The Cornell University Division of Nutritional Sciences offers an undergraduate minor in Global Health. The minor is intended to complement any academic major offered at the University, providing students with basic knowledge about global health as well as the necessary skills and experience to begin to build their own unique career path in global health.

The Global Health Minor is designed to achieve three educational objectives: to learn more about the problems of global health in a classroom setting; to experience the issues in global health first-hand in a field-setting; and to gain exposure to various careers in global health, as the students will learn from a diverse spectrum of graduate and medical students and faculty who are focusing on global health.

Requirements:

To successfully complete the Undergraduate Minor in Global Health, students must enroll in two (2) Core Courses and three (3) Elective Courses for a total of fifteen (15) credits. Additionally, students are required to complete an 8-week international Experiential Learning Opportunity (ELO) in a resource-limited environment. These requirements must be completed as follows:

1. Take the first required Core Course, **NS 2600: Introduction to Global Health**, to gain basic understanding of global health and to prepare you for additional coursework and the ELO.
2. Begin to complete **Elective Coursework**. While it is recommended that you have begun to complete this coursework prior to embarking on your ELO, it is not required.
3. **Meet with the Global Health Program Associate Director or Fellow** to discuss your intended ELO.
   a. *If you apply and are accepted to participate in a Global Health Summer Program*, you are required to enroll in NS 4620: Global Service Learning Pre-Departure Seminar (2 credits) during the Spring semester prior to the Field Experience.
   b. *If you elect to participate in an Independent ELO*, you are required to attend one Health & Safety Seminar, one Ethics, Culture & Diversity Seminar, and one NS 4600 Preparatory Seminar the Spring semester prior to the Field Experience.
4. Complete an **8-week (minimum) Experiential Learning Opportunity** in which you live and work abroad on a health-related placement in a resource-limited setting.
5. Complete the **Final Report** detailing your ELO and attend a mandatory post-ELO meeting in the Fall.
6. Take the second required Core Course, **NS 4600: Explorations in Global and Public Health**. This course must be taken the Fall semester immediately following the completion of your ELO.

Core Course #1 – **NS 2600: Introduction to Global Health**  
*Spring, 3 credits. Tuesday/Thursday at 10:10 – 11:25AM.*
Students must successfully complete NS 2600 prior to completing their Experiential Learning Opportunity.

**Elective Coursework**
Students are required to take and successfully complete the three Elective Courses. These courses must be distributed across three (3) of the five (5) Elective Course categories,

I. Biomedical & Epidemiological Approaches to Global Health
II. Social & Ethical Approaches to Global Health
III. Political, Economic, & Food Systems Approaches to Global Health
IV. Health Systems & Programmatic Approaches to Global Health
V. Area-Specific Studies (Petition Only)

While it is recommended that students complete their Elective coursework prior to their Experiential Learning Opportunity, it is not required. Students must enroll in a minimum of 9 credits to complete their Elective Coursework. For a full list of approved Elective Courses, refer to the Cornell Global Health Program website: http://www.human.cornell.edu/dns/globalhealth/undergraduate/elective.cfm.

Experiential Learning Opportunity (ELOi)
Fall, Spring, or Summer.
A critical element of the Global Health Minor is an approved eight-week (minimum) Experiential Learning Opportunity (ELO) in which students live and work abroad in a resource-poor setting. The ELO component encourages students to empirically deepen their understanding of global health while continuously living, learning, working and/or serving abroad in a resource-limited environment. For a minimum of 8-weeks, students are challenged to apply their classroom learning to the field setting and to deepen their understanding of the health problems that disproportionately affect the resource-poor.

The Experiential Learning Opportunity requirement may be satisfied through:

**Cornell Global Health Summer Programs**
- Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Mysore, India
- Moshi, Tanzania
- Mwanza, Tanzania
- Lusaka, Zambia

**Independent ELOs**
- Full-time academic study abroad program
- Summer internship
- Volunteer service project
- Work/research experience

**Required Pre-Departure Preparation:**
- NS 4620: GSL Pre-Departure Seminar OR ILRIC 4260: GSL Pre-Departure Seminar (India) – Spring, 2 credits

**Core Course #2 – NS 4600: Explorations in Global and Public Health**
Fall, 3 credits. Tuesday/Thursday at 1:25 – 2:40PM.
Students must enroll in and complete NS 4600 in the Fall semester immediately following their Experiential Learning Opportunity.

Experiential Learning Opportunities for the Global Health Minor:

A. Cornell Global Health Summer Programs
- Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic | Universidad de Autonoma de Santo Domingo
  Concurrently,
  - Coursework: *Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo*
  - Service Project: *Asesoria Nutricional Para del Desarrollo Armonico, La Casa Comunitaria de Justica*
  - Living Arrangements: Homestay with local family
  - Language Skills: Spanish fluency required

- Mysore, India | Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement
  Offered in collaboration with the School of Industrial & Labor Relations
  - Course Period (2 weeks): Vivekananda Institute for Indian Studies
  - Service Project (6 weeks): Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement
  - Living Arrangements: SVYM hostel or guesthouse, depending on site
Moshi, Tanzania | Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University-College
Policy Case Study (4 weeks, 4 credits): Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University-College

*NS 4630: Global Health and Policy Issues in Tanzania (counts as an Elective Course)*

Service Project (4 weeks): Local NGO, government agency, rural clinic or home for children with disabilities
Living Arrangements: Homestay with local family

Mwanza, Tanzania | Weill-Bugando University College of Health Sciences

*Offered in collaboration with Weill Cornell Medical College*

Concurrently,
- Clinical Shadowing: Active learning from Cornell & Tanzanian faculty in referral and regional hospitals
- Student Project: Participate in a faculty-elected student project (i.e. faculty research, fieldwork, etc.)
Living Arrangements: Hospital guesthouse
Other: Prior clinical experience (i.e. shadowing, EMS), strong desire for a career in medicine required

Lusaka, Zambia | Southern African Institute for Policy & Research

*Offered in collaboration with the School of Industrial & Labor Relations*

Concurrently,
- Policy Case Study: Southern African Institute for Policy & Research
- Service Project: University of Zambia’s University Teaching Hospital
Living Arrangements: Homestay with local family (4 weeks), guesthouse (4 weeks)

**B. Independent Experiential Learning Opportunities**

An Independent ELO is an eight-week field experience that counts towards completion of the Global Health Minor, but is not directly affiliated with the Cornell Global Health Program.

**Pre-Approved Opportunities**
- ProWorld (Intrax) – Ghana
- Support for International Change – Tanzania
- UBElong – Cambodia, Ecuador, Ghana, Peru
- Unite For Sight – Ghana, Honduras, India

**Other Opportunities (By Petition Only)**

For all other Independent ELOs (i.e. research opportunities, programs outside of Pre-Approved Opportunities, etc.), students are required to complete and submit an Independent ELO Proposal to the Global Health Program Associate Director or Fellow at least eight weeks prior to departure.

*For more information regarding Field Experience opportunities, refer to the Cornell Global Health Program website: [http://www.human.cornell.edu/dns/globalhealth/undergraduate/field.cfm](http://www.human.cornell.edu/dns/globalhealth/undergraduate/field.cfm)*

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