

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 g.p.a. 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, except for those in the College of Pharmacy who have earned the Pharm.D. degree; they are awarded the undergraduate certificate. Other students are awarded the graduate certificate by the Graduate College. Students who wish to declare the global health studies certificate must contact the global health studies academic 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 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 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 careers in global health.

The Certificate in Global Health Studies requires the following work.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
All of these:		
GHS:3010	Identifying and Developing a Global Health Project	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 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 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 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 Center for Language and Culture Learning in the Division of World Languages, 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 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.