FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

UUPC Approval 9-14-2026
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Department Management

College College of Business

Program Name
Public Health Minor or Certificate (PHLT)

☐ **New Program***
☑ **Change Program***

Effective Date
(TERM & YEAR)
Spring 2027

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

We propose to introduce three Sociology courses as electives for the Public Health Minor and Certificate: SYO 3400 (Sociology of Health, Medicine & Illness), SYP 3740 (Sociology of Aging & Dying), and SYO 3410 (Sociology of Mental Health). All three courses are offered on a regular basis, including in an online modality, providing flexible access for students pursuing the Public Health Minor and Certificate.

These additions will significantly strengthen the Public Health program with a sociological understanding of health, aging, and mental illness that complements the curriculum. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

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Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation
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Approved by		***Date***
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Email this form and attachments to mjenning@fau.edu seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

Catalog changes

Public Health
Undergraduate Minor for Non-Business Majors
Undergraduate Certificate

(Minimum of 12 credits required)

The Public Health minor and certificate provide an interdisciplinary educational opportunity for undergraduate students to gain the knowledge that complements their career paths and to make the first step towards improving community health. Both business and non-business majors will learn the science of protecting and improving the health of communities and populations through organized efforts. Professions and majors benefiting from these programs include healthcare administration, health science, nursing, medicine, biomedical sciences, finance, actuaries, insurance, information technology, and social work, among others.

The minor is available to all undergraduate degree-seeking students and may be earned upon successful completion of the coursework below and the simultaneous completion of a bachelor's degree at FAU. For non-Business majors, a waiver of prerequisites will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The certificate is available to degree-seeking students, non-degree students and working professionals. Students pursuing the certificate may apply for it in the College of Business Office of Student Academic Services upon successful completion of the coursework below.

Students cannot obtain both a certificate and a minor. Both programs require 12 credits each, with minimum grades of "C" required in all courses. For the minor, at least 9 of the 12 credits must be earned from FAU.

To earn the minor or certificate, students must complete the following courses:

Required Courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
Health Delivery Systems	HSA 3111	3
Issues and Trends in Public Health	HSA 4012	3

Choose two from the following courses

Course Title	Course Number	Credits
History of U.S. Drug and Alcohol Use	AMH 4315	3
Environment and Disease	ANT 4463	3
Global Health and Culture	ANT 4480	3
Epidemics: Culture, Science and Policy	ANT 4532	3
International Healthcare Systems	HSA 4124	3
Introduction to Health Research and Managerial Epidemiology	HSA 4700	3
Perspectives in Health	HSC 3102	3
Substance Abuse	HSC 4143	3
Health Promotion	HSC 4581	3
Biomedical Ethics	PHI 4633	3
Sociology of Health, Medicine and Illness	SYO 3400	3
Sociology of Aging and Dying	SYP 3740	3
Sociology of Mental Health	SYO 3410	3