Global Health and Society

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Concentrations

General Concentration in Global Health

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Policy, Governance, and Advocacy

This concentration prepares students to understand and critically evaluate global health policy, providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to shape effective and equitable health policy at national, regional, and international levels. Students will develop skills to critically evaluate the policies and governance models that impact global health outcomes.

Community-Based Participatory Research, Monitoring and Evaluation (CBPR)

CBPR is a partnership approach to research that centers on the equitable involvement of stakeholders addressing critical health issues throughout the world. Students in this concentration will develop skills to integrate community members, elected officials, and researchers in the design, implementation, and interpretation of community-based participatory research studies.

Research Opportunities

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**CORE FACULTY**

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**INTERNSHIPS AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES**

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