergraduate students may drop a maximum of 4 UIC individual courses that result in a W notation on their transcript during their entire undergraduate career. These drop requests are approved, regardless of the circumstances, provided that the student requests to drop the course by meeting with their Advisor within the designated period and that the student has not exceeded the limit of four late drops.

Because only four exceptions to the designated deadlines are available to students over the entire period in which they are enrolled at UIC, students are advised to evaluate their academic standing in the course with the instructor before requesting to exercise one of these four late drops.

Requests to drop a course after the tenth week of the fall and spring semesters, or requests to drop a course within the approved exception period in excess of the four automatic drops are not routinely granted unless there are extenuating circumstances outside of the student’s control that can be documented. Such requests require a written petition and documentation of extenuating circumstances. **Please note that poor performance in a course is not a sufficient reason to approve a request.**

Registration Issues for International Students

International students in F-1 or J-1 status are required to be registered full time (12 semester hours) every semester. International students who wish to register for less than 12 semester hours should speak with an advisor in the Office of International Services (OIS) prior to dropping courses or under-enrolling. In order to maintain immigration status, permission must be granted by OIS in advance of dropping below full time. OIS is located in 2160 Student Services Building (SSB) and may be contacted at (312) 996-3121 or ois@uic.edu.

UNIVERSITY WITHDRAWAL

During the online drop/add period for each term, students may cancel their enrollment using *Student Self-Service*. You can find instructions for cancelling enrollment online on the Registrar’s website (www.uic.edu/depts/oar/registration/policies_procedures.html#withdrawal).

After the online drop/add period, students should initiate an official withdrawal from the University (i.e., withdrawal from all courses registered for the term) by contacting the Undergraduate Program Coordinator or Director of Undergraduate Public Health in person or by written request. Please note that telephone requests to withdraw must be verified by the student in writing. Students are eligible to withdraw from the term up until the last day of instruction for the term (i.e., prior to final’s week) provided that a final grade has not been earned in any course.

Students who withdraw from all courses for which they are enrolled are considered withdrawn from the University and a W notation is entered for each course in which they are enrolled. Please note that failure to properly withdraw from the term will result in a grade of F (failure) in each course in which the student is registered. Students who withdraw from the University are eligible to register for a subsequent term unless they lose their continuing student status (see Continuing Student Status below). A student who has been charged with an offense that may result in disciplinary action may not officially withdraw from the University until the hearing of the case has been conducted by the appropriate disciplinary committee.

WITHDRAWAL TO ENTER US MILITARY SERVICE

There are specific policies and procedures which govern withdrawals to enter US military service. Please visit the Registrar's website (www.uic.edu/depts/oar/regISTRATION/withdrawal_military_undergrad.html) for more information on these policies.

CONTINUING STUDENT STATUS

Students lose their continuing student status when they have not attended UIC for two or more semesters in succession (excluding summer session or an approved leave of absence). Students whose enrollment has been interrupted for two or more semesters in succession must submit an application for readmission to the University. Readmission is not guaranteed.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

A student must satisfy the prerequisites before enrolling in a course. A student enrolling in a course without having met the prerequisites may be withdrawn from the course without prior notification. Course prerequisites are listed in both the course descriptions in the Undergraduate Catalog (www.uic.edu/ucat/courses/) as well as the online Schedule of Classes. Only the instructor may waive the prerequisite, if given evidence that the student is adequately prepared to pursue the subject. Please note that a student's ability to register for a course without meeting prerequisites does not imply approval of the registration.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Each instructor may establish his/her own attendance policy, including penalties for nonattendance. Failure to attend classes does not result in automatic withdrawal from a course. The school expects that students will attend all classes.

DISABILITIES REQUIRING ACCOMODATION

Students with disabilities requiring accommodation are responsible for obtaining timely documentation of their disability and their accommodation needs from the UIC Disability Resource Center (www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/disability_resources/index.html). The student must provide notice of special needs to their instructors before the semester begins or at the beginning of each term. Services, access,

and reasonable accommodations can be arranged for students with various types of documented disabilities. The UIC Disability Resource Center, (312) 413-2183 (Voice/TT), drc@uic.edu, is available to assist students with obtaining documentation and accommodation. Additional questions may be directed to the SPH Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Babette Neuberger, bjn@uic.edu.

REPEAT POLICY FOR STANDARD GRADED COURSES

Students may repeat a course to increase their knowledge of the subject matter. There are circumstances under which repeating a course is advisable and to a student's advantage. There are also circumstances where repeating a course may disadvantage a student and narrow a student's options. The Public Health program requires students to discuss any plan to repeat a course with their Advisor before they register to repeat the course.

Courses with A or B grades may not be repeated. Normally, courses with a C grade may not be repeated. Courses with D or F grades may be repeated once without written permission. In all cases, the original grade for the course and the grade for each repeat will appear on the transcript. The original grade will be calculated into the grade point average, unless the student initiates a request for *Repeating a Course with Grade Point Average Recalculation* as described below. Only one registration for the course counts toward the total number of credits required for graduation. A course cannot be repeated after receiving credit in a course for which the repeat course is a prerequisite.

To repeat a course more than once due to a grade of D or F requires written permission from the student's college dean. Students who have been dismissed may not appeal on the grounds of intention to repeat courses. Certain courses may not be repeated; students should consult their college before repeating a course.

REPEATING A COURSE WITH GRADE POINT AVERAGE RECALCULATION

Important Note: Grade point average recalculation for a repeated course is not automatic. The student must initiate a request with their Advisor as outlined below.

For the grade point average recalculation policy to apply, a student must declare to his or her college the intent to repeat a course for a change of grade. Students must submit this request to their Advisor before the end of the official add/drop period, no later than the second Friday of the fall and spring semesters, the first Wednesday of Summer Session 1, or the first Friday of Summer Session 2. The course must be repeated within three semesters of the receipt of the original grade, and it must be taken at UIC. Only one registration for the course counts toward the total number of credits required for graduation.

Undergraduate students are allowed grade point average recalculation in up to four repeated courses. Under the course repeat policy, all courses taken and their grades appear on the transcript in the semester in which they were taken. Under the grade point average recalculation policy, the grade earned the first time the course is taken will be dropped from the calculation of the cumulative GPA and the grade(s) earned when the course is repeated will be used in the calculation. This rule holds, even if the second grade is lower than the first. If a course is repeated more than once, the first grade is not counted in the GPA, but all other grades for that course are calculated in the cumulative GPA.

CREDIT/NO CREDIT OPTION

The credit/no credit option allows the student to complete a course with a grade of credit (CR) or no credit (NC) instead of a letter grade. Courses completed with a grade of CR carry credit and apply toward degree requirements. In general, grades of CR and NC are final and cannot be changed to letter grades.

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Health program's policy coincides with campus policy with the following conditions:

1. Only students in good standing may elect to take a course under the credit/no credit option. Students on probation and those whose status is undetermined at the time at which they elect the option are not eligible (i.e., students in their first term at UIC).
2. A student may request only one course per term as credit/no credit.
3. No more than two courses in a single discipline may be taken as credit/no credit.
4. Only free elective courses may be taken on a credit/no credit basis; courses being used to meet any graduation course requirements must be taken for letter grades.
5. The following describes the restrictions that apply to all students regardless of major or curriculum:
 - a. Students may not take English 160 or 161 as credit/no credit.
 - b. Students may not take any course used to satisfy the foreign language requirement as credit/no credit.
 - c. Students may not take any course used to satisfy the General Education Core requirements as credit/no credit. Until students have completed the minimum requirement in each General Education Core category, courses from these areas may not be taken as credit/no credit.
 - d. Students may not take any course used to satisfy the quantitative reasoning requirement as credit/no credit.
 - e. Students may not take any course being used to satisfy the requirements of the Public Health major or required prerequisite and collateral courses of the major as credit/no credit.
6. A student may earn no more than 21 semester hours of credit at UIC under the credit/no credit option.

Students must apply to take a course credit/no credit by meeting with their Advisor no later than the tenth day of the term (first Wednesday of Summer Session 1 or first Friday of Summer Session 2). After that date, students may not request courses on a credit/no credit basis nor may they change a credit/no credit request previously submitted. It is the responsibility of the student to determine eligibility under the regulations. Students will be informed if they are ineligible and will receive a grade for the course. Students with questions concerning their eligibility should contact their Advisor.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Course work completed at other colleges and universities may apply toward partial fulfillment of graduation requirements and may be used as prerequisites for courses at UIC. The University of Illinois at Chicago is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide agreement that allows for the transfer of the IAI-approved General Education Core Curriculum between participating institutions. Please consult *Illinois Articulation Initiative* in the *Admissions* section of the Undergraduate Catalog. The

final decision, however, regarding the acceptance of credit and courses that apply toward degree requirements is made by the School of Public Health.

TRANSFER CREDIT FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS

Continuing students who want to take course work for credit at another institution, either concurrent with UIC enrollment or during the summer term, must obtain prior written approval from the School of Public Health. Students will have to provide justification for the request.

If prior approval is not obtained from the school, credit will not be allowed, and the Office of Admissions and Records will be advised to exclude the transfer work from the student's academic record. Students are obligated to report all work from other institutions once enrolled at UIC.

Please note that when transferring credit from a community college after attaining junior status, a student must earn at least 60 of the required semester hours either at the University of Illinois at Chicago or any other accredited four-year college or university. The enrollment residence requirements described previously must also be met. Thus, students ordinarily should not register at a community college after completing the sophomore year.

DOUBLE DEGREES

Double degrees consist of two bachelor's degrees completed concurrently. Double degrees with the School of Public Health Bachelor of Arts program and a program in another college may be possible. Students should consult the college section of the Undergraduate Catalog for the second degree program to determine if this option is available.

Students seeking two bachelor's degrees concurrently must formally request acceptance into the second degree program. Students must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours beyond those required for the first degree and all requirements for each of the degree programs as specified by the college and major department. All students interested in pursuing a double degree should discuss this option with their Advisor.

Double degrees are not permitted when there is substantial course overlap between the first and second degrees.

Students who obtain double degrees receive a diploma for each degree. No more than two bachelor's degrees may be awarded concurrently.

SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree at UIC or another institution are required to follow the same application procedures as all other applicants in order to pursue a second bachelor's degree. Students must complete all requirements for the second degree as specified by the college and the major department, including a minimum of 30 semester hours beyond those required for the first degree. The UIC enrollment residence requirement must also be met, i.e., the last 30 semester hours for the second degree must be completed at UIC. A second bachelor's degree is not permitted when there is

substantial course overlap between the first and second degrees.

MINORS

The School of Public Health does not currently offer any undergraduate minors. However, students in the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health may choose to pursue a minor offered in another UIC college with permission of that college. Students interested in pursuing a minor, should first discuss their interest with their Advisor. As the final determination of whether the student has fulfilled the minor requirements will be made by the college/department that offers that minor and not the School of Public Health, students are advised to consult their minor department for review of minor requirements.

GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

With approval of the Director of Undergraduate Public Health and permission of the professor offering the course, an undergraduate student may enroll in a course in the Graduate College (400- or 500-level) for undergraduate credit. Prior to enrollment, students must obtain approval and must have met course prerequisites.

Students should understand that graduate-level courses taken by undergraduate students are generally not applicable toward a graduate degree.

PUBH 396: INDEPENDENT STUDY IN PUBLIC HEALTH

To be eligible to enroll in PUBH 396: Independent Study in Public Health, a student must have a minimum 2.75/4.00 grade point average in all course work taken at UIC as well as obtain consent of the independent study instructor and the BA in Public Health program prior to registration. No student may enroll in an independent study course after the tenth day of the term without approval of the BA in Public Health program.

GRADUATION PROCEDURES

Graduation Declaration

Students declare their intent to graduate online using *my.UIC*. The deadline to submit intent to graduate is the Friday of the third week (fall and spring) or second week (Summer Session 2) of the term in which graduation is sought. Failure to submit the request by these deadlines may delay the awarding of the degree. Please note that if you submit an intent to graduate for one term and do not graduate that term, you must complete another intent to graduate for the new term in which you are attempting to graduate.

Graduation Review/Certification

A final review will be made following the close of the term. If a student has satisfactorily completed all the degree requirements (course work, credit hours, GPA requirements, residency, etc.), the student's

name will be placed on the official degree list for that term. The degree earned will be posted to the transcript approximately 3 to 4 weeks after the end of the term and diplomas are mailed to graduates 3 to 4 months following the date of graduation. More information regarding diplomas is available on the UIC Registrar's website (www.uic.edu/depts/oar/student_records/diplomas.html).

Graduate Exit Survey

An Exit Survey must be completed near the end of the student's graduating semester. Failure to do so may delay certification of graduation. The surveys are reviewed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Once the semester is over and the student has graduated survey feedback is given to the Director of Undergraduate Public Health and other relevant program staff/faculty.

Commencement

The Commencement Ceremony at UIC occurs only once a year. The School of Public Health holds its annual Commencement Ceremony each year in May. Commencement is the occasion for the recognition of graduates by the school and conferring of the degree.

Since SPH students may potentially complete all requirements for their degrees in any of the semesters of the year, those who finish their work in summer or fall semester cannot participate in the Commencement Ceremony until the following May.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts are only available from the University's Office of Registration and Records. Transcripts may be requested online through *my.UIC* or in writing. There is a charge for a transcript. For more information, visit the Registrar's website (www.uic.edu/depts/oar/current_students/transcripts.html).

ACADEMIC HONORS

University Honors

The School of Public Health recognizes and conforms with the campus-wide honors program. University Honors are awarded to graduating students whose cumulative grade point average falls within the following honors categories:

Summa cum laude: 3.90 and above

Magna cum laude: 3.75 to 3.89

Cum laude: 3.50 to 3.74

Transfer students must have earned a minimum of 42 hours at the University of Illinois at Chicago at the end of the term prior to the term of graduation and have a minimum of 60 hours completed at UIC upon graduation.

In addition, transfer students must have an institutional (UIC) grade point average of 3.50 in order to qualify for University Honors.

Dean's List

Exceptional academic achievement in the School of Public Health is recognized each term by inclusion on the Dean's List. Eligibility is based on a 3.50/4.00 term GPA with a minimum enrollment of 12 semester hours per term, exclusive of basic military science and basic activity courses in physical education. Please note that at least 9 semester hours must be earned for letter grades, in addition to a grade of Credit earned in any course taken on a credit/no credit basis.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY GUIDELINES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TUTORIAL

All students entering the School of Public Health are required to complete an online Academic Integrity Tutorial (www.publichealth.uic.edu/currentstudents/sphacademicintegritytutorial/) during their first semester of enrollment. Course instructors may also specify completion of the tutorial as a class requirement.

STUDENT HONOR CODE

PREAMBLE

The UIC School of Public Health is dedicated to excellence in protecting and improving the health and well-being of the people of the metropolitan Chicago area, the State of Illinois, the nation, and others throughout the world. We achieve this mission through education, research and public health service. Truth and accuracy are essential to achieving our goals. Integrity and intellectual honesty in scholarship, scientific investigation and service are, therefore, of paramount importance. A breach committed by an individual member of our community, is a violation committed against the whole and undermines our mission.

PLEDGE

We, students of the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health are committed to promoting the ideals of the public health profession, and to the values embodied in our School's Statement of Values relating to Community, Knowledge, Professionalism, Stewardship, Idealism, Caring, Justice, Diversity, Respect and Humility.

As an integral part of this commitment we pledge to act with truth and integrity in our academic work; recognizing that cheating, plagiarism and other forms of unethical conduct, represent an assault on our community and society.

We further pledge not to be party to any misconduct, and agree to report any acts of unethical behavior of which we have knowledge to an advisor, course faculty, or Office of the Dean representative.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

All faculty, students, staff, administrators, field site preceptors and others who are involved with academic training of our students, have an obligation to report witnessed violations of the Honor Code.

The UIC School of Public Health firmly believes that all members of the academic community are responsible for the academic integrity of our programs. Faculty and students have a joint responsibility to maintain the high standards of honor and values of this institution by reporting any instances of academic dishonesty to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Babette Neuberger.

Academic dishonesty falls within the following categories:

- Plagiarism - using another's work without giving credit. The words of others must be put in quotation marks and cited as one's source(s). One must also give citations when using others' ideas, even if those ideas are paraphrased in one's own words.
- Cheating - giving and/or receiving unauthorized assistance in the completion of one's academic work.
- Fabrication - intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
- Dishonesty - making false or fraudulent statements (verbal or written) with the intent to deceive; acting with intent to do the same. Dishonesty includes making intentionally false accusations against another under the Honor Code.
- Bribes, favors, threats - (1) Threatening, bribing, or attempting to bribe any person with the intention of affecting an evaluation of academic performance; (2) conspiring to bribe or threaten a person with the intention of affecting an evaluation of academic performance.
- Examination by proxy - Impersonating another student during an exam, or intentionally allowing such an impersonation.
- False authorship - claiming papers and other academic products authored by others to be one's own (for example, claiming work downloaded from a website as one's own; and/or presenting the downloaded material without proper citation).

Campus guidelines regarding academic integrity can be found on the UIC Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs website (www.uic.edu/depts/dos/studentconduct.html).

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty

Students suspected of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Campus Office of the Dean of Students for further action. See the Student Disciplinary Policy for more information (www.uic.edu/depts/dos/docs/Student%20Disciplinary%20Policy%202011-12%20Final-1.pdf).

Students may be subject to one or more of the following penalties:

- Expulsion
- Dismissal
- Suspension

- Probation
- Failure or Grade Modification
- Loss of Financial Support
- Recommended Counseling
- Developmental Sanction
- Reprimand
- Warning

PETITION AND ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

PETITION PROCEDURE

Any rule, regulation, or action of the Bachelor of Arts in Public Health program may be appealed in writing. Petitions are submitted to the Undergraduate Program Coordinator in the School of Public Health. It is the student's responsibility to provide documentation in support of the petition. Submission of a petition does not imply approval.

STUDENT ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Student Academic Grievance Procedures define the administrative process through which students may seek resolution of complaints or grievances regarding academic standing and/or other decisions of an academic nature made about them by an agent of UIC during their enrollment at UIC. The SPH procedures implement the Student Academic Grievance Procedures adopted by the University of Illinois at Chicago effective March 1, 2007.

The School of Public Health Student Academic Grievance Procedures may be found in their entirety on the SPH website (www.publichealth.uic.edu/media/uicedu/sph/downloads/documents/UIC%20SPH%20Grievance%20Procedures%20Final%207-6-11.pdf).

- Section I defines eligibility to use these Procedures.
- Section II describes informal processes which must be pursued before initiating a formal Grievance.
- Sections III through V outline the formal Grievance procedure itself.
- Section VI contains information that is essential to the proper interpretation and use of these Procedures and should be read carefully by any person involved in the handling of a Grievance.

These procedures may only be used by students:

1. With a Complaint or Grievance regarding academic standing during their enrollment at UIC.

2. About an academic decision made about them by an agent (e.g., faculty or staff member, administrator, and committee) of the University of Illinois at Chicago that directly and adversely affects the Student. Absent compelling evidence of arbitrary and capricious behavior or discriminatory intent, the Grievance Officer will not substitute its judgment for that of an instructor.

These procedures may not be used:

1. In deciding or appealing issues relating to student discipline under the purview of the Senate Student Judiciary Committee;
2. In resolving any complaint, request, or question involving student records subject to campus procedures established under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and contained in the Guidelines and Procedures Governing Student Records (www.uic.edu/depts/oar/campus_policies/records_policy.html) ;
3. By applicants for admission;
4. In review of any decision by any university administrator or properly constituted board or committee relating to allocation of resources to support any unit's projects or programs.

OMBUDSPERSON

For non-academic grievance resolution, students may contact Dr. Nadine Peacock (npeacock@uic.edu), Ombudsperson for SPH. The Ombudsperson advises students regarding procedures and methods available to resolve problems, provides dispute resolution services to resolve conflicts, and directs students to available resources. More information is available on the SPH website (www.publichealth.uic.edu/currentstudents/ombudsperson/).

SELECTED STUDENT RESOURCES

DIRECTOR'S SEMINAR

A seminar led by the Director of Undergraduate Public Health will be conducted regularly for students in the major. This seminar serves to provide a forum for discussion of programmatic issues, public health skills/knowledge, community building, and other special topics. A semester schedule will be distributed and all students are strongly urged to attend.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Bachelor of Arts in Public Health program encourages the intellectual growth and development of the student as an individual. Newly admitted students are required to participate in either a small group or individual advising session prior to their initial registration. Students should consult their Advisor at least once during the first term in residence and at least once an academic year thereafter. The Advisor assists students in individual program planning and course selection, as well as discusses with students the feasibility of various career paths based on interest and academic performance. Additionally, she can explain school and program rules and requirements, help resolve special registration problems, and refer students to additional resources on campus.

The responsibility for selecting courses and meeting graduation requirements rests with the students, who must plan intelligently to make their programs consistent with their goals and with college requirements.

To arrange an advising appointment, students may contact Melissa Tag, Undergraduate Program Coordinator, at (312) 355-2536 or mtag@uic.edu.

Degree Audit Report System (DARS)

The Degree Audit Report System (DARS) is an advising tool used to show a student's progress toward graduation in a particular degree program. Advisors will use this tool to monitor progress and provide an overview to students during advising appointments. If you are interested in reviewing your Degree Audit Report, please set up a meeting with your Advisor by calling (312) 355-2536 or e-mailing mtag@uic.edu. In addition, students may run their own unofficial DARS through DARSWeb for Student located under the Academics tab of *my.UIC*. However, please note that official confirmation of degree requirements is subject to approval of the School of Public Health.

Advising Tips - How to Get the Most Out of Your Meetings

In order to make appointments with your advisor most effective, please consider the following tips:

1. Set up regular meetings

Please see your advisor regularly (at least once per semester). Regular meetings allow you to be updated on new information and make sure that you are progressing toward graduation in a timely manner.

2. Be an active participant!

Advising is a collaborative process and you are encouraged to be an active participant. Come to your appointment prepared with questions that you would like to ask your advisor. Also, if you are meeting with your advisor for assistance in choosing courses for next term, please develop your own possible schedule prior to your appointment. This preparation will allow you to get the most out of your meetings.

3. Keep your own records

It is important that you maintain your own records of your advising meetings and curricular information. We suggest that you keep a folder with notes from your advising appointments, your own copy of your Degree Audit Report, course offerings, etc. Bring this folder to your appointment so you and your advisor can refer to it.

4. Cancel appointments you cannot make

If you cannot attend an appointment you have scheduled, please contact your Advisor to cancel the appointment rather than just not showing up. This cancellation will allow other students to be scheduled in your place.

5. Use of E-mail

If you have a short and general question, you can feel free to e-mail your Advisor. However, the majority of issues (what should I schedule next term, when can I graduate, what are my career/grad school options, etc.) need to be addressed in an appointment.

SPH OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The mission of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) is to enrich the student experience at the UIC School of Public Health through a wide range of social programming and student services. The Office of Student Affairs is your point of contact for assistance in financial services, general admissions questions, student organizations, student events, career services, and other important aspects of your experience at the UIC School of Public Health. Please visit the SPH Office of Student Affairs on the first floor of the School of Public Health and Psychiatric Institute Building (SPHPI).

SPH CAREER SERVICES

School of Public Health Career Services offers key resources to help students and graduates develop and fulfill their career goals. Their mission is to provide the tools to empower students in their career development, foster confidence, and create competitive Public Health professionals in today's job market.

Services Include:

- Individualized career development sessions to discuss job search strategies, career decision-making, interviewing, salary negotiation, networking, etc.
- Resume/CV and cover letter reviews
- Video-taped mock interviews
- Career-related workshops (resume and cover letter writing, interview essentials, how to work a career fair, job search strategies)
- Information on post-graduate and employment-based fellowships

To schedule an appointment with Elizabeth (Liz) Herrera, Assistant Director of Career Services, please call (312) 413-9126 or e-mail her at eherre3@uic.edu. Appointments can be scheduled Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

UIC is committed to the full participation of all students with disabilities in its courses, programs and services. Services are available for students with any kind of documented disabilities, including learning disabilities, vision or hearing impairments, systematic/physical disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities.

Phone: (312) 413-2183
 1190 Student Services Building (SSB)
www.uic.edu/depts/oaa/disability_resources

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center offers assessment and counseling (individuals, couples, and group) and psychiatric services for students' personal, career, academic, and other concerns. Consultation, crisis management, and referrals are also provided. Workshops are conducted on topics such as assertiveness, choosing a major, diversity issues, personal style differences in communication, stress management, and other topics by request.

Phone: (312) 996-3490
 2010 Student Services Building (SSB)
<http://www.uic.edu/depts/counseling/>

In-Touch Crisis Hotline (through Counseling Services)

The In-Touch Crisis Hotline offers trained staff that provides telephone crisis intervention, support, and referrals daily from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Hotline staff are trained to discuss a wide range of problems including: relationship issues, stress, loneliness, depression, family concerns, anxiety and panic, conflict resolutions, and much more.

Phone: (312) 996-5535

EDUCATIONAL/ACADEMIC SKILLS RESOURCES

The University of Illinois at Chicago offers a variety of tutoring and other academic resources that we encourage students to utilize. The following information is excerpted from the UIC Student Life Guide and is not an exhaustive list of UIC resources. Additional resources may be found on the SPH Current Student website (<http://publichealth.uic.edu/currentstudents/>).

Academic Center for Excellence

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) is a multifaceted program designed to help all UIC students accomplish their academic goals. ACE courses, listed under the Academic Skills Program (ASP) in the course schedule, assist students to improve their study strategies, critical reading and thinking, vocabulary, and ESL skills. ACE also offers academic coaching and long term academic planning. In addition, ACE offers workshops and workshop series on the following topics: Time Management, Study Skills, Preparation for Grad School, Pre-Health/Professional Major Topics, and Academic Difficulty Concerns.

Phone: (312) 413-0031
2900 Student Services Building (SSB)
www.uic.edu/depts/ace

African American Academic Network

The African American Academic Network (AAAN) is eager to assist you on your journey to academic success by offering academic advising, major/career exploration, tutoring, study skills, a computer lab, and campus activities. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Phone: (312) 996-5040
2800 Student Services Building (SSB)
www.uic.edu/depts/aaan

Honors College Tutoring

Qualified Honors College students are available to help you in almost every subject. Stop by 220 Burnham Hall during the week between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Tutors open to helping all students on campus, and the schedule for each semester can be found on the Honors College website.

Phone: (312) 413-8013
220 Burnham Hall (BH)
www.uic.edu/honors/learning/tutoring

Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services

The Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES) program provides academic support for students. LARES specializes in recruitment and retention efforts by providing academic, career and financial aid counseling. The program also offers study skills courses, tutoring, and outreach activities throughout the year.

Phone: (312) 996-3356
2640 Student Services Building (SSB)
www.lares.uic.edu

Mathematical Sciences Learning Center

Have a question about your math homework? Don't suffer alone! Want to meet other students with an interest in the Mathematical Sciences? Don't wander the campus! The Mathematical Sciences Learning Center is the place to talk math at UIC. This facility is open all day, five days a week, and offers a comfortable setting and both TA and peer tutoring. There are laptops for checkout and use in the center, supported by a wireless network.

Phone: (312) 413-7872

322 Science and Engineering Offices (SEO)

www.math.uic.edu/undergrad/mslc

Native American Support Program

The Native American Support Program (NASP) strives to increase the enrollment, retention and graduation of Native American students by offering: community outreach, financial aid assistance, academic advising, leadership and professional development, Native American Heritage Celebration, and the Native American Student Organization.

Phone: (312) 996-4515

2700 Student Services Building (SSB)

www.uic.edu/depts/nasp

Science Learning Center

The Science Learning Center is a place in which all levels of expertise meet and exchange ideas. It is home to the sciences: biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, and physics. Students can obtain tutoring in any of the 100-level science courses from graduate teaching assistants who keep regular office hours each week as well as from student tutors who have recently excelled in those classes.

Phone: (312) 413-7405

201 Science and Engineering South (SES)

www.chem.uic.edu/slc

Study Abroad Office

Through more than three hundred program opportunities on six continents, offering course work across all academic disciplines, the Study Abroad Office seeks to engage as many UIC students as possible in becoming intentional learners with enhanced global awareness. Earn UIC credit. Apply for a wide range of scholarships.

Phone: (312) 413-7662

502 University Hall (UH)

www.uic.edu/depts/spec_prog/studyabroad

TRIO Academic Support Program

TRIO/ASP extends service to students from low-income families, students with disabilities, and/or students who are the first person in their family to attend college. Applicants also must have been admitted to UIC and demonstrated a need for academic support. The goal of TRIO/ASP is to help increase the retention and graduation of low-income, first-generation college students and to foster an institutional climate supportive of their success. These goals are accomplished through supportive

services that foster academic achievement, personal growth and development, self-actualization, self-confidence, and leadership.

Phone: (312) 996-5046
2720 Student Services Building (SSB)
www.uic.edu/depts/trio

University Library

The Richard J. Daley Library on East Campus has books and other materials for study in the humanities, social sciences, and engineering. In addition, the Library of the Health Sciences on West Campus offers materials for study in public health and other health sciences.

In the library, there are computers for students to use to write papers and prepare presentations. The library's website is available 24/7, and you will find many books, journal articles, and databases online. Many readings assigned by professors are available online through electronic course reserves. Librarians can help you find information for classes or writing research papers; you can consult with them in person, or by email, chat, or text.

Richard J. Daley Library
Phone: (312) 996-2724
801 South Morgan Street
www.library.uic.edu

Library of the Health Sciences
Phone: (312) 996-8966
1750 West Polk Street
www.library.uic.edu/lhs/chicago

The Writing Center

The Writing Center provides peer tutors to help students working in any course to improve as writers. The Writing Center is open on the third Thursday of the semester and closes on Friday during the fifteenth week of the semester. Students are strongly encouraged to make appointments two weeks in advance. The Writing Center begins group work the sixth week of the semester.

Phone: (312) 413-2206
First Floor of Grant Hall (GH)
www.uic.edu/depts/engl/writing