D16. Bachelor’s Degree Program Length

A public health bachelor’s degree requires completion of a total number of credit units commensurate with other similar degree programs in the university.

Schools use university definitions for credit hours.

1) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for all bachelor’s degree options. If the university uses a unit of academic credit or an academic term different from the standard semester or quarter, explain the difference and present an equivalency in table or narrative form.

Students within the BPH program must:

- Complete 120 semester credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Complete critical tracking (freshmen/sophomore) courses with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Complete 60 hours of upper division college credit (3XXX or 4XXX)
- Earn a C or better in core courses
- Complete all college-approved and specialty courses
- Complete the BPH exit survey
- Clear all incomplete grades
- Complete all university requirements including the State of Florida Common Core

2) Define a credit with regard to classroom/contact hours.


“For the purpose of accreditation and in accord with federal regulations, a credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally established equivalency that reasonably approximates (1) not less than one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours out-of-class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required outlined in item 1 above for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.”

3) Describe policies and procedures for acceptance of coursework completed at other institutions, including community colleges.

The policy regarding transfer of credit from other institutions is provided in the Undergraduate Catalog as well as on the admissions website.

Students graduating with an Associate of Arts degree from a community college within the Florida State University System are eligible to transfer 60 credits of college coursework. The Florida State University System uses a common course numbering system to establish equivalency of courses. This Statewide Course Numbering System facilitates efficiency in determining whether a course taken at different Florida community colleges and universities has covered equivalent content; some of these courses also meet specific general education requirements. Transfer students can also receive course credit through several specific credit-by-examination programs (e.g., advanced placement, international baccalaureate; see admissions link provided above for a complete list) and through dual enrollment (college courses taken while still in high school if taken as part of a sanctioned dual enrollment program).
Students are expected to complete all junior-senior core requirements for their major at UF although colleges have the authority to make exceptions to this if a course is considered equivalent and is taken at another accredited university that grants bachelor's degrees. (A list of sanctioned accreditors is provided in the catalog.) Exceptions in the BPH program are rare.

Unlike junior-senior major coursework, general electives and transient coursework can be transferred from other accredited institutions of higher education after review of course content by the program in which the student majors. Requests for transfer of credit at the junior and senior level must be approved by the dean of the college or his or her designee. In the BPH program, the program director has delegated decision making authority on all transfer requests from juniors and seniors. At least 25% of credits, defined as 30 semester hours of junior-senior coursework, must be earned through University of Florida coursework to qualify for a UF diploma.

The university does not accept transfer credit for remedial, vocational, or technical courses.

4) If applicable, provide articulation agreements with community colleges that address acceptance of coursework.

Florida College System Postsecondary Articulation. A link can also be found in ERF D16-4.

5) Provide information about the minimum credit-hour requirements for coursework for the major in at least two similar bachelor's degree programs in the home institution.

**Health Education & Behavior**
- Bachelor of Science in Health Education
  - Specialization in Community Health Promotion
  - Specialization in Health Studies
- Complete 120 semester credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Complete critical tracking courses with a minimum 2.5-2.8 GPA
- Complete 60 hours of upper division college credit (3XXX or 4XXX)
- Complete all college-approved and specialty courses
- Complete the 12-credit health education internship (HSC 4876)
- Complete all university requirements including the State of Florida Common Core

**Family, Youth and Community Sciences**
- Bachelor of Science
- Complete 120 semester credits with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Complete critical tracking courses with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Complete 60 hours of upper division college credit (3XXX or 4XXX) with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Complete all college-approved courses and specialization elective
- Complete the practicum course FYC 4941
- Complete all university requirements including the State of Florida Common Core

1 The General Education State Core, established by State of Florida Statute 1007.25, sets requirements for courses within the subject areas of communication, humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences.