



# Global Health Minor

The Global Health Minor gives undergraduate students an opportunity to become familiar with major problems and policy issues in global health. Students participating in the minor are able to understand and discuss the determinants of global health and global responses to health problems, including health systems.

## Why Minor in Global Health?

Students graduating with a Global Health Minor from the University of Washington are able to demonstrate a basic understanding of:

- The burden of the most important health problems contributing to excess morbidity and mortality in developing countries and low-resource settings, including their magnitude and distribution and disparities in health status by gender, race, and economic class.
- Major historical, political, social, environmental, and economic determinants of adverse health in developing countries and low-resource settings in rich countries.
- Pathophysiology of the most prevalent infectious and chronic diseases and medical and public health approaches for prevention and treatment.
- Current and historic health programs and policies designed to address major health problems in low-resource settings and the roles of global health institutions, recommended levels of resources for implementation of interventions, and key barriers and challenges.
- How to analyze critically relevant topics in the popular press and in the Global Health literature.

By becoming knowledgeable in these core areas of global health, students are able to engage actively in efforts to improve health as global citizens.

## Contact Information

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*We highly recommend that you meet with a Global Health Minor adviser to discuss the requirements*

## Minor Requirements 30 credits

### Required Courses 11 credits

#### INTRODUCTORY COURSE 5 credits

G H 101 Introduction to Global Health: Disparities, Determinants, Policies & Outcomes (5) *Winter*

#### BIOLOGIC PRINCIPLES IN GLOBAL HEALTH 3 credits (choose one)

G H 210 Confronting Global Diseases: Introductory Biologic Principles and Context (3) *Spring*

G H 410 Advanced Biologic Principles of Global Diseases (formerly G H 201) (3) *Autumn*

Prerequisite: BIOL 180, MICROM 301, or G H 210

#### PERSPECTIVES IN GLOBAL HEALTH SERIES 3 credits (must take all three)

G H 401 Core Topics in Global Health (1) *Autumn*

G H 402 Contemporary Issues in Global Health (1) *Winter*

G H 403 Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health (1) *Spring*

### Elective Areas 19 credits

*Must take one class in each area from approved list*

- The Environment & Global Health
- Comparative Health Systems & Approaches to Health
- Sociocultural Ecology of Health
- Regional & Area Studies

### Additional Requirements

- Minimum of 30 credits required to complete the minor
- Minimum of 15 credits are unique to the minor (not shared with major)
- Minimum of 15 credits of upper division coursework (300-/400-/500-level)
- Minimum of 15 credits must be completed at the University of Washington
- Minimum of 2.0 in every course applied towards the minor

### Declaring a Minor

- Students must have completed a minimum of 45 credits of coursework and have a declared major
- Declare the minor through your major adviser
- You are strongly encouraged to first meet with the minor adviser to discuss the subject matter of the minor and your plans for completing the minor before declaring