

Elective Content Areas: Students are required to complete one course from each of the following four elective content areas. The Global Health Minor requires 19 credits from the Elective Content Areas.

The Environment and Global Health

These classes address environmental influences on health and disease globally. They vary in disciplinary specialization from the microbiology of environmental hazards to the anthropology, geography and environmental science of nature-society interrelations.

Comparative Health Systems and Approaches to Health

These classes enable students to compare and contrast how different health systems and cultural influences vary and shape health outcomes around the world. They introduce ethical, legal and ethnographic insights into care and healing, as well as into health services targeted at particular populations and diseases.

Sociocultural Ecology of Health

These classes analyze the social, political and economic determinants of health, thereby putting local experiences of affliction in the context of more global structural forces. Neoliberal globalization, global inequalities, global migration patterns, and global justice are all examined in this way in terms of how they become embodied in diverse ecologies of sickness and health.

Regional and Area Studies

These classes introduce the insights of international and area studies into the Global Health Minor. Since global health policies and practices have to be developed with a robust recognition of regional particularities and context-contingent experiences of global ties, the classes in this category enable students to develop expertise in particular world regions, countries and continents.