

B.A. IN GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES

Overview

The undergraduate major in Global Health Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary perspective to understanding how issues surrounding global health relate to the greater impacts on society, culture, and the environment. This major combines social science and humanist perspectives and crosses the disciplines of anthropology, religious studies, geography, regional studies, classics, history, literature, and sociology.

The GHS major offers two tracks: Global Health in the Humanities (30 credits), Global Health in the Social Sciences (30 credits). The Humanities track will fulfill the Arts & Humanities area of knowledge requirement. The Social Sciences track will fulfill the People & Society area of knowledge requirement.

Whereas medicine as a field addresses disease diagnosis and care, the field of global health is much broader, and still being defined. Global health in the social sciences encompasses disease prevention, education, health policy, access, and resiliency. Global health in the humanities examines the history and cultural significance of medicine and health from ancient times to today. This major provides students with the opportunity to explore the cultural and social aspects of health and underlying causes that affect the well-being and provide an important interdisciplinary platform for the empirical and theoretical interaction of humanists and social scientists.

Curriculum Requirements

Humanities Track

(Arts and Humanities)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
University General Education Requirements		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106	First-Year Writing II	3
or WRS 107	First-Year Writing II: STEM	
or ENG 106	Writing About Literature and Culture	
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II	3
People and Society Cognate Courses		9
STEM Cognate Courses		9
Language Requirement		3-9
Minor Requirement		15
Electives		39
Required Core Course		
GHS 201	Introduction to Global Health	3
Methods Course (Choose 3 credits)		3
GHS 310	Hospital Ethnography	
SOC 210	Introduction to Social Research	
GEG 306	Geographic Research Methods	
PSY 292	Introduction to Biobehavioral Statistics for Non-Majors	
Policy Course (Choose 3 credits)		3
SOC 321	Applied Health Policy	
INS 201	Globalization and Change in World Politics	
INS 572	Global Health Policy and Ethics	
Humanities Track Required Courses (Choose 6 credits)		6
REL 161	Religion and Medicine: Health Care as Spiritual Practice	
REL 360	Religion and Bioethics	
CLA 233	Ancient Medicine	
PHI 334	Biomedical Ethics	
Humanities Track Electives (Choose 9-12 credits)*		9-12
APY 202	Principles of Cultural Anthropology	
APY 230	The Sounds of the World's Languages	
APY 320	The Evolution of Language	
APY 385	Caribbean Cultures	

APY 397	Violence and Ritual
APY 421	Interpreting Bodies
APY 501	Methods of Anthropological Research
CLA 211	Medical Terminology
CLA 222	Sexuality and Gender in the Ancient World
CLA 225	Magic and the Occult in Antiquity
CLA 231	Sciences in Ancient Greece and Rome
CLA 233	Ancient Medicine
ENG 240	Literature and Medicine
GHS 301	Sociocultural Foundations of Global Health
GHS 310	Hospital Ethnography
GHS 330	Topics in Global Health Studies: Humanities
GHS 430	Advanced Seminar in Global Health Studies: Humanities
GHS 440	Global Health Response to Disasters: From Management to Recovery and Reconstruction
GSS 201	Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies
GSS 315	Gender, Race, and Class
GSS 335	LGBTQ Communities
GSS 347	Issues in Reproductive Medicine
GSS 348	Mental Illness, Gender, and Psychiatry
GSS 361	Gender and Language
GSS 405	Gender and Sexuality in Cultural Context
HIS 330	The Scientific Revolution
HIS 351	Science and Society
INS 359	Culture, Civilizations and Religion in International Relations
LAS 301	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
LAS 302	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies-Travel Course
MLL 322	Topics in Comparative Cultural Studies
MLL 330	Comparative Topics in Gender and Sexuality
MLL 340	Migration Studies
MLL 360	The Caribbean through Literary and Cultural Studies
MLL 370	Studies in Literature, Culture, and Science
PHI 106	Introduction to Philosophy and Health Sciences
PHI 238	Environmental Ethics
PHI 241	History and Philosophy of Science
PHI 334	Biomedical Ethics
PHI 546	Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine
PSY 445	Cultural, Values, Religiosity, and Mental Illness
REL 161	Religion and Medicine: Health Care as Spiritual Practice
REL 345	Religion and Gender
REL 351	Death and Dying
REL 352	Religion and Science
REL 360	Religion and Bioethics
REL 364	Spiritual Healing in the Americas from Controversy to Cure
SPA 433	Medical, Cultural and Bioethical Debates in Spanish
THA 108	
THA 208	
Capstone Experience	
The capstone experience must focus on issues/experiences related to global or planetary health. Students will be able to choose between the following capstone experiences.	
GHS 498	Independent Study in the Humanities
GHS 501	Intercultural Practicum in Global Health

GHS 505 & GHS 506	Global Health Studies Senior Thesis I: Humanities and Global Health Studies Senior Thesis II: Humanities	
GHS 590	Global Health Internship	
Total Credit Hours		120

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Social Sciences Track

(People and Society)

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University General Education Requirements		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
WRS 106 or WRS 107 or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II First-Year Writing II: STEM Writing About Literature and Culture	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II	3
Arts and Humanities Cognate Courses		9
STEM Cognate Courses		9
Language Requirement		3-9
Minor Requirement		15
Electives		39
Required Core Course		
GHS 201	Introduction to Global Health	3
Methods Course (Choose 3 credits)		3
GHS 310	Hospital Ethnography	
SOC 210	Introduction to Social Research	
GEG 306	Geographic Research Methods	
PSY 292	Introduction to Biobehavioral Statistics for Non-Majors	
Policy Course (Choose 3 credits)		3
SOC 321	Applied Health Policy	
INS 201	Globalization and Change in World Politics	
INS 572	Global Health Policy and Ethics	
Social Sciences Track Required Courses (Choose 6 credits)		6
GHS 312	People, Plagues, and Pandemics	
GEG 241	Health and Medical Geography	
APY 413	Medical Anthropology	
SOC 384	Medical Sociology	
Social Sciences Track Electives (Choose 9-12 credits)*		9-12
APY 105	HIV: Sex, Science, and Society	
APY 205	Medicine and Health Care in Society	
APY 309	Evolution of Human Behavior	
APY 315	Folk and Alternative Medicine	
APY 307	Human Adaptation	
APY 393	Drugs and Culture	
APY 413	Medical Anthropology	
APY 414	Human Osteology	
APY 416	Bioarchaeology-Peopling the past	
APY 423	Paleopathology: Health and disease in ancient peoples	
APY 501	Methods of Anthropological Research	
APY 512	Advanced Medical Anthropology	
ECO 386	Health Economics	

GEG 105	World Regional Geography
GEG 110	Introduction to Human Geography
GEG 241	Health and Medical Geography
GEG 306	Geographic Research Methods
GEG 331	Sustainable Development
GEG 335	Sustainable Food Systems
GEG 336	Hazards and Disasters: The Nature-Society Interface
GEG 337	Climate Change, Sea Level Rise and Society
GEG 338	Landscape Character, Dynamics, Evolution; Influence on Societal Habitation and Risks
GEG 341	Population, Health, and Environment
GEG 343	Population, Sustainability, and the Media
GEG 345	Global Water Security Sustainability
GEG 346	Immigrant and Refugee Health
GEG 348	Climate Change and Public Health
GEG 366	Cities in Time and Space
GEG 412	GIS for Health and Environment
GEG 432	Climate Change and Security
GHS 301	Sociocultural Foundations of Global Health
GHS 310	Hospital Ethnography
GHS 312	People, Plagues, and Pandemics
GHS 331	Topics in Global Health Studies: Social Sciences
GHS 431	Advanced Seminar in Global Health Studies: Social Sciences
GHS 440	Global Health Response to Disasters: From Management to Recovery and Reconstruction
INS 101	Global Perspectives
INS 103	World in Crisis
INS 201	Globalization and Change in World Politics
INS 509	International Migration and the Health Care System
INS 570	Globalization and Health
INS 571	Global Health and International Development
INS 572	Global Health Policy and Ethics
INS 573	Disasters, Terrorism and Global Public Health
PSY 292	Introduction to Biobehavioral Statistics for Non-Majors
PSY 411	Relationships and Health
LAS 301	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
LAS 302	Interdisciplinary Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Studies-Travel Course
LAS 362	Drug Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean
POL 303	Refugees and Migrants
POL 316	Politics of Globalism
POL 341	Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Political Conflict
POL 344	Gender and Politics
POL 359	International Organizations
POL 362	Social Movements
POL 569	LGBTI Politics
POL 571	Sex, Babies, and the State
PSY 411	Relationships and Health
PSY 426	Health Psychology
PSY 445	Cultural, Values, Religiosity, and Mental Illness
SOC 320	Social Epidemiology: Illness and Death in Society
SOC 321	Applied Health Policy
SOC 345	Population and Society

SOC 368	Violence in America	
SOC 375	Sociology of Mental Health and Illness	
SOC 377	Sociology of Drug Abuse	
SOC 381	Aging in Society	
SOC 384	Medical Sociology	
SOC 480	Health Disparities in the U.S.	
Capstone Experience		3-6
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GHS 501	Intercultural Practicum in Global Health	
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Suggested Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
WRS 105	First-Year Writing I	3
UMX 100	The University of Miami Experience	0
MTH 108	Precalculus Mathematics II	3
GHS 201	Introduction to Global Health	3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Language Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
WRS 106, 107, or ENG 106	First-Year Writing II or First-Year Writing II: STEM or Writing About Literature and Culture	3
Arts and Humanities (Social Sciences Track) or People and Society (Humanities Track) Cognate Course		3
GHS Methods Course		3
Language Course		3
Minor Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Year Two		
Fall		
GHS Track Required Course		3
GHS Policy Course		3
STEM Cognate Course		3
Language Course		3
Minor Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
GHS Track Elective		3
GHS Track Required Course		3
Arts and Humanities (Social Sciences Track) or People and Society (Humanities Track) Cognate Course		3
Minor Course		3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Year Three	
Fall	
GHS Track Required Course	3
GHS Track Elective	3
STEM Cognate Course	3
Minor Course	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
GHS Track Elective	3
Arts and Humanities (Social Sciences Track) or People and Society (Humanities Track) Cognate Course	3
Minor Course	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Year Four	
Fall	
GHS Track Elective	3
GHS Track Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Spring	
GHS Capstone Course	3
GHS Track Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Total Credit Hours	120

Mission

The mission of the Global Health Studies program is to provide students with a multidisciplinary program that combines social science and humanist perspectives across disciplines that include anthropology, religious studies, geography, regional studies, classics, history, literature and sociology. Global health in the social sciences encompasses disease prevention, education, health policy, access and resiliency. In the humanities it examines the history and cultural significance of medicine and health from ancient times to today. Students in this program stand to benefit from the University's advantageous geographic location that connects people and institutions from everywhere in the world. Miami, and the University, presents students with opportunities to examine the complex world of global health from multiple perspectives, participate in state of the art research, engage with a vibrant local and international community, and collaborate in developing sustainable solutions for global health issues.

Goals

The program aims for students to:

- Understand the complexities of global health issues from the social science and humanist perspectives
- Understand how issues surrounding global health relate to the greater impacts on society, culture and the environment
- Understand the cultural competencies, ethical challenges and sustainable solutions in addressing global health issues
- Understand health policy and governance at the local and global levels
- Acquire leadership and advocacy skills
- Gain quantitative and qualitative research skills to integrate stakeholders and researchers in the design, implementation, and interpretation of community-based participatory studies
- Prepare students to assist private, government, non-profit, and for-profit organizations formulate new global and community health strategies

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural competencies, ethical challenges and sustainable solutions related to global health issues.
- Students will demonstrate knowledge of quantitative and qualitative methods within global health research.
- Students will be able to critically analyze global health issues from multidisciplinary perspectives, including social, economic, political and environmental factors that shape individual, community, and population health.