Global Health (Minor)

To see more about what you will learn in this program, visit the Learning Outcomes website (https://apps.orip.ncsu.edu/pgas/).

The minor in Global Health provides undergraduate students with an understanding of current global health challenges, and an appreciation of interdisciplinary approaches to addressing global health needs. Offered by the Department of Biological Sciences, the Global Health Minor is available to all baccalaureate degree students at North Carolina State University. This minor is especially appropriate for (but not limited to) students majoring in the life sciences, social sciences, engineering and international studies. At least 9 credit hours of the minor must be completed at NC State.

Admission to the Minor

Students who plan to minor in Global Health should contact the contact person listed below for information on how to do so. Students are strongly encouraged to declare the minor early in their studies so they receive information on relevant courses, events, and other opportunities from the Department of Biological Sciences.

Completion of the Minor

All requirements for the minor must be completed no later than the semester in which the student expects to graduate from his or her major degree program. Students apply to graduate in the minor through MyPack at the same time that they apply to graduate in their major program.

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Plan Requirements

The Global Health Minor consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours.

- A grade of C- or better is required for all minor courses and a 2.0 GPA in the minor is required for graduation.
- No course used in the minor can be taken for credit only (S/U).
- Courses taken for the minor can also be used toward major requirements, GEP Electives or Free Electives.
- At least 9 credit hours of the minor must be completed at NC State.

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Elective Courses

Group I: Society Aspects of Global Health 6

Select two of the following: 1

- FS 540 Food Safety and Public Health
- IS 200 Introduction to International Studies
- or IS 393 Theories of Globalization
- PHI 420 Global Justice
- PS 335 International Law
- PS 336 Global Environmental Politics
- SOC 350 Food and Society
- or NTR 330 Public Health Nutrition
- SOC 381 Sociology of Medicine
- STS/PHI 325 Bio-Medical Ethics
- ANT 374 Disease and Society
- ANT 450 Culture, Ecology, and Sustainable Living

Group II: Scientific Aspects of Global Health 6

Select two of the following: 1

- AEC 380 Water Resources: Global Issues in Ecology, Policy, Management, and Advocacy
- ES 150 Water and the Environment
- or ES 200 Climate Change and Sustainability
- GPH 425 Global Health and Physiology (can use 3 cr out of 6 cr total) 2
- MB 200 The Fourth Horseman: Plagues that Changed the World
- or MB 411 Medical Microbiology
- ET 320 Fundamentals of Air Pollution

Total Hours 18

1 Take 2 courses in each group, unless you replace one of those credits with 3 credits of the Experiential Learning Option (see below).
2 GPH 425 Global Health and Physiology is currently a 6 credit course: 3 credits of coursework and 3 credits of experiential learning.

Experiential Learning Option

Experiential Learning Option: Global Health Research or Immersion Experience (maximum 3 cr)

You can use up to 3 credits of relevant experiential learning toward the Electives requirement of 12 total. The focus of the research or immersion experience must be in global health and the experience must be approved by the Minor Coordinator (through review of the signed contract or syllabus specific to the course) prior to your beginning the work. Research and immersion experience must address at least one of the core elements of global health: social determinants of health, implementation or evaluation of a global health program, or investigation that impacts global health. Options include BSC 492 Professional Experience, BSC 493 Research Experience, BSC 494 Teaching Experience, BSC 498 Biological Sciences Honors Project Part 2, and 3 credits of GPH 425 Global Health and Physiology (It is currently a 6 credit course: 3 credits of coursework and 3 credits of experiential learning).
Other Relevant Courses

Other relevant courses, including some capstone and special topics course offerings, can be approved by the Minor Coordinator on a case-by-case basis after review of the syllabus and discussions with the course instructor where necessary. These activities must address at least one of the core elements of global health: social determinants of health, implementation or evaluation of a global health program, or investigation that impacts global health.

Pre-requisite Course Notification

A number of courses in the minor require prerequisite courses. Thus, the minor is not one that is begun in the freshman year, but later on, after foundation courses in science, social science and humanities have been taken. Still, it is best to think about this minor as early as possible in your academic career so that you can incorporate any prerequisites for future minor courses into your existing degree requirements. Allowances for counting a course toward both a major and a minor differ between Colleges at NC State.