



College of Medicine, Florida State University

B.S. Degree in Interdisciplinary Medical Sciences (IMS)

List of Community Patient Care - Public Health Navigation/Advocacy Focus Electives

*Purple highlight = special topics course, **must** be taken under topic listed in order to count toward IMS Degree elective requirement

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See an Academic Advisor and review Curriculum Sheet for more information

Course #	Name	Credits	Description	Prerequisites	Department Offering Course	University Requirements	Misc Information
CLP 3305	Clinical and Counseling Psychology	3	This course is a survey of the theory, research, and treatment procedures in the clinical process.	PSY 2012	Psychology		Fall, Spring, Summer
ECP 4530	Economics of Health	3	This course provides an overview of the U.S. health care system and the role that economics plays in advancing our understanding of it. Topics included are the demand for medical care and health insurance, the role and impact of government in funding health care services (Medicare and Medicaid), cost benefit analysis, pharmaceuticals and the FDA, organ donation and vending, as well as health care and insurance in other developed countries. Throughout the course, students have opportunities to improve their writing through instruction and assigned papers.	ECO 2013 and ECO 2023	Economics	Upper Division Writing Competency	Fall, Spring
IHS 4123	Narrative Medicine: Patient Centered Care and The Individual Story	3	In this course, students learn the tenets of narrative medicine and explore the role of narrative in improving clinician understanding of the individual patient's unique experience. To build narrative skill, students analyze and interpret various illness experiences as depicted in select stories, poems, and non-fiction medical narratives. Students also expand their understanding of narrative medicine and what it means to practice patient-centered care through various analytical and reflective writing assignments.	ENC 1101, and one of the following courses: ENC 1102 or ENC 2135, for a total of six credits of English	Medical School		Spring
NSP 3185	Multicultural Factors and Health	3	This course is a comparative analytical approach to the study of communication, current problems, issues, health care beliefs, values, and practices of different systems and cultural norms as they affect health care practices which conflict with ethnic or cultural communication related to standards and value systems.		Nursing	Multicultural Y (Diversity in Western Experience)	Fall, Spring
NUR 3076	Communication in Health Care	3	This course examines various communication patterns basic to individual and group relationships. Course emphasizes the development of interactive skills paramount to effective communication with individuals and groups involved with health care issues. It provides an opportunity for the validation of oral communication and a range of public speaking experiences especially related to health care.	ENC 1101	Nursing	Oral Communication Competency	Fall, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
NUR 3177	Holistic and Complementary Approaches to Health and Healing	3	This course is designed to explore knowledge of practices that promote health and well-being. Emphasis is on stress management and body-mind-spirit communication. A variety of holistic and complementary approaches to health and healing are explored.		Nursing		Summer

PAD 4844	Public Health and Emergency Mangement	3	This course is designed to provide an overview of international public health events that have either evolved into disasters, or are born of disasters. In addition, this course looks at preventing and preparing for public health disasters. A variety of threats and case studies are reviewed with an evaluation of future threats. Additionally, epidemiology and the discovery and reporting of events are reviewed.		Public Administration		
PHC 4030	Introduction to Epidemiology	3	This course is an introduction to epidemiology, i.e., to the study of the description and determinants of disease frequency in human populations. The course focuses on "how we know what we know" about the causes of disease in human populations.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PHC 4101	Introduction to Public Health	3	This course introduces students to key public health concepts, the history of public health, and how the core areas of public health can be integrated to promote health at a population level. The course covers principal areas of public health, including analytic methods, epidemiology, social and behavioral factors, environmental issues, and medical care.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PHC 4157	Health Policy and Society	3	This course introduces students to the major public health concerns currently facing the U.S. population and a variety of policies intended to address them. The course begins with an overview of how the American health care system works and how it compares to other health care systems across the world. Students also examine how issues of race, class, gender, sexuality, and age influence the availability, cost and quality of the health care individuals receive.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PHC 4470	Health Behavior and Health Promotion	3	This course introduces students theoretical perspectives regarding health behavior, health promotion and public health, as well as relevant and contemporary health research. Students are challenged to think critically about health behaviors as well as health policies and politics. Students are encouraged to engage in critical thinking, reading, writing, and discussion regarding all facets of health behavior, health promotion, and public health.		Public Health		To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu
PUP 4604	Health Services Organization and Policy	3	This course examines the development of health policy and its practice in American health organizations. Topics include costs, prices, and expenditures, insurance, programs (Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, and long-term care), and reforms in the American system.		Political Science		Fall, Spring, Summer To request enrollment in this course please email IMSadvising@med.fsu.edu