Global Health Studies, Certificate

The undergraduate Certificate in Global Health Studies requires 18 s.h. of study. Students must maintain a minimum g.p.a. of 2.00 or higher in the 18 s.h. of course work required for the certificate.

University of Iowa undergraduate students who are not concurrently enrolled in a UI graduate or professional degree program may apply for admission to the certificate program. Students in the College of Pharmacy are an exception; those who have earned the Pharm.D. degree also may earn an undergraduate global health studies certificate.

Work for the certificate includes required courses, electives, a global health project 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 to satisfy another major, minor, or certificate 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).

The certificate program is interdisciplinary, and requires students to complete a global health project (either in an international setting or in a domestic setting which 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 advanced work or careers in global health.

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

The Certificate in Global Health Studies requires the following work.

**Required Courses**

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**Electives**

Students complete 4 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. 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 which 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 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 Global Health Project on the program’s website for more information.

**Language Study**

Students must complete the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement or demonstrate fourth-semester-level language proficiency.

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 Autonomous Language Learning Network (ALLNet).

**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 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 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.

**Admission**

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.