

Global Health Studies, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in global health studies requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 37 s.h. of coursework for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. A minimum of 18 s.h. of major coursework must be earned at the University of Iowa. A maximum of 6 s.h. in GHS:4990 Independent Project in Global Health may be used toward the major. Students must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core requirements.

In planning coursework, students should be guided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences maximum hours rule: students earning a BA may apply a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in one department to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation, whether or not the coursework is accepted toward requirements for the major; students who earn more than 56 s.h. from one department may use the additional semester hours to satisfy requirements for the major (if the department accepts them), and the grades they earn become part of their grade-point average, but they cannot apply the additional semester hours to the minimum 120 s.h. required for graduation.

Students who are earning two majors from the same department (e.g., a BA in global health studies and a BA in anthropology), two degrees from the same department (e.g., a BA in global health studies and a BS in anthropology), or a major and a minor from the same department (e.g., a BA in global health studies and a minor in anthropology) may apply more than 56 s.h. from their home department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside their home department in order to graduate.

Students who earn the major in global health studies may earn the major in interdepartmental studies as long as they select an emphasis other than the cultural contexts emphasis in the health science track.

The BA with a major in global health studies requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Foundation Courses	7
Global Health Perspectives and Practices Electives	18
World Language and Culture Requirement	6
Inquiry Course	3
Experiential Learning Course	3

Foundation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
GHS:2000	Introduction to Global Health Studies	3
GHS:4003	Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3

And one of these:

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

Global Health Perspectives and Practices Electives

To provide an appreciation of the interdisciplinary nature of global health studies, students choose from a wide range of courses on topics that reflect the breadth of the field. Students must take a minimum of 18 s.h. of courses from the following lists to fulfill the global health perspectives and practices requirement, with at least 12 s.h. from courses numbered 3000 or above.

Courses taken to complete another area of the major cannot be used toward the global health perspectives and practices elective requirement.

Core Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
A minimum of 6 s.h. from these (if not taken to satisfy one of the other major requirements):		
GHS:1200	Disabilities and Inclusion in Writing and Film Around the World	3
GHS:2100	Foundations of Health Humanities	3
GHS:3010	Social Science Approaches to Global Health	3
GHS:3015	Transnational Sexualities	3
GHS:3036	Ethics, Policy, and Global Health	3
GHS:3037	Technology to Improve Global Health	3
GHS:3045	Spanish Health Narratives	3
GHS:3060	Studies in Complementary and Alternative Medicine	3
GHS:3105	Contraception Across Time and Cultures	3
GHS:3120	Global Maternal and Child Health	3
GHS:3230	Health Experience of Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees	3
GHS:3325	Global Epidemics	3
GHS:3520	Oral Histories of Health Care	3
GHS:3560	Global Garbage and Global Health	3
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
GHS:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	3
GHS:4205	Culture, Language, and Health	3

Additional Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
A minimum of 12 s.h. from these (if not taken to satisfy one of the other major requirements):		

Global health studies courses (prefix GHS) numbered 1000-4990, not including GHS:2000 or GHS:4003

ASP:1800/ CSD:1800/ NURS:1800/ SSW:1800/TR:1800	Aging Matters: Introduction to Gerontology	3
CPH:2200	Climageddon: Understanding Climate Change and Associated Impacts on Health	3
CPH:2230	Finding Patient Zero: The Exploration of Infectious Disease Transmission and Pandemic Threats	3
CPH:2400	The U.S. Health System in a Global Context	3
CPH:3400/ SEES:3250	Health, Work, and the Environment	3
CPH:4200	Agriculture, Food Systems, and Sustainability	3
ENGL:2560	Topics in Culture and Identity (when topic is stories about HIV/AIDS)	3
HIST:1016	The History That Made Our World (when topic is related to global health; consult advisor)	3
NURS:3655	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum (BSN students only)	2
OEH:4240	Global Environmental Health	3

World Language and Culture Requirement

Students must choose one of the following options: option A or B. The semester hours necessary to complete this requirement will vary.

Option A

Students may complete a minimum of two world language courses beyond that required by the GE CLAS Core. This additional language requirement may be met either by completing at least two courses at a higher level in a language used to fulfill the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement or by completing two courses, or the equivalent, of an additional world language at any level.

Option B

Students may complete 6 s.h. of World Culture coursework selected from the international studies Global Perspectives or World Cultures and Societies course tables; see Requirements in the BA in international studies section of the catalog. Courses taken to complete another area of the major cannot be used toward the World Culture requirement.

Inquiry Course

Students must take a minimum of 3 s.h. of courses from this list or from an approved study abroad course.

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these (if not taken to satisfy one of the other major requirements):		

GHS:2100	Foundations of Health Humanities	3
GHS:3010	Social Science Approaches to Global Health	3
In certain circumstances, an approved study abroad course (consult global health studies advisor)		3

Experiential Learning Course

The experiential learning requirement provides an opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and skills they learned in the classroom.

Course #	Title	Hours
A minimum of 3 s.h. from these (if not taken to satisfy one of the other major requirements):		
GHS:3012	Community-Based Global Health Research	3
GHS:3092	Spanish in the Community	3
GHS:3520	Oral Histories of Health Care	3
GHS:3660	Social Environmental Health Risks and Community Engagement	3
GHS:4000	Global Health Studies Service Learning: Local Health is Global Health	4
GHS:4001	Social Entrepreneurship and Global Health	3
GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	3
Approved study abroad coursework (consult global health studies advisor)		3