

Global Health Course Requirements

The Ph.D. in global health requires a total of 84 credit hours. A previously awarded master's degree in a related area can be used to satisfy 30 hours of this requirement. An additional 30 hours of coursework are required.

Our global health graduate students have diverse academic backgrounds and varied career goals, so we offer flexibility when planning the most appropriate path for you. Curricular tracks will tend to be individualized, and final determination of the most appropriate course of study or how each requirement should most appropriately be met will be determined by your advisory committee in consideration of your research and career goals. Each plan will ensure that you graduate with a strong basis in social science theory and appropriate health research methods, as well as considerable experience in community-level research and its application.

Core Program Entry Class (3 credits)

ASB 591/ SSH 510 Health: Social and Bio-cultural Theories (3 credits)

At Least One Course in Ethnographic Method (3 credits)

ASB 500 Ethnographic Research Methods (3 credits) or equivalent

A Course in Ethics Relevant to Global Health (3 credits)

SSH 511 Ethics, Social Justice and Health Social Science (3 credits)
ASB 591 Poverty, Social Justice and Global Health (3 credits)
Or another approved alternative.

A Research Design/Proposal Writing Course (3 credits)

ASM 579 Proposal Writing (3 credits) Or another approved alternative.

At Least Two Advanced Statistics Courses (6 credits), such as

GPH 603: Spatial Statistics/Modeling (3 credits)

MPH 579: Biostatistics 1 (3 credits)

At Least One Advanced Course in Epidemiology (3 credits)

AML 613: Methods and Concepts in Math Epidemiology (3 credits) SSH 591: Principles of Epidemiology for Global Health (3 credits)

At Least Two Additional Methods Courses Relevant to Global Health Research (6 credits)

Examples include nutrition, exercise, survey, archival analysis, demography, social network analysis, GIS, modeling, text analysis, etc.



A Relevant Community-Based Internship/Practicum Experience Prior to Advancement to Candidacy (3 credits)

The appropriate form and duration will be determined by the student's advisory committee as appropriate to the proposed dissertation project and/or career plans of the candidate.

ASB/SSH 512: Social Science Applications in Community Health (3-6 credits)

ASB/SSH 580: Practicum (1-6 credits) ASB/SSH 583: Fieldwork (1-6 credits) ASB/SSH 584: Internship (1-6 credits)

Electives (as needed /appropriate)

Elective courses should generally focus in global health areas, as relevant to a student's dissertation research and career plans. Electives include courses in many fields. Students are encouraged to propose to the executive committee additional courses from any ASU unit as possible electives.

Research and Dissertation Hours (24 credits)

SSH 792 (12 credits) SSH 799 (12 credits)

A Foreign Language

In most cases, demonstration of language competency is expected; the form and level of competency required will be determined by the student's advisory committee as appropriate to the proposed dissertation project and career plans of the candidate.

Also recommended is formal training in instruction, such as the short courses provided by the Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence.