

GLOBAL HEALTH, UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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Global Health is an interdisciplinary undergraduate certificate administered by the Director of the Center for Global Health Equity and the Global Health Advisory Committee (GHAC).

The world is economically, politically, culturally, and technologically connected and interdependent with increasingly mobile populations seeking economic opportunity, security, and safety as a result of civil unrest, regional conflicts, diminished natural resources, poverty, and disease. Although some health problems and issues remain specific to levels and contexts of socio-cultural, economic, and political development within countries, many of the same problems, issues, and concerns transcend geographic boundaries, as should appropriate approaches and solutions. The concept of “global health” describes and addresses these realities. An undergraduate certificate in Global Health will provide students with academic inquiry into:

- the global burden of disease
- the social determinants of health in a global context
- the principles, language, and measurement tools used in global health
- ethics and global health
- the global cultural, religious, and historical contexts of health, disease, and health care

The Global Health Certificate will provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to focus on current global health issues and concerns, policies, processes, programs, and practices that contribute to and hinder global health improvement. A wide array of courses will help students better comprehend the interdisciplinary approach to understanding and addressing global health issues.

Eligibility

The Global Health Certificate is intended to enhance a bachelor's degree. The certificate is available to all students seeking a bachelor's degree from UWM, to students who previously have received a bachelor's degree from UWM or any other accredited college or university, and to those who do not plan to pursue a college or university degree (non-degree students) but who have a strong interest in this subject. Non-degree students must meet regular University admission requirements. Students currently involved in baccalaureate studies who successfully complete the requirements of the program will be awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Students who already have a bachelor's degree will receive the certificate upon completion of the program requirements.

Requirements

To obtain the certificate, the student must complete, with a minimum grade point average of 2.500, at least 15 credits in approved Global Health courses. A maximum of 3 credits of independent study may count toward program requirements. Courses for the certificate may not be taken on a credit/no credit basis.

Credits earned at other institutions equivalent to courses in the certificate program may be accepted in partial fulfillment of the program requirements, subject to review by the Certificate Program advisor. Students currently enrolled at UWM who have fulfilled some of the program's requirements prior to the approval of this program may count those courses toward completion of the certificate requirements. Students currently involved in baccalaureate studies who successfully complete the requirements of the program will be awarded the certificate at the time of graduation. Students who already have a bachelor's degree will receive the certificate upon completion of the program requirements.

The following are required:

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
NURS 301	Introduction to Global Health	3
PH 101	Introduction to Public Health	3
World Regions		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTHRO 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies	
GEOG 110	The World: Peoples and Regions	
HIST 132	World History Since 1500	
CHPS 101	Introduction to Health and Disease	
POL SCI 106	Politics of the World's Nations	
SOCIOL 103	World Society	
Electives		
Select a minimum of 6 credits		6
Fieldwork		
Select one of the following:		3
Internship		
Study Abroad		
Independent Study		
Capstone		
NURS 575	Global Health: Ethics and Human Rights	3
Total Credits		21

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
AFRIC 329	Economic Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa	3
AFRIC 351	Sexuality, Gender, and Health in Africa and the Diaspora	3
ANTHRO 102	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture and Society	3
ANTHRO 104	Lifeways in Different Cultures: A Survey of World Societies	3
ANTHRO 440	Medical Anthropology	3
ANTHRO 447	The Global Politics of Human Rights	3
ART 150	Multicultural America	3
CES 210	Introduction to Conservation and Environmental Science	3
BMS 204	Plagues, Pandemics, and Epidemics	3
ECON 353	Economic Development	3
ETHNIC 375	Global Violence, Disease, and Death	3

FILM 150	Multicultural America	3
HIST 150	Multicultural America	3
NURS 204	Global Maternal and Child Health: From Evidence to Action	3
NURS 380	Honors Seminar:	3
NURS 401	Global Patterns of Disease	3
NURS 297	Study Abroad:	1-12
NURS 497	Study Abroad:	3
NURS 575	Global Health: Ethics and Human Rights	3
NURS 620	Global Food Security and Systems	3
NURS 690	Global Health Governance: Key Players, Financing and Challenges	3
PH 210	Climate Change, the Environment and Human Health	3
PH 408	Comparative Health Systems: A Social Determinants Approach	3
POL SCI 374	Health, Wealth, and Democracy	3
SPANISH 388	Health Issues in the Hispanic World	3

Fieldwork

Fieldwork is encouraged but not required and enables the student to engage in global health work through “practical” experience or research. An internship, research project, or study abroad (for a minimum of 3 credits at the 300-level or above) in the field of global health can count towards the certificate. The area of independent study must be approved by the advisor or director of the Global Health Certificate and must meet the requirements of the department through which it is being completed.

Fieldwork requirement can be fulfilled in one of three ways:

- Internship – A number of global health internships are available through the International Studies Major (INTLST 450), as well as other departments and organizations.
- Study Abroad – UWM offers a number of Global Health study abroad programs, through several departments.
- Independent Study – The student may propose a global health research project to a professor in an area of interest. The independent study also must be discussed with and approved by the Global Health Certificate advisor or director.