Global Health, BA

Do you want to change the world by improving health conditions for all people? If you seek innovative and practical skills for understanding and solving global health challenges, global health may be the perfect major for you. Renowned faculty and unique research opportunities create a limitless learning environment.

Program Description

The BA in global health is a transdisciplinary degree program designed for students who seek a broad and flexible set of skills for understanding contemporary health challenges and thinking about how they might best be solved. Global health is understood in the anthropological sense, meaning ways of understanding and addressing disease, health and well-being that can incorporate all cultures, places and time and that can integrate knowledge of health's social, historical, biological and ecological dimensions.

The curriculum emphasizes the development of core skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and the importance of direct experience (research, study abroad, service learning and advocacy). The program cultivates capacities to deal with any complex problem with social components: how to identify the critical issues, ask the right questions and create solutions that are meaningful and effective.

Students are required to participate in an approved global health study abroad program.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location**: Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee**: Yes
- **Second Language Requirement**: Yes
- **First Required Math Course**: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity**: General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
2019 - 2020 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:

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Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be 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://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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 the Transfer Map search 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

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in global health: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.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>14.5%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</td>
<td>18.1%</td>
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<td>Environmental Protection Specialist</td>
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<td>Healthcare Professor</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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