Q&A about the New Public Health Track

Minor in Entrepreneurship at UNC-Chapel Hill

What does this mean?

* The UNC-Chapel Hill Economics Department has led a very successful Minor in Entrepreneurship program (“the Minor”) for years, and public health undergraduates have been important participants. Campus entrepreneurs encouraged the school of public health to partner with the Minor to offer a new track in public health. This new track will introduce additional non-SPH entrepreneurial students to public health problems and solutions. It will also introduce additional public health students to entrepreneurial skills and experience. A minor in entrepreneurship can help all undergraduates think about new ways to solve problems and have more impact in their careers, whatever career fields they choose.

Who may apply?

* Undergraduates---including SPH students---who have at least three semesters remaining before graduation may apply.

Would it be double dipping if the SPH courses are counted toward their bachelor’s degree and minor track area?

* Probably not. As an example, in the sports track, students taking EXSS 393 may count the venture creation workshop for the minor and for their major. For specific advice, check with the Minor [see final question in this list].

If SPH students can select this track, will they be required to complete two internships?

* No. Lauren Humphrey, internship director for the Minor in Entrepreneurship, can help students align their two internships. She can also help identify internships that fulfill the Minor requirements. (The Minor requires an internship of at least 320 hours in an innovative/entrepreneurial environment.)

What are the program requirements for the public health track?

* ECON 101 is a prerequisite
* ECON 325 is required and is offered only in the fall semester
* NUTR 780 is required
* An internship is required
* **ECON 393,** **Capstone Course in Entrepreneurship,** is required
* Students also take at least one elective
* See more details here: [http](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements

Is Econ 327 required?

* If a student takes NUTR 780, that satisfies the requirement for Econ 327 since it is a course approved by the Director, John Akin.

What are the other tracks in the Minor?

* Commercial, social, arts, science, and sports.

Do interested public health students have to enroll in the public health track?

* No. If they enroll in the Minor, they may pursue any of the tracks.

May students who are **not** majoring in public health enroll in the Minor in Entrepreneurship public health track?

* Yes. We hope they do!

How many students may enroll in the public health track for the Minor in Entrepreneurship?

* Program leaders anticipate enrollment of 6-10 students in the first year. Over time, we will see how demand for the track unfolds. We do not expect this new track to cause a sharp enrollment in SPH courses during the 2014-2015 academic year.

[What school of public health courses are open to undergraduates from outside the school?](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)

* These courses (some of which might have prerequisites or require permission of the instructor):
* [SPHG350H Introduction to Public Health](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* [BIOS 600 Principles of Statistical Inference](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* [EPID 600 Fundamentals of Epidemiology](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* ENVR 412 Ecological Microbiology
* ENVR 423 Industrial Medicine and Toxicology
* ENVR 600 Environmental Health
* [HBEH 600 Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* [HPM 600 Introduction to Health Policy and Management](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* [MHCH 690 (16188) Introduction to Racial and Ethnic Disparities](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* [NUTR 245 Sustainable, Local Food Systems--intersection of local foods and public health](http://www.unceminor.org/about/requirements)
* PUBH 420 AIDS: Principles and Policy
* PUBH 510 Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health

What happens if students outside of SPH cannot get into the 600 level courses?

* That might be a risk irrespective of the Minor in Entrepreneurship. No special treatment of “Minor” students is expected.

May graduate students enroll in the Minor?

* No. They may, however, enroll in entrepreneurship classes at the school of public health, classes at Kenan-Flagler Business School (<http://www.kenan-flagler.unc.edu/entrepreneurship> ), and competitions across campus.
* CUBE (<http://campus-y.unc.edu/incubator> ) at the Campus Y is an excellent resource for social innovators.
* See <http://innovate.unc.edu/> for a roundup of innovation and entrepreneurship on campus.

Where can I find more information about the Minor in Entrepreneurship?

* [www.unceminor.org](http://www.unceminor.org)

How do I apply?

* <http://www.unceminor.org/apply>

What if I have more questions?

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