Choosing Combined Major Electives for GPH/Prehealth

In addition to the core prehealth and public health requirements for the GPH/Science major, prehealth concentration, students are expected to complete two combined major requirements (section 4 of your Major Planning Form). This sheet provides guidelines on choosing CMEs; once you’ve identified possible courses you should discuss them with a GPH/prehealth advisor, either in person or by email at gph.prehealth@nyu.edu. Please keep in mind that CMEs should be undergraduate courses; graduate courses must be pre-approved by a GPH/prehealth advisor in the Preprofessional Advising Center (Silver 901).

CMEs fall into two broad categories:

- **Public health courses:** electives offered by the Global Institute of Public Health, with department code UGPH-GU. Courses other than the core GPH courses (UGPH-GU 10 – 60) are eligible to count as CMEs.
- **Prehealth courses:** these must be *non-introductory CAS courses* with a clear tie to health, medicine, or natural sciences (more on this below). Please note that we cannot accept courses offered by schools other than CAS.

When choosing prehealth-discipline courses, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- **Upper-level mathematics or natural science courses** are usually an excellent option. Completing math/science coursework beyond the basic prehealth curriculum can help to enhance your academic portfolio and bring up your science GPA.
  - We accept only upper-level courses (typically, courses that have basic prehealth courses as prerequisites).
  - *Examples include:* CHEM-UA 882 (Biochemistry II), BIOL-UA 21, 22 (Molecular & Cellular Biology I, II), NEURL-UA 100 (Intro to Neural Science), MATH-UA 122 (Calculus II).
    - We very strongly recommend that at least one of your CMEs be a math or science course!
- **Non-science courses** may be accepted as CMEs. We require that non-science electives for GPH/prehealth be:
  - Non-introductory social science or humanities electives that examine human health or the practice of medicine from a holistic, historical/social/anthropological point of view.
  - *Examples include:* ANTH-UA 35 (Medical Anthropology), ANTH-UA 53 (Human Genetics), SOC-UA 414 (Sociology of Medicine), HIST-UA 750 (From Medical Ethics to Bioethics: Historical Perspectives)
    - Please keep in mind that most of these courses will have prerequisites which students must plan for in advance!

Additional notes:

- We currently do not accept any CAMS or CAS Psychology courses as CMEs for GPH/prehealth.
- Students are encouraged to consult with us at gph.prehealth@nyu.edu with any questions about particular courses and whether they will fulfill CME requirements.
  - If you’ve identified a course which you think may fulfill a CME requirement but aren’t sure, please email us at minimum a course description (and ideally a syllabus) for our review.
- Please remember to fully account for both CMEs and any necessary prerequisites when completing your Course Planning Form.

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