Overview

What can I do after graduation with a major in Sociology/GPH?

From the College of Global Public Health website:

Today's global environment affords numerous opportunities for people with diverse training to find a satisfying career. Students completing one of the NYU GIPH combined majors will be prepared to pursue a variety of careers in not-for-profit, government, and social service agencies. Other opportunities can be found either in the U.S., with agencies providing international health services and programs (e.g., USAID), or abroad. The Wasserman Center for Career Development and the Global Institute of Public Health will be resources for students wanting to enter the job market.

Coursework

What courses am I required to take to satisfy the requirements for the major?

Sociology/GPH students are required to complete the following courses:

Required Public Health Courses

- Health Policy in a Global Context
- Biostatistics for Public Health
- Epidemiology for Global Health
- Health Policy in a Global World
- Environmental Health in a Global World
- Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health
- Advanced Foreign Language Requirement (above Intermediate Level II)
- One Semester of Study Away

Required Sociology Courses

- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociological Theory
- Research Methods
• Two Discipline Electives (any SOC-UA course other than the required courses listed above)

• One advanced seminar in Sociology or, starting in AY 2017-18, a Capstone Research seminar. Students entering the GPH-Sociology double major after January 2018 will take a Capstone Research seminar.

Combined Major Electives

• Two Combined Major Electives (may be either in Sociology or Public Health; students should consult with their academic advisor if they wish to petition to substitute courses in other departments towards the combined major elective requirement). Students may count any required course in the pre-health sequence towards their combined major elective requirement. Please click this link to review the list of courses.

Can American Sign Language be counted towards my foreign language requirement?

Students wishing to have ASL counted towards their foreign language requirement must first petition Dean Kalb’s office (Silver 905) to have this course counted. If this is approved, the student will next need to find an advanced American Sign Language course outside of NYU and petition CAS Advising to have it counted.

What courses does the Sociology department offer related to global public health?

Many elective courses regularly offered by the Sociology Department are related to important issues in global public health. For example, courses on Race and Ethnicity, the Family, Political Sociology, Sex and Gender, Social Movements, Cities, Communities and Urban Life, and the Sociology of Education. In addition, the Department also regularly offers SOC-UA 414, Sociology of Medicine. The new Capstone Research Seminar will allow students to do research on a topic in global public health of their choosing.

Will I be able to write a senior thesis?

Yes. Students can write a senior thesis either as part of the Honors track in Sociology (a year-long honors seminar sequence culminates in completion of an honors thesis), or in the Department’s new Capstone Research Seminar, which will begin in the Spring of 2018.

Internship

Internships are arranged through GPH. Please refer to the Experiential Learning in Global Public Health web page for questions related to the internship requirement.

Study Abroad
Am I required to study abroad?

All students in the NYU College of Global Public Health Undergraduate Program are expected to study abroad for one semester. Under special circumstances, a student may request to waive this requirement. To apply for a waiver, a student must complete the Study Abroad Waiver Application and submit it to his/her home school advisor. If approved, the advisor will submit the form to the CGPH at cgph.studentaffairs@nyu.edu for review.

Does summer or J-term meet the study abroad requirement?

Yes; students may complete their study abroad requirements during summer or J-term.

Will I be able to satisfy my major requirements when I go abroad?

There are several NYU global sites that offer one or more courses that students may take to satisfy their major requirements. Students should review the list of available courses each semester on either Albert or the global site course page, and consult with their academic advisor on which courses may count towards their requirements.

I would like to petition to waive out of the Advanced Foreign Language Requirement. How can I do this?

Students wishing to waive the Advanced Foreign Language requirement should contact Dean Kalb’s office (Silver 905).

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For additional questions, please contact the following department members:

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