

GLOBAL HEALTH Major & minor at Duke

What is Global Health?

Global health is an area for study, research, and practice that places priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Global health emphasizes transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population-based prevention with individual-level clinical care.

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Major in Global Health

The major in global health must be combined with any other major at Duke to create your one-of-a-kind education experience.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS*

3 core courses

- Fundamentals of Global Health
- Pre-approved Global Health Ethics course (Must be taken prior to ELA)
- Research Methods in Global Health

3 foundation courses

Choose 3 courses from the following categories: Arts & Humanities, Systems & Policy, Natural Science, or Social Sciences

3 elective courses

Choose 3 courses from a list of pre-approved Global Health courses and related electives

1 statistics course

Choose from a pre-approved list

1 senior seminar

Global Health Capstone

1 experiential activity

Time commitment: Minimum of 8 weeks, full-time
Location: international or domestic

The lists above are a general overview of course requirements. Consult with a GH advisor and the DGHI website for additional details.

Student advising

At Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI), we have a team of advisors to help you navigate requirements for the major. Advisors are assigned based on the first letter of your last name. Contact your advisor at: gh-education@duke.edu.

I've learned that the global health community is a passionate group of change-makers from multiple backgrounds and disciplines working towards the common goals of improving progress and equity in health.

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GLOBAL HEALTH MAJOR



Minor in Global Health

MINOR REQUIREMENTS*

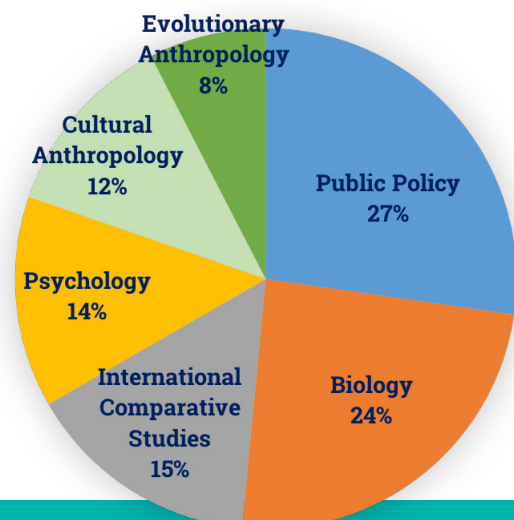
2 core courses

- Fundamentals of Global Health
- Pre-approved Global Health Ethics course

3 Electives

Cross-listed courses and up to 2 transfer credits are acceptable. Courses taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory and Advanced Placement credits do not count.

The Global Health major was first offered at Duke in 2013. Since then, students have combined their global health interests with over 30 of the 53 majors offered at Duke.



Experiential Learning Activity (ELA)

Gain hands-on experience and a greater understanding of global health challenges. Experience and understand the difficulties and opportunities in implementing health interventions. Engage with communities and colleagues and contribute in your own way.

I have developed concrete skills in research and analysis, while also gaining a deeper understanding of social issues and ethics.

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Students can fulfill their ELA requirement for the Global Health co-major through a variety of activities:

Pre-approved to fill the ELA requirement for the major

- DGHI Student Research Training (SRT) Program

Requires DGHI pre-approval in order to fulfill the ELA requirement for the major

- Bass Connections projects
- DukeEngage group and independent projects
- Faculty-mentored independent research projects
- Internships



What will you LEARN from STUDYING GLOBAL HEALTH?



Critically analyze global health challenges – ranging from clean water to gender equality – from an interdisciplinary perspective



Apply high-quality research methods to address global health questions like the effectiveness of child nutrition and health interventions



Clearly communicate ideas and solutions to global health dilemmas, for example, the cost of disease surveillance or equitable access to medicines



Work effectively within teams of people from different cultures, work-styles, and academic fields

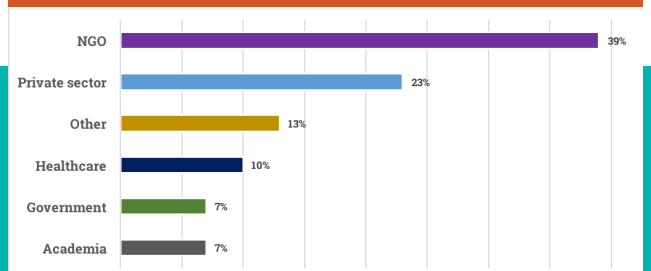


Identify the ethical challenges inherent in global health research and practice, such as the effects and (un)intended consequences of work in a local community

Careers & Global Health

The Duke Global Health Institute offers support for undergraduate professional development through on-campus skill-building workshops, global health job listings and access to the DGHI alumni network.

Many global health students pursue graduate or professional education in global health, medicine, law and business. Others are prepared for careers at research and policy think tanks; government and non-governmental organizations; international and academic institutions.



Other ways to engage in Global Health at Duke:

- Subscribe to DGHI's monthly newsletter and weekly events announcements: globalhealth.duke.edu
- Follow us on Twitter @DukeGHI and Instagram @dukeghi
- Join the Global Health Majors Union: sites.duke.edu/ghmu
- Join the Duke Partnership for Service organization: dukepartnershipforservice.com/campaigns
- Participate in on- and off-campus organizations such as GlobeMed, Partners in Health Engage, Global Brigades, Project HEAL, Duke Engineers for International Development, and the NC Global Health Alliance.