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Programs of Study:

Undergraduate:

- B.S. (Pre-Med track)
- B.A. (Humanities track)
- B.A. (Social Sciences track)

Graduate:

- Master of Arts in Global Health & Society, with tracks in:
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For undergraduate students interested in going to medical school, the GHS major is ideal for gaining a multinational and planetary perspective on the various aspects of health and well-being. The Bachelor of Science track satisfies both the Global Health Studies major and the requirements of the Office of Pre-Health Advising and Mentoring. If focusing on the cultural and societal aspects of global health speak to you, we offer two Bachelor of Arts tracks: Humanities and Social Sciences, as well as a graduate degree. Each opportunity allows you to explore the foundations of global health as they relate to your area of interest.

GHS students are committed to the study, research, and practice of improving wellness and health care equity for populations worldwide. From examining various religious perspectives on illness, dying, and what happens after death, to analyzing the geopolitical disparities in our access to clean drinking water, GHS major allows you to cross all disciplines and expand on the traditional notions of health and medicine, preparing you to make a difference in a post-pandemic world.

Medicine vs Health, Treatment vs Prevention

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.

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