Global Health, BA

Do you want to improve or save lives, at home or around the globe? Come learn the skills and tools needed to help others thrive physically and emotionally and to protect vital resources and vulnerable populations. Be prepared for a career in public health policy, NGOs, disaster management, medical school or consultancy.

Program Description

The BA in global health is a transdisciplinary degree that provides new skillsets and perspectives to understand and solve contemporary public health challenges, from the poorest nations to the most industrialized. This program yields new ways of understanding diverse cultures, places and perspectives while accounting for social, historical, biological and ecological considerations.

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

Many faculty in the program hold titles of national distinction and are recognized experts in hot topics such as water security, obesity, resource management, disease, mental health, stigma and more.

Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in global health may not pursue a concurrent degree with the BA in anthropology or the BS in anthropology due to the high level of overlap in curriculum. Students should speak with their academic advisor for any further questions.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map (On-campus)
2020 - 2021 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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<td>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</td>
<td>14.5%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</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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