

Course Specification

Cou	Course Summary Information			
1	Course Title		BSc (Hons) Health Studie	es (Public Health)
2	BCU Course	UCAS Code	US0650	B910
	Code			
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City Univers	sity
4	Teaching Institution(s)			
	(if different from point 3)			
5	Professional Statutory or			
	Regulatory Body (PSRB)			
	accreditation (if a	applicable)		

6	Course Description
	Do you want to improve the health of individuals, communities and populations? Do you want to be a Public Health Practitioner? If you have a passion for making a difference, this Health Studies (Public Health) undergraduate degree course will allow you to explore your interests and develop core skills so that you can go on to work in a variety of different jobs that look after the health and wellbeing of the population in the UK.
	What's covered in the course?
	On our Health Studies (Public Health) course you will learn about a wide variety of issues affecting the health of the population such as poverty, pollution, poor housing, access to good quality, affordable food and health inequalities. You will be taught many different skills that are needed in order to improve the health of populations, communities and individuals and will have the opportunity to implement these skills during work placements, in institutions and locations of your choice.
	By the end of your undergraduate degree course, you should leave fully empowered to contribute to improving health in the UK and around the world. You will gain both knowledge and solid work experience through placements and volunteering projects with our partners, which include public and community health teams in local councils, NHS health projects, housing associations, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.
	Our students consistently praise the supportive learning environment and the supportive atmosphere here. We'll do our best to make sure you get the very best from your whole experience and are ready to step into a wide range of the satisfying health careers out there.

7	Course Awards		
7a	Name of Final Award		Credits Awarded
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Health Studies (Public Health)	6	360
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded		
	Certificate of Higher Education Health Studies (Public Health)	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Health Studies (Public Health)	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Health Studies (Public Health)	6	300



8 Derogation from the University Regulations Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode	(s) of Study	Location	Duration of Study	Code
Full Ti	ime	City South	3 years	US0650
Part T	ïme	City South	5 years	US0879

10 Entry Requirements

The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	On graduating you will be able to:
1	Demonstrate a commitment to continually improving your own and other's public health and health promotion expertise and practice by
	 Reflecting on your own behaviour, resilience, practice and limits to competence and Seeking further advice and support for development and improvement. Demonstrating academic skills such as critical appraisal, conceptual clarity, theoretical insight and evidence of effectiveness to apply theory and evidence in improving your work
2	 Draw on a range of appropriate disciplines to collaboratively construct ethical and evidence-based interventions to promote health and wellbeing. This will include Demonstrating critical awareness of diversity in culture and lifestyle amongst colleagues and the public Promoting social inclusion as an essential aspect of public health interventions
3	Communicate information and ideas; and develop problems and solutions with a range of both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
4	Describe global dimensions of health and well-being and identify areas where these are becoming more significant.
5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of professional and ethical practice in public health.
6	Critically analyse a range of conceptual and theoretical insights concerning public health in order to justify personal and professional practice.
7	Demonstrate critical knowledge and understanding of public health polices and strategies and their application to practice.



8	 Demonstrate technical competences linked to the National Standards for Public Health focusing on: Knowledge and understanding of the determinants of health and health equality and their effect on populations, communities, groups and individuals. Knowledge and understanding of approaches to promoting health and health equality for individuals and collectives (populations and groups). Obtaining, verifying and interpreting health data. Assessing evidence of effective interventions and services 		
9	Demonstrate collaborative working with peers on the Course and people from teams and agencies on placements to improve health and well-being outcomes.		
10	Demonstrate collaborative working in preparing the Honours Project to plan for improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes for populations/communities/groups/families and individuals.		



12 **Course Requirements**

12a Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PHE4009	Perspectives on Health	40
PHE4010	Community Profiling	40
PHE4012	Public Health Organisations	20
PHE4013	Improving Health for Individuals and Populations	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PHE5009	Epidemiology and research evidence	20
PHE5010	Health inequalities	20
PHE5012	Improving Population Health through Policy and Strategy	20
PHE5013	Health protection	20
PHE5015	Placement (1)	40

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
PHE6074	Honours Project	40
PHE6075	Placement (2)	40
PHE6076	Contemporary Issues: Global, National and Local Perspectives	20
PHE6077	Developing Healthy Communities	20



12b Structure Diagram

Full Time

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core	Core
PHE4009: Perspectives on Health (40 credits)	PHE4010: Community Profiling (40 credits)
PHE4013: Improving Health for Individuals and Populations (20 credits)	PHE4012: Public Health Organisations (20 credits)

Level 5

Core	Core
PHE5009: Epidemiology and research evidence (20 credits)	PHE5012: Improving Population Health through Policy and Strategy (20 credits)
PHE5010: Health inequalities (20 credits)	PHE5015: Placement (1) (40 credits)
PHE5013: Health protection (20 credits)	

Level 6

Core	Core	
PHE6075: Placement (2) (40 credits)	PHE6077: Developing Healthy Communities	
PHE6076: Contemporary Issues: Global, National and Local Perspectives (20 credits)	(20 credits)	
Core		
PHE6074: Honours Project (40 credits)		



Part Time

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Level 4 Year 1	
Core	Core
PHE4013 Improving Health for Individuals and Populations (20 credits)	PHE4010 Community Profiling (40 Credits)
Level 4 Year 2	
Core	Core
PH4009 Perspectives on Health (40 Credits)	PHE4012 Public Health Organisations
	(20 Credits)

Level 5

Level 5 Year 3	
Core	Core
PHE5010: Health Inequalities (20 credits)	PHE5015: Placement (1) (40 Credits)
PHE5013: Health Protection (20 credits)	
Level 5 & 6 Year 4	
Core	Core
PHE5009: Epidemiology and Research Evidence (20 credits)	PHE5012: Improving Population Health through policy and strategy (20 credits)
PHE6076: Contemporary Issues: Global, National and Local Perspectives (20 credits)	PHE6077: Developing Healthy Communities (20 credits)

Level 6

Level 6 Year 5	
Core	Core
PHE6075: Placement (2) (40 credits)	PHE6074: Honours Project (40 credits)
PHE6074: Honours Project (Workshops only)	



13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- Scheduled Learning includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- Private Study includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	208
Directed Learning	260
Private Study	732
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	138
Directed Learning	326
Private Study	736
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	44%
Exam	40%
In-Person	16%



Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	98
Directed Learning	256
Private Study	846
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	92%
Exam	0
In-Person	8%