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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.



GLOBAL HEALTH AND SOCIETY

Curriculum

Selected Course Topics

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

Concentrations

General Concentration in Global Health

For professionals who are already in the medical or healthcare fields but require substantial social science knowledge and methodologies, as well as knowledge in the humanities, to complete their training. The General Concentration provides coursework in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Policy, Governance, and Advocacy

This concentration prepares students to understand and critically evaluate global health policy, providing a comprehensive framework that underscores the sociopolitical, economic, biomedical, and geographic factors impacting health conditions throughout the world. Coursework in this concentration focuses on the international policies and governance models that are aimed at addressing these challenges.

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 the skills to integrate community members, elected officials, and researchers in the design, implementation, and interpretation of community-based participatory studies.



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

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

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.

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

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.



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



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).



GHS FAST FACTS

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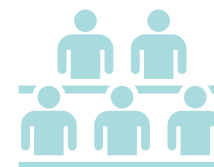
2 YEARS

TO COMPLETE



3 areas

OF CONCENTRATION



8

CORE
CLASSES

(24 CREDITS)

4

ELECTIVE
COURSES

(12 CREDITS)





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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