

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Find your path in public health



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
College of Public Health



WHY UGA?

GEORGIA, LIKE THE REST OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH, IS CHANGING.

From demographic shifts to population growth to climate change, we're in a period of transition and a time of need. A changing South requires leaders motivated for change, focusing on issues like food insecurity, health inequities, mental wellbeing, reproductive health and the other challenges facing our region.



AT UGA PUBLIC HEALTH, WE OFFER:

12:1 *student to faculty ratio*

#2 *most diverse college on UGA campus*

96% *placement rate after graduation*



Nationally recognized faculty leading cutting-edge research



Hands-on, community-based learning opportunities

We are preparing committed changemakers for a changing South.

WHAT WILL YOU COMMIT TO?

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE



Environmental Health Science (EHS) is the study of biological, chemical or physical agents in the environment and their effects on human health and ecological systems. Professionals in this field aim to safeguard the public by looking for various things that may cause adverse health effects, while striving to protect the quality of our air, water, natural resources, food and shelter.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO DO?

EHS majors cover a wide range of study, with the first two years focused on basic and advanced courses in biology, chemistry, physics, math, and microbiology, as well as other UGA core requirements. Our curriculum is pre-med, pre-PA, and pre-PhD and students take applied environmental health science courses in various areas, including:

- AIR, WATER AND FOOD SAFETY
- SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY
- INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE
- FOOD MICROBIOLOGY
- EPIDEMIOLOGY
- PUBLIC HEALTH LAW
- MEDICAL SCHOOL



“Public health encompasses so many aspects that are important to our everyday lives. While it has been especially important in recent years with COVID-19 affecting the world, public health also teaches about air quality, toxicology, waste management, and how pollution affects human physiology. This variety of subjects that are all relevant now and in the future is why I wanted to pursue a degree in public health.”

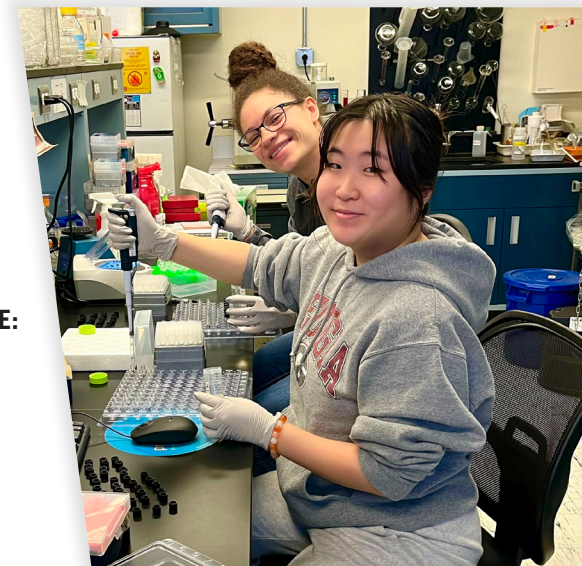
– DANIEL CALDERÓN ROMERO, CLASS OF 2022

WHERE DO OUR ALUMNI GO TO WORK?

- CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
- PEACE CORPS
- DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
- PRIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR EHS UNDERGRADUATE COORDINATOR, DR. ANNE MARIE ZIMERI, AT zimeri@uga.edu

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HEALTH PROMOTION & BEHAVIOR



Health Promotion and Behavior prepares students to address the social and behavioral aspects of public health and the prevention of health-related problems. Our students learn in an immersive classroom environment how to create multilevel interventions that positively impact the health and well-being and individual, group and community levels.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO DO?

HPB majors cover a wide range of study, with the first two years focused on basic and advanced courses in biology, human anatomy, social sciences, statistics, and communication, as well as other UGA core requirements. Later, students take applied Health Promotion and Behavior & Public Health courses in various areas, including:

- COMMUNITY HEALTH
- RESEARCH METHODS AND DESIGN
- EPIDEMIOLOGY
- HEALTH POLICY
- CHRONIC DISEASE AND PREVENTION
- PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- PROFESSIONAL WRITING
- WOMEN'S HEALTH
- EFFECTS OF DRUG USE AND ABUSE
- EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY



“I was torn between epidemiology and medicine, and with HPB, I am able to take classes that pertain to both to help me make an educated decision about which field to pursue. I chose the behavioral medicine emphasis because of how well its program design aligns with the pre-med track. All of the medical school prerequisites also count for this emphasis, so it proves to be very efficient.”

— JASMINE UDESHI, CLASS OF 2025

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY DEGREE?

- CONDUCT HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- DEVELOP HEALTH PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS
- MANAGE DISEASE PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS
- LEAD WORKSITE WELLNESS INITIATIVES
- CONDUCT HEALTH PROMOTION RESEARCH
- OFFER CONSULTING SERVICES

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MINORS

In addition to the two undergraduate major degrees, UGA Public Health offers opportunities for undergraduate students to complement their major coursework in a minor field of study. Minors must contain 15–18 semester hours of additional coursework not taken for credit in the major.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE

Study how natural and manmade substances impact human health and the environment, gaining a foundation for a career in environmental health science, toxicology, ecology, environmental engineering and more.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Provides a strong foundation in disaster management and the study of disasters from a social and scientific perspective, as well as equips students to engage in both applied and scholarly work in emergency management.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Gain an understanding of the global character of health problems, examining approaches to solving health problems and building knowledge to advocate for needed health solutions.

GERONTOLOGY

Gerontology is the multi-disciplinary study of aging. The demand for professionals with expertise in aging is growing rapidly, so gain the skills to expand your career opportunities.

HEALTH POLICY & MANAGEMENT

Training in Health Policy and Management provides a foundation for a career in government, healthcare organizations, nonprofits and pharmaceutical industries.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Explore the key tenants of public health with this minor which prepares students for professional schools such as law school, medical school, physician assistant school and other healthcare professions.

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CERTIFICATES

UGA Public Health's various certificate programs give students a wide lens to view public health challenges, while also making them more competitive in the job market after graduation.

PUBLIC HEALTH DATA FLUENCY

Learn how to understand, translate and visualize data with courses covering data ethics, data management and analysis, all geared to prepare students to better promote public health using data-driven insights.

STRATEGIC HEALTH & RISK COMMUNICATION

Blend communication strategies with public health issues, general health information and existing data in an immersive curriculum that culminates in the design and launch of a community-focused public health campaign.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Learn the skills needed to better excel in global health practices through courses that cover global health systems, economic development, global health policy, professional practices and communication strategies.

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FIND A WAY TO

GET INVOLVED

Enhance your college experience by finding your right fit outside the classroom. From the more than 700 student organizations spanning the campus to ample opportunities for service, learning and growth, there are countless paths open to you at the University of Georgia. Where you wind up is up to you. Learn more about how you can get involved on campus.

BECOME A PUBLIC HEALTH AMBASSADOR

UGA Public Health Ambassadors help showcase the College to current and prospective students, serving as passionate, outgoing advocates who can engage with a variety of audiences. They attend regular meetings and provide support at a host of events throughout the year.

JOIN A CLUB

From the Environmental Health Science Club to the Future Health Promoters Club, there are several organizations that connect students with service, create new relationships and advance their studies, all while having fun doing it.

PURSUE STUDY ABROAD

Immersion in another culture is key to growing and learning as a global citizen, and UGA Public Health has several study abroad opportunities open to undergraduates, including courses in Japan, Thailand and Uganda among others.

FIND A MENTOR

Don't be afraid to seek out a faculty member to learn more about their research and find a way to get engaged in the work they do. It's a great way to build your networks and advance your studies.

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2021-2022 Health Equity Fellows Program Cohort

HOW TO APPLY TO UGA PUBLIC HEALTH:



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