

PhD-EHS, Area of Emphasis: Individualized Track (*Effective Autumn 2022*)

Required Coursework

	Credits
DEOHS Common Core	
BIOST 511 (<i>Medical Biometry I, Autumn</i>)	4
BIOST 512 (<i>Medical Biometry II, Winter</i>)	4
EPI 511 (<i>Introduction to Epidemiology, Autumn</i>)	4
HSERV 579 (<i>Structural Racism and Public Health, Autumn/Winter/Spring</i>)	1
ENV H 501 (<i>Foundations of Environmental & Occupational Health, Autumn</i>)	4
ENV H 502 (<i>Assessing & Managing Risks from Human Exposure to Env. Contaminants, Winter</i>)	4
ENV H 503 (<i>Adverse Health Effects of Environmental and Occupational Toxicants, Autumn</i>)	4
ENV H 504 (<i>Advanced Environmental Health Sciences Research Methods, Spring</i>)	4
ENV H 580 (<i>Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Seminar, Autumn/Winter/Spring</i>)	5 x 1 = 5 ¹
ENV H 595 (<i>Research Rotation, All Quarters</i>)	2 x 3 = 6 ²
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Student works with faculty adviser to design a course of study tailored to their research interests and career goals. Must include a minimum of 10 credits of ENV H courses.	≥ 10
Elective Courses ³	Var.
Culminating Experience (Thesis)	
ENV H 583 (<i>Thesis Proposal Preparation, Spring</i>)	1
ENV H 800 (<i>Doctoral Dissertation, All Quarters</i>)	27
Total Minimum Credits	90

1. Five quarters of ENV H 580 are required for a total of 5 credits.
2. Students who enter the program with a previous master's degree are required to do two rotations of 3 credits each for a total of 6 credits. Students who enter the program without a master's degree are required to do three rotations of 3 credits each for a total of 9 credits.
3. Student works with their faculty adviser to identify additional courses to reach or exceed the total minimum credit requirement. Elective courses can be ENV H courses or courses from other prefixes (e.g., EPI, BIOST, GH, etc.).

Additional Requirements

- Students in this degree program are required to complete a dissertation.

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Sample Schedule

The schedule below includes *non-elective courses only*. Students work with their faculty adviser to identify additional courses to reach or exceed the total minimum credit requirement. Elective courses can be ENV H courses or courses from other prefixes (e.g., EPI, BIOST, GH, etc.).

FIRST YEAR		
Autumn Quarter		
BIOST 511	Medical Biometry I	4 cr.
EPI 511	Introduction to Epidemiology	4 cr.
ENV H 501	Foundations of Environmental & Occupational Health	4 cr.
ENV H 503	Adverse Health Effects of Environmental and Occupational Toxicants	4 cr.
ENV H 595	Research Rotation (see footnote #2 under "Required Coursework" below)	2 cr.
Non-Coursework Milestones: Work with Dissertation Adviser to identify research rotations, plan dissertation project, and prepare for the Qualifying Exam		
Winter Quarter		
BIOST 512	Medical Biometry II	4 cr.
ENV H 502	Assessing & Managing Risks from Human Exposure to Env. Contaminants	4 cr.
ENV H 580	Environmental and Occupational Health Seminar	1 cr.
ENV H 595	Research Rotation (see footnote #2 under "Required Coursework" below)	2 cr..
Non-Coursework Milestones: Work with Dissertation Adviser to identify research rotations, plan dissertation project, and prepare for the Qualifying Exam		
Spring Quarter		
HSERV 579	Structural Racism and Public Health	1 cr.
ENV H 504	Advanced Environmental Health Sciences Research Methods	4 cr.
ENV H 580	Environmental and Occupational Health Seminar	1 cr.
ENV H 583	Thesis Proposal Preparation	1 cr.
ENV H 595	Research Rotation (see footnote #2 under "Required Coursework" below)	2 cr..
ENV H 800	Doctoral Dissertation	Var.
Non-Coursework Milestones: Work with Dissertation Adviser to plan dissertation project, and prepare for the PhD Qualifying Exam		
Summer Quarter		
Non-Coursework Milestones: Complete the PhD Qualifying Exam		
SECOND YEAR		
Autumn Quarter		
ENV H 580	Environmental and Occupational Health Seminar	1 cr.
ENV H 800	Doctoral Dissertation	Var.
Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project / form Doctoral Supervisory Committee by the end of spring quarter of year two		
Winter Quarter		
ENV H 580	Environmental and Occupational Health Seminar	1 cr.
ENV H 800	Doctoral Dissertation	Var.
Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project / form Doctoral Supervisory Committee by the end of spring quarter of year two		

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Spring Quarter

ENV H 580	Environmental and Occupational Health Seminar	1 cr.
ENV H 800	Doctoral Dissertation	Var.

Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project / form Doctoral Supervisory Committee by the end of spring quarter of year two

THIRD YEAR

Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project / Take General Exam

FOURTH YEAR

Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project

FIFTH YEAR *

Non-Coursework Milestones: Continue work on dissertation research project / Complete and defend dissertation in the Final Exam

** Five years is the average time to degree, but the university allows up to ten years to complete a PhD.*

Degree Competencies

Upon completion of this degree program, you will be able to:

School of Public Health -- All MS Students

- Explain public health history, philosophy and values
- Identify the core functions of public health and the 10 Essential Services
- Explain the role of quantitative and qualitative methods and sciences in describing and assessing a population's health
- List major causes and trends of morbidity and mortality in the US or other community relevant to the school or program
- Discuss the science of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention in population health, including health promotion, screening, etc.
- Explain the critical importance of evidence in advancing public health knowledge
- Explain effects of environmental factors on a population's health
- Explain biological and genetic factors that affect a population's health
- Explain behavioral and psychological factors that affect a population's health
- Explain the social, political and economic determinants of health and how they contribute to population health and health inequities
- Explain how globalization affects global burdens of disease
- Explain an ecological perspective on the connections among human health, animal health, and ecosystem health (e.g., One Health)
- Recognize the means by which social inequities and racism, generated by power and privilege, undermine health

DEOHS -- PhD in Environmental Health Sciences

- Conceive, develop, conduct, and document original research that advances knowledge in the field of environmental health sciences
- Design experiments utilizing the principles and practical aspects of good experimental design to ensure rigor, statistical power, robustness, and reproducibility, and control for bias
- Conduct human and animal research and communicate the results of that research according to the most current ethical and regulatory guidelines
- Manage, analyze, visualize, and share environmental and occupational health data utilizing best practices and appropriate tools
- Collect, analyze, and validate different types of data (survey, direct exposure, biomarker, surveillance, etc.) from environmental health studies using appropriate practices and methodologies
- Translate environmental health research into practice and implement evidence-based interventions