

# Milken Institute School of Public Health

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Milken Institute School of Public Health  
GW Undergraduate Students

Interdisciplinary Minor  
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## BACKGROUND

The George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health (GWSPH) offers an Interdisciplinary Minor in Public Health. This minor allows students to design a minor curriculum related to the field of public health, in consultation with a faculty advisory committee and the Public Health Program Director. This option is intended for students who have a clear career objective that falls outside of current minor options to create a designed program of study that fits their own interests. The Interdisciplinary Minor is comprised of at least 18 credits.

## ADMISSIONS

Students must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA to submit an Interdisciplinary Minor Application. The application consists of a proposal that includes the title of the proposed minor, a list of eight proposed courses (includes alternatives), and a one-page statement that describes the proposed minor, why existing minors do not support their academic goals, and background research on the proposed field of study (which may include similar programs at other universities or job descriptions outlining relevant coursework needed). The proposed minor should not be similar to any existing minor at GW (similar is defined as three or more courses collectively found in an existing minor). Students will also be required to supply the syllabi for all proposed courses (except for PUBH 1101) and a copy of their unofficial transcript when applying for the Interdisciplinary Minor. Once completed, the Interdisciplinary Minor application and all supporting materials must be submitted to the Faculty Advisory Committee for review. If the Interdisciplinary Minor application is approved, students whose home school is not GWSPH must submit their proposed program of study to their home school for approval (*students whose home school is GWSPH do not need to submit additional materials once the Interdisciplinary Minor application is approved*).

To drop the Interdisciplinary Minor, students must follow their home school's procedures. For students whose home school is GWSPH, students can drop the Interdisciplinary Minor by completing the form found [here](#).

GWSPH will not process requests to add or drop a minor in November or April.

**Applications must be submitted no later than the start of the fall semester of the student's junior/third year.**

## INTERDISCIPLINARY MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses (at least 9 credits)		
Number	Course Title	Credits
PUBH 1101	Introduction to Public Health and Health Services	3
Any PUBH, EXNS, or HLWL course*	Any PUBH, EXNS, or HLWL course at the undergraduate or graduate level. <i>See rules on double-counting credits.</i>	3-4
ANY PUBH, EXNS, or HLWL course*	Any PUBH, EXNS, or HLWL course at the undergraduate or graduate level. <i>See rules on double-counting credits.</i>	3-4
Elective Courses (9 credits)		
Number	Course Title	Credits
ANY SCHOOL, DEPARTMENT, or SUBJECT	Any school, department, or subject course at the undergraduate or graduate level which supports the proposed interdisciplinary minor. Students may apply up to 3 elective credits from approved Study Abroad and non-GW courses toward their minor if they comply with all applicable rules regarding courses taken at institutions outside of GW.	9
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>At least 18</b>

\* Students may not apply First-Year Experience in Public Health (PUBH 1010) toward the Interdisciplinary Minor.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All students accepted to this minor must follow the policies and regulations outlined in the [GW Bulletin](#) and the [GWSPH Student Handbook](#). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Minimum Course Grades
- Maximum Credit Allowances
- Minor Declaration
- Double Counting
- Continuous Enrollment
- Maximum Time to Degree
- Required Minimum Degree Credits
- Transfer Credit Policy
- Field Experience, Undergraduate Research, Independent Study, and Study Abroad
- CITI Training
- Integrity Quiz and Plagiarism
- Professional Enhancement (PE) Hours