

# 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 also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core requirements.

A total of three courses may be counted from other majors, minors, or certificates toward the global health studies major, excluding courses taken to satisfy GE CLAS Core requirements.

Students who earn the major in global health studies may not earn the certificate or the minor in global health studies.

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 global health emphasis in the health science track.

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

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Foundation Courses	10
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## Foundation Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
GHS:2000	Introduction to Global Health Studies	3
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	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 Courses

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 lists below 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 requirement.

## Core Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
A minimum of 6 s.h. from these:		
GHS:1200	Disabilities and Inclusion in Writing and Film Around the World	3
GHS:2100	Foundations of Health Humanities	3
GHS:3015	Transnational Sexualities	3
GHS:3036	Ethics, Politics, and Global Health	3
GHS:3045	Spanish Health Narratives	3
GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3
GHS:3105	Contraception Across Time and Cultures	3
GHS:3120	Global Maternal and Child Health	3
GHS:3300	Envisioning Future Worlds: Sustainable Development and Its Alternatives	3
GHS:3230	Health Experience of Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees	3
GHS:3325	Global Epidemics	3
GHS:3520	Latinx Oral Histories of Health Care	3
GHS:3560	Global Garbage and Global Health	3
GHS:4205	Culture, Language, and Health	3

## Additional Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
A minimum of 12 s.h. from these:		
GHS:1029	First-Year Seminar	1
GHS:1181	Ancient Medicine	3
GHS:1290	Native American Foods and Foodways	3
GHS:2080	The Cultural Politics of HIV-AIDS	3
GHS:2090	Medical Spanish in Contemporary Society	4
GHS:2110	Eight Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics	3
GHS:2160	Culture, Health, and Wellness: Southeast Asia in Focus	3
GHS:2164	Culture and Healing: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
GHS:2181	The Anthropology of Aging	3
GHS:2182	Africa: Health and Society	3

GHS:2260	Hard Cases in Healthcare at the Beginning of Life	3	GHS:3555	Understanding Health and Disease in Africa	3
GHS:2265	Hard Cases in Healthcare at the End of Life	3	GHS:3570	Poverty Policy	3
GHS:2320	Origins of Human Infectious Disease	3	GHS:3600	Development in a Global Context I: Preparing for an Internship in Health, Gender, and Environment	2
GHS:2415	Bioethics	3	GHS:3700	Development in a Global Context II: Reflections on Real World Interventions	1
GHS:2650	Global Reproduction	3	GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health (topic must be different than the Foundation Course topic)	3
GHS:2674	Food, Body, and Belief: A Global Perspective	3	GHS:3732	Global Health Nursing	3
GHS:2770	Black and White Community Politics	3	GHS:3760	Hazards and Society	3
GHS:3010	Identifying and Developing a Global Health Project (if not taken to satisfy the Capstone Experience requirement)	3	GHS:3780	U.S. Energy Policy in Global Context	3
GHS:3011	Global Research: Strategies and Skills	1	GHS:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
GHS:3012	Community-Based Global Health Research (if not taken to satisfy the Capstone Experience requirement)	3	GHS:4000	Global Health Studies Service Learning: Local Health is Global Health (if not taken to satisfy the Capstone Experience requirement)	4
GHS:3021	Mental Health in the Ancient World	3	GHS:4001	Social Entrepreneurship and Global Health (if not taken to satisfy the Capstone Experience requirement)	3
GHS:3034	Doing Harm by Doing Good: The Ethics of Studying, Volunteering, and Working in Global Communities	1	GHS:4002	Working in Global Health (if not taken to satisfy the Capstone Experience requirement)	3
GHS:3035	Engaging in Global Health	1	GHS:4100	Topics in Global Health	1-3
GHS:3037	Technology to Improve Global Health	3	GHS:4140	Feminist Activism and Global Health	3
GHS:3045	Spanish Health Narratives	3	GHS:4150	Health and Environment: GIS Applications	3
GHS:3050	Global Aging	3	GHS:4205	Culture, Language, and Health	3
GHS:3060	Studies in Complementary and Alternative Medicine	3	GHS:4260	Global Water and Health	3
GHS:3070	Hungry Planet: Global Geographies of Food	3	GHS:4530	Global Road Safety	3
GHS:3110	Colonialism and Indigenous Health Equity	3	GHS:4770	Environmental Justice	3
GHS:3111	Geography of Health	3	GHS:4990	Independent Project in Global Health	arr.
GHS:3113	Religion and Healing	3	GHS:5000	Graduate Seminar in Global Health	2
GHS:3150	Media and Health	3	GHS:5455	Health Insurance and Managed Care	3
GHS:3151	The Anthropology of the Beginnings and Ends of Life	3	GHS:6550	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	3
GHS:3152	Anthropology of Caregiving and Health	3	ASP:1800/ CSD:1800/ NURS:1800/ SSW:1800/TR:1800	Aging Matters: Introduction to Gerontology	3
GHS:3162	History of Global Health	3	CPH:2200	Climategeddon: Understanding Climate Change and Associated Impacts on Health	3
GHS:3199	Anthropology and Global Health Policy	3	CPH:2230	Finding Patient Zero: The Exploration of Infectious Disease Transmission and Pandemic Threats	3
GHS:3300	Envisioning Future Worlds: Sustainable Development and Its Alternatives	3			
GHS:3327	The Politics of Progress: NGOs, Development, and Sexuality	3			
GHS:3420	Health and Healing in Early Modern Europe	3			
GHS:3500	Global Public Health	3			
GHS:3508	Disease and Health in Latin American History	3			

CPH:2400	The U.S. Health System in a Global Context	3	GHS:4001	Social Entrepreneurship and Global Health	3
CPH:3400/ GEOG:3210	Health, Work, and the Environment	3	GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	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 (B.S.N. students only)	2			
OEH:4240	Global Environmental Health	3			

## World Language and Culture Requirement

Students must choose option A or B below. 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 of fifth-semester-level study or higher in the same language used to fulfill the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement or by completing two courses, or the equivalent, of a second world language at any level.

### Option B

Students may complete 6 s.h. related to one of the following area studies: African studies; Caribbean studies; East Asian studies; Islamic and Middle Eastern studies; Latin American studies; Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies; or South Asian studies. See the International Studies Course Database website for approved courses each semester.

## Capstone Experience

The capstone experience 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:		
GHS:3010	Identifying and Developing a Global Health Project (if not taken to satisfy the Global Health Perspectives and Practices Courses requirement)	3
GHS:3012	Community-Based Global Health Research (if not taken to satisfy the Global Health Perspectives and Practices Courses requirement)	3
GHS:4000	Global Health Studies Service Learning: Local Health is Global Health	4