

Global Health Studies, Minor

Learning Outcomes

The minor in global health studies equips students to:

- apply interdisciplinary perspectives drawn from the social sciences and humanities to local and global health issues;
- analyze health and disease from biomedical, sociocultural, and environmental perspectives;
- understand how health issues affect domestic and international communities;
- recognize the ethical challenges involved in interventions designed to improve health and health equity across cultural and geographical boundaries.

Requirements

The undergraduate minor in global health studies requires a minimum of 15 s.h., including 12 s.h. in courses completed at the University of Iowa. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the minor and in all UI courses for the minor. Coursework in the minor may not be taken pass/nonpass.

The minor is interdisciplinary and designed for students who wish to study the complex factors influencing health and disease locally and around the world.

A maximum of 6 s.h. of coursework used to satisfy requirements for another major, minor, or certificate may be applied toward the minor. This includes second areas, concentrations, and cognates, with the exception of the BA in journalism and mass communication, for which no overlap is assessed. Undergraduates who earn the minor in global health studies may not earn the major in global health studies.

The minor in global health studies requires the following coursework.

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
GHS:2000	Introduction to Global Health Studies	3
GHS:3850	Promoting Health Globally	3
One of these:		
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	3
GHS:4003	Case Studies in Global Health Inequities	3
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:3034	Doing Harm by Doing Good: The Ethics of Studying, Volunteering, and Working in Global Communities	1
GHS:3035	Engaging in Global Health	1
GHS:3036	Ethics, Policy, and Global Health	3

GHS:3037	Technology to Improve Global Health	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	Latinx Oral Histories of Health Care	3
GHS:3560	Global Garbage and Global Health	3
GHS:3660	Social Environmental Health Risks and Community Engagement	3
GHS:3720	Contemporary Issues in Global Health (if not taken for the above requirement)	3
GHS:4001	Social Entrepreneurship and Global Health	3
GHS:4002	Working in Global Health	3
One of these:		
Global Health Perspectives and Practices Elective(s) if not taken as a requirement above; see BA or BS in global health studies for approved list		3
Approved global health-themed study abroad coursework (consult global health studies advisor)		3