

Public Health Advocacy

PH 183

Fall 2026 Sections 50, 70 Fully Online 3 Unit(s) 08/19/2026 to 10/08/2026 Modified 05/22/2026

Course Description and Requisites

Introduces students to an array of current and emerging topics in community health education. Contemporary topics that are relevant to analyzing and applying insights from health promotion to solve real-life community health problems. Repeatable for credit when topic changes.

Prerequisites: Upper division standing, Public Health majors, PH 165A, and PH 165B; or by instructor consent

Letter Graded

Program Information

Department Mission: To cultivate a learning community, advance research/scholarship, and act as an agent of social change within the domains of public health and recreation through serving our diverse SJSU PHR students and alumni and partnering communities to facilitate personal and community transformation.

Diversity Affirmation: Our diversity honors experiences, visions, choices, and realities. It is open to varied cultures, classes, ages, genders, orientations, religions, and abilities. It acknowledges differences and the critical importance of sharing the experiences, challenges, opportunities, and contributions of those differences. Our diversity is built on respect, support, inclusion, and representation. It embraces and honors community, ethnicity, spirituality, sexuality, gender, and culture. Our diversity provides a philosophical outlook that searches to find the points of inter-connectedness among us, and accepts that not all points of view connect. Our diverse community resolves to create spaces for all voices and stories to be acknowledged, shared and heard.

Library Liaison

The Library Liaison for Public Health and Recreation is Adrianna Poo. Students may reach her by phone at (408) 808-2099 or via e-mail at adriana.poo@sjsu.edu. Ms. Poo can provide guidance on locating primary references, journals, and government documents related to public health, health education, and multicultural health issues. She can also provide orientation to the many culture-related resources of the university's Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Undergraduate Program in Public Health Mission

To foster an environment that embraces diversity and inspires active, critical, interdisciplinary teaching and learning to improve population health.

Public Health Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Social Justice

Demonstrate understanding of social justice principles and apply them through the lens of cultural humility to achieve and sustain health equity.

Factors of Health

Explain the intersectionality of environmental, social, economic, behavioral, biological and political factors influencing human health and identify opportunities for change.

Ethics

Understand and apply ethical principles to the practice of public health.

Communication

Effectively engage public and professional audiences through written, oral and media-based communication methods.

Research

Apply the methods and tools of public health data collection to analyze and interpret evidence-based approaches to population health.

Identify the basic concepts of human health and disease, and understand research grounded in the history and philosophy of public health.

Policy

Demonstrate understanding of the effect of multiple levels of policy and health systems on population and individual health outcomes and be able to engage in the policy process.

Community

Apply public health processes and practices to create relevant programs that build community capacity, and engage effectively and collaboratively with diverse individuals and communities to promote health and reduce health inequities and disparities.

University Policies

Per [University Policy S16-9 \(PDF\)](http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf) (<http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S16-9.pdf>), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on the [Syllabus Information](https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php) (<https://www.sjsu.edu/curriculum/courses/syllabus-info.php>) web page. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.