Global Health, BA

Are you passionate about helping people? Do you want to improve lives around the world? Explore human health holistically and develop skills to help others thrive. Learn about vital resources and vulnerable populations as you prepare for a career in public health policy, disaster management or health education.

Program Description

The BA in global health is a transdisciplinary degree that provides students with new skill sets and perspectives to help them understand and solve contemporary public health challenges in diverse cultures while accounting for social, historical, biological and ecological considerations, whether in the poorest nations or the most industrialized.

The curriculum focuses on identifying critical issues, asking the right questions and creating meaningful and effective solutions that top health employers demand, and through transformative hands-on experience students gain personal growth, empathy and insight. Students are required to participate in an approved global health study abroad program, and a variety of destinations and focuses are available.

Many faculty in the School of Human Evolution and Social Change hold titles of national distinction and are recognized experts in hot topics such as water security, obesity, resource management, disease, mental health, and stigma, among others.

Students enrolled in this program may not pursue a concurrent degree with the Bachelor of Arts in anthropology or the BS in anthropology, but they may add a minor in anthropology to complement the core curriculum.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

**Accelerated Program Options**

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Global Health, MA
Global Management (Creative Industries and Design Thinking), MGM
Global Management (Digital Audience Strategy), MGM
Global Management (Global Affairs), MGM
Global Management (Global Business), MGM
Global Management (Global Development and Innovation), MGM
Global Management (Global Digital Transformation), MGM
Global Management (Global Entrepreneurship), MGM
Global Management (Global Health Care Delivery), MGM
Global Management (Global Legal Studies), MGM
Global Management (Integrated Health Care), MGM
Global Management (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), MGM
Global Management (Public Administration), MGM
Global Management (Public Policy), MGM
Global Management (Sustainability Solutions), MGM
Global Management (Sustainable Tourism), MGM
Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements. 

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

Studying abroad allows global health students to deepen their understanding of the impact of culture on public health, expand the lens through which they view people, and gain firsthand experience in their field. Students who study abroad can make an impact on communities across the globe, all while enhancing their resume with communication and cultural competency skills needed for a 21st century career. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in global health: https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/global-health.

**Career Opportunities**
Nationally and internationally, the health field provides enormous and varied career opportunities, and demand is high and growing for graduates with specific skills. The major supports the goals of those pursuing careers in academic research, teaching and health services. Sample employment venues include:

- departments of health
- government agencies
- international agencies (World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, Global Health Council, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank)
- nongovernmental organizations
- private sector
- universities

The degree program also provides a broad intellectual base for those who plan advanced specialist health training in fields such as:

- dentistry
- medicine
- nursing
- pharmacy

In Arizona and elsewhere, there is a pressing need for professionals with appropriate skills to work in cross-cultural settings or with underserved populations, such as migrants, minorities and those living in poverty, and many of these jobs are directly or indirectly related to health.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<tr>
<td>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</td>
<td>11.4%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</td>
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<td>Environmental Protection Specialist</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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