

Behavioral and Social Sciences Track for Those Enrolled Prior to Fall 2018

The BSS track prepares students to understand and apply theories of health behavior and health promotion to improve population health. Students in the BSS track will gain experience in behavioral-social science frameworks and methodologies for designing, implementing, and evaluating interventions, and in disseminating and translating findings for diverse communities. The BSS track also emphasizes the roles of cultural competence, ethical practice, professionalism, and community collaboration as vital to the design and delivery of public health interventions.

Track Specific Competencies

- Design an intervention to investigate a public health problem, and/or decrease risks for disease and/or promote wellness.
- Develop a plan to monitor and evaluate the reach, fidelity, quality, impact and outcome of public health interventions.
- Apply behavioral and social science theories in the planning, implementation, and/or evaluation of health promotion intervention programs.
- Examine the psychosocial, behavioral, and environmental causes of health disparities and incorporate an understanding of diverse values and traditions in the planning, implementation, and/or evaluation of health promotion/intervention programs.
- Analyze a health issue from a multi-level behavioral and social science perspective including the role of biological, individual, social, community, and structural factors.

Internship

All students in the Behavioral and Social Science Track complete PHP2070, Public Health Community Service Internship. The internship includes a core curriculum as well as a field experience tailored to the student's public health interests and future career goals.

Thesis

All students are required to complete a thesis. Students work with faculty advisors to design a thesis project appropriate to their interests and career path in behavioral and social sciences aspects of public health.

Core Curriculum Courses

Students in all tracks are required to complete the MPH Core Courses, which can be found in the pdf found on this page under Core Courses: <https://www.brown.edu/academics/public-health/mph/>

Behavioral and Social Science Track Specific Requirements

Select three of the following courses. At least one must be a course marked with an asterisk. The same course can't be counted as the BSS core requirement and as a BSS elective.

PHP1540: Alcohol Use and Misuse*

PHP1600: Obesity in the 21st Century: Causes, Consequences and Countermeasures *

PHP1680N: Tobacco Smoking and the Evil Empire*

PHP1999: Public Health Nutrition*

PHP2310: Physical Activity*

PHP2325: Place Matters; Exploring Community-Level Contexts on Health Behaviors, Outcomes and Disparities *

PHP2330: Behavioral and Social Approaches to HIV*

PHP2340: Behavioral and Social Science Theory for Health Promotion

PHP2360: Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating Public Health Interventions

PHP 2365: Public Health Issues in LGBT Populations*

PHP2380: Health Communications

