Global Health Studies, Graduate Certificate

The graduate Certificate in Global Health Studies requires 18 s.h. of study. The certificate is open to University of Iowa graduate and professional students except for those in the College of Pharmacy who have earned the Pharm.D. degree; they are awarded the undergraduate certificate. Other students are awarded the graduate certificate by the Graduate College.

The certificate program is interdisciplinary, and allows students an international experience during which they address an important global health issue in a systematic way. Students then report/present on the completed international experience. The program helps prepare students for careers in global health.

Admission to the certificate program is competitive. Applicants must be in good academic standing and must be able to demonstrate interest in and understanding of the field of global health. For application forms and deadline information, contact the Global Health Studies Program advisor.

Work for the certificate includes core courses, electives, an international experience that culminates in a public presentation and written report, and study of a world language. Students must earn at least 12 s.h. of credit for the certificate in courses numbered 3000 or above taken at the University of Iowa. A maximum of 6 s.h. of course work used toward another academic program may be applied toward the certificate. Students may choose courses offered by the Global Health Studies Program (prefix GHS) or associated courses offered by other departments and programs (see "Associated Courses" under Courses in this section of the Catalog).

Graduate and professional students who would like to count credit from a degree program toward the global health studies certificate should consult their graduate/professional academic programs.

The Certificate in Global Health Studies requires the following work.

**Core Courses**

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**Electives**

Students complete 5 s.h. of approved electives chosen from the course lists under Courses in this section of the Catalog. They may petition to use other courses as electives if they can demonstrate that the courses include substantial material related to global health. Students may apply up to 3 s.h. of academic credit earned for research, internship, or study abroad experiences to the elective requirement. Contact the Global Health Studies Program for details.

**International Experience**

Students must complete an international experience in which they systematically address an important global health issue. The experience typically takes place in an international setting and lasts eight weeks. The international experience may be completed as part of a study abroad program, a service learning course, an internship, a volunteer experience, or an independent research project.

Projects require approval by the Global Health Studies Program steering committee and must be supervised by a faculty member. Students may apply for a Stanley Award; other financial support may be available for some projects. Visit International Experience on the program’s website for more information.

**Language Study**

Students should complete four semesters of modern language study or course work that fulfills or is equivalent to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Program World Languages requirement.

The Global Health Studies Program steering committee may require students to take additional language study in preparation for a research or internship program. Students interested in learning an infrequently taught language to facilitate their participation in an international experience should investigate the Autonomous Language Learning Network (ALLNET).

**Public Presentation and Report**

Certificate requirements culminate in a public presentation and report. Students present the results of their international experience in GHS:3010 Identifying and Developing a Global Health Project or in an equivalent public forum. Students also must submit a 10-12 page report that summarizes their international experience.