Global Health Studies, Minor

The undergraduate minor in global health studies requires a minimum of 15 s.h., including 12 s.h. in courses numbered 3000 or above taken at the University of Iowa. A maximum of 6 s.h. of course work used to satisfy another major, minor, or certificate may be applied toward the minor. A maximum of 3 s.h. in GHS:4990 Independent Project in Global Health may be used toward the minor. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor. Course work in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

Students may earn either the minor or the certificate in global health studies, but not both. Undergraduates who earn the minor in global health studies may not earn the major in global health studies.

The minor is interdisciplinary, designed for students who wish to study the complex factors influencing health and disease locally and around the world. 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); they should choose courses from at least two different disciplines. Students are strongly encouraged to include one of the courses required for the Certificate in Global Health Studies in their plan of study for the minor. The program highly recommends that students complete an experiential learning activity which addresses global health issues, such as a study abroad program or an internship with a local organization which focuses on global connections.