

# PUBLIC HEALTH, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) / PRE-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (SRU) (3+2)

## CURRICULUM GUIDE

### GPA REQUIREMENT

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Major: Public Health

- Overall GPA: 2.00 or higher
- Major GPA (only includes Health courses): 2.00 or higher

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Major: Pre-PA SRU 3+2 Public Health

- Overall GPA: 3.00 or higher
- Overall GPA: 3.25 or higher (Fall 2018 and after)

### SUMMARY\*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies 2 Requirements	44
	Major Requirements	45
	Natural Science and Math College-Wide Requirements	0-4
	Additional Physician Assistant Prerequisite Courses	21
	Electives	6

\* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits. Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate. However, because this is a pre-professional program, credits taken during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the graduate program are applied toward the undergraduate credit hours to meet the 120 credits required for your undergraduate degree.

### ROCK STUDIES 2 REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
<b>The Rock</b>		
SUBJ 139	Foundations of Academic Discovery <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLI 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		15
<b>Integrated Inquiry</b>		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits ( <a href="https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/">https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/</a> )		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		

Select 3 Credits (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/>) 3

#### *Physical & Natural Sciences Inquiry*

BIOL 209 Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory 4

CHEM 107 & CHEM 111 General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab 4

Subtotal 17

#### **Thematic Thread**

Select 12 Credits (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-program/>) <sup>2</sup> 12

#### Required Thematic Thread Coursework:

EXER 250 Medical Terminology

PSYC 105 Introduction to Psychology

**Total Hours 44**

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject.

<sup>2</sup> One course from each category; six credits must be 300-level or above; no more than 4 credits from one subject area; specific courses required in first major, regardless of prefix of course, cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements; any course with same prefix as first major cannot be used to satisfy thread requirements, even if it is not a course in the first major.

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION REQUIREMENT

Students must take and pass a course with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) designation prior to graduation. Students can meet this requirement by taking any DEI - designated course in any program at any time during their undergraduate career.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- If you choose to pursue Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Public Health and are not accepted into the PA program, then additional coursework is required to complete a first major of Public Health. Please refer to Public Health Curriculum Guide.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses in Public Health</b>		
HLTH 103	Health and Behavior Change	3
HLTH 104	Introduction to Public Health	3
HLTH 204	Public Health Education and Communication	3
HLTH 209	Foundations of Disease in Public Health	3
HLTH 310	Environmental Health	3
HLTH 313	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 321	Advanced Disease Prevention in Public Health	3
HLTH 322	Public Health Research Methods and Data Management	3
HLTH 323	Social Determinants of Health	3
HLTH 324	Epidemiology	3
HLTH 406	Program Planning and Evaluation	3
HLTH 407	Fundamentals of Public Health Policy and Management	3
HLTH 411	Global Health	3

HLTH 450	Internship	3
Subtotal		42
<b>Required Courses from other Departments</b>		
BIOL 210	Medical Microbiology with Lab	3
Subtotal		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>45</b>

\* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

## NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATH COLLEGE-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
CHEM 107	General Chemistry I	3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I Lab	1
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## ADDITIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PREREQUISITE COURSES

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
EXER 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

## CO-CURRICULAR AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. Conference attendance
2. Service-Learning
3. Internships
4. Career Education
5. Peer Education Opportunities

## Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies) Prerequisite Admission Requirements – Pre- Physician Assistant 3+2

### For Application Requirements

Please refer to Slippery Rock University's Physician Assistant Studies (Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies) website for requirements: <http://www.sru.edu/pa> (<http://www.sru.edu/pa/>)

### Rock Studies 2

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Prerequisite Courses - SRU Physician Assistant</b>		
BIOL 114	Biology II: Foundations of Molecules, Genes and Cells with Lab	4
BIOL 210 or BIOL 330	Medical Microbiology with Lab Microbiology/Lab	3
BIOL 209	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Laboratory	4
BIOL 309	Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Laboratory	4
BIOL 250	Genetics with Lab	4
CHEM 107 & CHEM 111	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 108 & CHEM 112	General Chemistry II and General Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 201	Organic Chemistry I	3
EXER 250 or HCAM 250	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Administrators	3
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>Inferential Statistics Course</i>		
BIOL 325	Biostatistics and Experimental Design with Lab	3
STAT 152	Elementary Statistics	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39</b>

### Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 Requirements

If any of these requirements are not met, the 3+2 designation will be removed from the student's record:

1. A 3.25 or higher overall GPA must be maintained by the student.
2. The student can only be enrolled in the Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 program for a maximum of three (3) years, full-time continuous enrollment (fall/spring).

### Provision

Should a Pre-Physician Assistant SRU 3+2 student be unsuccessful in completing the 1<sup>st</sup> two semesters (summer or fall) of the Physician Assistant Program and wants to complete the original undergraduate degree, it is solely up to the discretion of the undergraduate program Department Chair to determine which, if any, Physician Assistant courses will count toward the completion of his/her undergraduate degree. In addition, students must complete any unfulfilled requirements of their undergraduate major. Students may still apply to the Physician Assistant Studies Program with an earned Bachelor's degree.

## Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

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