Bachelor of Arts (BA) in GLOBAL HEALTH

The Global Health Program’s degrees are designed to be intellectually comprehensive, integrating the medical social sciences, biological sciences, medical humanities and global processes.

“Horizons is the GHP’s annual student research conference held in Spring. The event features keynote speakers from leading researchers in Global Health as well as an Undergraduate Thesis Presentations and Poster Session highlighting the results of student research projects and Global Health Field Experiences.

When I applied to medical school, I was asked about my experience abroad and my research project at almost every interview. I believe they set me apart from other applicants because I had an understanding of a culture and language that is very much alive in California.

- GHP Alumni

“The rise to prominence of the term “global health” has occurred in parallel with the popularization of globalization, an enhanced awareness of common vulnerabilities, and a feeling of increased shared responsibility for inequities present in the world today.”

(Macfarlane, Jacobs, & Kaaya, 2008)

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The Global Health Program’s student organization.
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Combining academic and experiential learning, striking a balance between acquisition of hard skills, critical thinking, and real-world knowledge.

**Global Health?**

“Global health is an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Global health emphasizes people worldwide.” (Lancet 2009)

Global Health is at once an increasingly popular new field of study, an urgent social concern, and a powerful interdisciplinary intellectual synthesis aimed at understanding and productively intervening in processes of health, illness, and healing across the globe.

The Global Health Program covers a wide range of topics, including but not limited to: health care, health education, environmental effects on health, infectious disease, mental health, health inequalities, medical sequela of natural disaster or political violence, indigenous healing practices, nutrition, and reproductive health.

An important feature of the UCSD Global Health Program is the Global Health Field Experience at a research, service, or clinical site either in the United States or abroad, which for majors culminates in a capstone seminar where students develop a senior thesis.

**What can I do with Global Health?**

The GHP’s unique research, writing, and field experience opportunities make both the BA and Minor excellent preparation for advanced training in health professions including degrees and careers in medicine, dentistry, and nursing, medical social sciences and medical humanities; public and private sector service provision, including NGOs, government and international institutions and philanthropies; international health, public health, and epidemiology.

**Major Requirements**

All courses must be taken for a letter grade of C– or better

**CORE REQUIREMENTS (40 units/10 courses)**

**Lower Division (3 courses)**

-or-

- HILD 30: History of Public Health
- GLBH 20: Introduction to Global Health

-or-

- SOCI 30: Science, Technology and Society
- SOCI 40: Sociology of Health Care Issues
- SOCI 70: Sociology for Pre-Meds
- PHIL 26: Science, Society and Values

-or-

- One course in Statistics

**Upper Division (6 courses)**

- GLBH 148: Global Health and Cultural Diversity
- GLBH 181: Essentials of Global Health
- MGT 173: Project Management in Health Services
- One course in Policy Analysis
- GLBH 150A & B: Capstone Senior Thesis
  (Winter & Spring of Senior Year)

**ELECTIVES (8 courses)**

Five of these MUST be upper division. Electives are required across four curricular categories including: medical social sciences, biological sciences, global processes, and medical humanities.

**GH FIELD EXPERIENCE (100 hours)**

Students participating in GH Special Program Health Frontiers in Tijuana Undergraduate Internship Program (HFIT) clinic.

- May be completed domestically or abroad
- Minimum 100 hours (5 weeks)
- May be non-credit or credit-bearing

**How can I fulfill this requirement?**

- Participate in Global Health Special Programs
- Internships
- Volunteering
- Student Organizations
- Independent Research w/ Faculty (GLBH 199)
- Study Abroad

**Minor Requirements**

Global Health Minors must complete seven four-unit courses, at least five courses/20 units must be upper division.

**CORE REQUIREMENTS (3 courses)**

- HILD 30: History of Public Health
- GLBH 20: Introduction to Global Health

and TWO of the following three options:

- GLBH 148: Global Health and Cultural Diversity
- GLBH 181: Essentials of Global Health
- MGT 173: Project Management in Health Services

**ELECTIVES (4 courses)**

Amongst, one elective in health-related biological science (may be lower div.), and 3 upper division electives from medical social sciences, biological sciences, or medical humanities.

**Placement must be pre-approved. GH Majors must complete the Field Experience requirement by the end of fall quarter of the student’s senior year.**

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