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With the exception of MAT121 (which requires a C or higher), all Gen Eds and Free Electives require a minimum grade of D-.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – 52 credits

General Education-First Year Experience (4 credits)*				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade
	4			
General Education-Writing (6 credits)				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade
WRT 120 or WRT123	3			
200-level writing (recommended WRT 200, 206, 208 or 220)	3			
General Education-Math (3 credits)				
MAT 121 or equivalent	3			<i>Must be C or higher</i>
General Education-Public Speaking (9 credits)				
SPK 208 or 230	3			
General Education-Science requirements (6 credits)				
Any Gen Ed BIO course	3			
Any Gen Ed CHE course	3			
General Education-Behavioral and Social Science Requirements (6 credits)				
<i>Selected with advisement</i>				
	3			
	3			
General Education-Humanities Requirements (6 credits)				
PHI 150 or 180	3			
Any Gen Ed LIT or HIS course	3			
General Education-Art Requirements (3 credits)				
<i>Please see current undergraduate catalog for list of approved Gen Ed Art courses</i>				
	3			
General Education-Diverse Communities Requirements (3 credits)				
HEA 110	3			
General Education-Interdisciplinary Requirements (3 credits)				
ENV 102	3			
General Education-Ethics Requirement (3 credits)				
Recommended HEA 300, HEA 210, or PHI 180 (if not taken for HUM)				

* Students who enter WCU with >24 college-level credits are exempt from the First Year Experience requirement but must ensure they have 120 credits total, which may require more free electives. The 9 required writing emphasis courses are covered by major requirements. No additional (W) courses are necessary.

MAJOR CORE COURSES + MAJOR REQUIRED ELECTIVES = 60 credits

All public health courses (required core AND electives) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

PUBLIC HEALTH MAJOR CORE COURSES – 39 credits

Public Health Core Requirements				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade (Minimum = C)
HEA 100: Dimensions of Wellness	3			
HEA 242: Introduction to Public Health	3			
HEA 330: Health Behavior	3			
HEA 341 Chronic and Communicable Disease	3			
HEA 342: Program Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation (W)	3			
HEA 348: Population Health: Analysis, Surveillance, and Intervention	3			
HEA 419: Research Methods	3			
HEA 420: Health Marketing and Communication (W)	3			
HEA 436: Healthcare Delivery	3			
HEA 434: Health Law, Ethics, Economics and Policy (W)	3			
HEA 418: PIPPS	3			
HEA421: Internship	6			

Cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to register for the internship.

PUBLIC HEALTH MAJOR REQUIRED ELECTIVES – 21 credits*

HEA ELECTIVES (Selected with advisement)				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade (Minimum = C)
	3			
	3			
	3			
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	3			
	3			
	3			

* with no more than 6 credits (2 courses) at the 100-level and no more than 6 credits of 435

Students planning to take the Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES) Exam will take HEA 240 and HEA 306 to receive their eligibility letter for the exam.

FREE ELECTIVES- 9 credits minimum

FREE ELECTIVES/MINOR (Selected with advisement)				
Course	Credits	Semester	Year	Grade

Appendix: List of Approved Public Health Major-Required Electives

100-level approved courses:

HEA 103. Drugs and Society

HEA 104: Human Sexuality

HEA 106. Death and Dying

HEA 109: Issues in Women's Health (J) (Distance education offering may be available)

200-400-level approved courses:

HEA 206. Human Development (Distance education offering may be available)

HEA 230. Health Issues of School-Aged Youth

HEA 240. Foundations of Health Education (offered for BS PH students once per year; please see the catalog)

HEA 300. Profession/Ethics & Health Professions (ET)

HEA 306. Curriculum and Instruction (W) (offered for BS PH students once per year; please see the catalog)

HEA 310: Love and Marriage (W)

HEA 315. Mind, Body, and Health (W)

HEA 325. Stress Management

HEA 333. Alternative and Complementary Medicine

HEA 345 Public Health and the Apocalypse (W) (Distance Education offering may be available)

HEA 438. Understanding AIDS/HIV Infection

HEA 435. Health Workshop (various topics, offered all semesters)

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