

Global Health Studies, Graduate Certificate

Requirements

The graduate Certificate in Global Health Studies requires 18 s.h. of study. 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. Students must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 2.50 or higher in the 18 s.h. coursework required for the certificate.

The certificate is open to University of Iowa graduate and professional students. Students who wish to declare the global health studies certificate must contact the global health studies faculty advisor. Global health studies staff will see to it that the certificate is added to a student's program of study.

Work for the certificate includes required courses, electives, a global health project that culminates in a public presentation and written report, and the study of a world language. A maximum of 4 s.h. in GHS:4990 Independent Project in Global Health may be used 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 program is interdisciplinary, and requires students to complete a global health project (either in an international setting or in a domestic setting that focuses on global connections) during which they address an important global health issue in a systematic way. Students then present their results and report on the completed project. The program helps prepare students for careers in global health.

The Certificate in Global Health Studies requires the following work.

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
GHS:3010	Social Science Approaches to Global Health	3
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
GHS:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
GHS:4990	Independent Project in Global Health (maximum of 4 s.h. may count toward the certificate)	1
One of these:		
GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	3
GHS:4003	Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3
One of these:		

GHS:3011	Global Research: Strategies and Skills	1
GHS:3030	Global Health Today	1
GHS:3034	Doing Harm by Doing Good: The Ethics of Studying, Volunteering, and Working in Global Communities	1
GHS:3035	Engaging in Global Health	1

Electives

Students complete 4 s.h. of approved electives chosen from the course lists under Courses in the Global Health Studies 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. Contact the Global Health Studies Program for details.

Global Health Project

Students must complete a global health project during which they systematically address an important global health issue. The project can be completed either in an international setting or in a domestic setting that focuses on global connections. Eight weeks is considered the optimal amount of time to meet this requirement. The project 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 faculty director and must be supervised by an approved UI faculty mentor. Students may apply for a Stanley Award; other financial support may be available for some projects. Visit Global Health Project on the program's website for more information.

Language Study

Students must either demonstrate fourth-semester-level language proficiency or complete the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement through any of the available pathways.

The Global Health Studies Program steering committee may advise 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 a global health project can contact the Center for Language and Culture Learning in the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures.

Public Presentation and Report

Certificate requirements culminate in a public presentation and report. Students present the results of their global health project in GHS:3010 Social Science Approaches to Global Health or in an equivalent public forum. Students must also submit a 10-12 page report that summarizes their global health project. Students enroll in GHS:4990 Independent Project in Global Health for 1 s.h. during the semester in which they are completing their report and presentation.

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and

should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
GHS:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
Global Health Studies elective ^a		1 - 3
Hours		4-6
Spring		
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
Hours		3
Second Year		
Fall		
GHS:3010	Social Science Approaches to Global Health ^b	3
Global Health Studies course ^c		1
Hours		4
Spring		
GHS:4002 or GHS:4003	Working in Global Health or Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3
Apply for a Stanley Award for International Research (optional, not required to earn the certificate)		
Hours		3
Summer		
Complete an approved global health project ^{d, e}		
Hours		0
Third Year		
Fall		
GHS:4990	Independent Project in Global Health	1
Complete a report and presentation on the approved global health project ^d		
Hours		1
Spring		
Global Health Studies elective (if needed to reach a minimum of 4 s.h. of GHS electives) ^a		1 - 3
Hours		1-3
Total Hours		16-20

a Students complete 4 s.h. of approved electives. See the General Catalog for a list of approved courses.

b GHS:3010 can be taken earlier in the plan to prepare for the global health project; meet with the GHS academic advisor to create an individualized plan of study.

c Choose from GHS:3011, GHS:3030, GHS:3034, GHS:3035.

d See the Global Health Studies program website for details.

e The global health project may be completed during any session after GHS:3010 and before the student's final session; it can be local or international. Meet with the GHS academic advisor to create an individualized plan of study.