

How to Apply to the Public Health Major

*click underlined subtitles for helpful links

Complete the prerequisites

with a letter grade (C- or better)

PUBLIC HEALTH PREREQS

SAMPLE PLANS

7 units of Science

- Bio 1A (3), 1B (4)
- MCB 32 (3), 50 (3), 55 (3), C64 (3)
- NUSCTX10 (3)

1 year of Math

- Math 32 (Fall '16 or earlier)
- Math 1A/1B (4)
- Math 10A/B (4)
- Math 16A/B (3)

3 Social Sciences Courses in 2 Areas

- Psych 1 or 2 (3)
- Sociology 1, 3, 3AC, or 5 (4)
- Econ 1, 2 or Econ C3/Envecon C1 (4)
- Anthro 3 or 3AC (4)
- Poli Sci 2 or 4 (4)

*check website for AP credit
*no minimum GPA requirement, but most successful applicants have a prerequisite GPA above 2.75

Get involved!

ON-CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Joining on campus organizations helps you better understand public health and provides you with experience and connections for your future and application! Some examples are Peer Health Exchange, Comunidad for Health Equity, Black Students Health Association, Cal Undergraduate Public Health Coalition

Update your resume/CV

RESUME WRITING TOOLS

Resumes and CVs demonstrate your future leadership potential in public health. The application review committee wants to see what opportunities you have been involved in and how they relate to your public health interest. Opportunities can range from involvement in jobs, internships, research, volunteering, student organizations, etc. . .

Write your statements

BREAKDOWN OF STATEMENTS

PERSONAL STATEMENT WRITING TIPS

The PH application requires you to write two statements: statement of purpose and personal statement. These statements are important to describe your personal, professional and volunteer experiences, especially those regarding your decision to pursue public health.

Application Cycles

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The application period has two cycles in the Fall: December 17–31 and Spring: May 17-31. Non-transfer students **must** apply by the end of their **fifth semester** at UC Berkeley. It's strongly recommended to apply by the end of their **fourth semester**. Transfer students must apply by the end of their **first semester** at UC Berkeley.