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Master of Arts in

GLOBAL HEALTH
AND SOCIETY

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S MASTER OF ARTS
IN GLOBAL HEALTH AND SOCIETY (GHS)** provides

students with an interdisciplinary perspective for understanding how global health outcomes relate to society, culture, and the environment. A range of courses examine the emerging challenges to human health, security, and well-being; differential access and adoption of evidence-based health policies; governance, practices, and interventions; and how these translate from community to global scales.



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Curriculum

Selected Course Topics

- Medical Anthropology
- Ethnography
- Bioethics
- Globalization and Health
- Planetary Health
- Religion, Ritual, and Healing
- Global Water Crisis and Health
- Social Justice and Health Equity
- Cultural Epidemiology
- Global Mental Health
- Sustainable Food Systems
- Anthropology of Disasters and Recovery
- Community-Based Participatory Research

CAREERS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Global Health professionals contribute to the promotion and sustainability of well-being through policy, intervention, and research. Graduates of UM's Global Health and Society program will be trained for careers with government agencies (local, regional and federal), community-based and civil society organizations, academic institutions and international development organizations in positions such as:

- Policy Analyst
- Research Scientist
- Grants Officer
- Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
- Health Education Outreach Coordinator
- Disaster Response/Recovery Specialist
- Health Scientist
- Field Consultant
- Global Health Advisor



Medicine vs Health, *Treatment vs Prevention*

Health is much more than the absence of disease. Human health and well-being depends on a variety of environmental, socio-economic, and cultural conditions.

Medicine, as a field, addresses the proximate causes of illness and poor health. Thus, traditional public health programs rely on classic approaches to epidemiology and biostatistics to address the health of populations, social science perspectives address the underlying features of health and well-being that affect individuals, communities, and nations. However, while medicine focuses on

pathology, physiological processes, disease treatment and care, global health programs emphasize disease prevention and health promotion in a country or region.

The Master of Arts in Global Health and Society program at the University of Miami provides students with a planetary perspective for understanding how health outcomes relate to society, culture, and the environment. We provide students with the flexibility to tailor their coursework in a manner that bridges a range of disciplines and topics at the crossroads of the hemisphere.



CORE FACULTY

Imelda K. Moise, Ph.D. (Director) is a health geographer using geospatial analysis to examine the sociocultural and contextual factors associated with health inequities.

Viviana E. Horigian, M.D., M.H.A. is currently serving as the Director of Public Health Education and as a director of the Americas Initiative for Public Health Innovation.

David J. Lee, Ph.D. is Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences whose current research focuses on the public health applications of mindful practices for the prevention and management of chronic disease.

Louis Herns Marcelin, Ph.D. is a sociocultural anthropologist whose research examines questions related to health and human security, and the roles of power, violence, and marginalization in society.

Catherine L. Newell, Ph.D. is a scholar of the conjoined histories of religion and science (specifically technology, ecology, and medicine).

Kathryn Nowotny, Ph.D. is a medical sociologist who specializes in correctional health & healthcare, health disparities, social demography, drug use & abuse.

Bryan Page, Ph.D. is a medical anthropologist who specializes in studying the consumption of drugs in urban, street-based settings.

Nick Petersen, Ph.D. is a criminologist and statistician who studies social stratifications, health care disparities, and institutionalized racism.

Shouraseni Sen Roy, Ph.D. is a geographer whose research focuses on climatology, spatial analysis, and mapping crime patterns.

Justin Stoler, Ph.D. is a global health geographer whose research uses epidemiological and geospatial methods to explore the geographic patterns of health disparities and the environmental influences on epidemiology.





Internships and Study Abroad Opportunities

GHS provides opportunities for students to participate in international initiatives, led by UM faculty, in the Americas, Africa, and Asia. Students have the option of writing a research thesis or completing an internship as part of their graduation requirement. Internship opportunities available to UM students vary by semester, but can include the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Médecins sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders).





Research Opportunities

The University of Miami has a very active research community and is classified as a Research I Institution by the Carnegie Commission.

The GHS faculty are engaged in government and privately-funded research at the local, regional and global levels, providing ample opportunities for students to obtain research experience and develop their methodological skills.

Current projects include:

- **Migration for Development and Equality (MIDEQ).** This project studies migration in six corridors of the Global South. MIDEQ works with a global network of partners in twelve countries to transform our understanding of the relationships between migration, development and inequality (www.mideq.org).
- **Post-Disaster Recovery and Rebuilding in Haiti and the Caribbean.**
- **Family and Adolescent Intervention Study in Miami-Dade County, Florida (NIH/NIDA funded study)**

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