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- Planetary Health
- Religious, Ritual, and Healing
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- Anthropology of Disasters and Recovery
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Concentrations

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CORE FACULTY

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:

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• Research Scientist
• Grants Officer
• Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist
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• Field Consultant
• Global Health Advisor

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