GLOBAL HEALTH
Interdisciplinary Program Minor

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Statement of philosophy
As a member of the Heartland Global Health Consortium, Central College subscribes to the belief that we are responsible for producing global citizens, aware of the interconnections between health, development, environment and social justice. As global citizens, we understand that health issues around the world can no longer be regarded as solely local, whether these are issues of diseases crossing boundaries or impacts of the global economy driving health care policy and environmental conditions. This minor is designed to prepare students to understand and appreciate that health issues require solutions that are grounded in a holistic approach including globalization, policy, sustainability and cultural and personal awareness. The required courses provide students with a background in understanding epidemiology, as well as a global perspective.

Students choosing careers in all pre-health programs as well as public policy, planning, international studies, social work, anthropology, environmental studies and health communications are served by this minor. Students are encouraged to study abroad at one of Central’s international programs to enhance their development as global citizens, and to pursue relevant internships.

Global Health Minor Requirements (21-24 credits):

1. Complete all of the following (9 credits)
   - BIOL 210 Epidemiology (3)
   - GEOG 210 Human Geography (3)
   - GEOG 320 Principles of GIS (3)

2. Complete one of the following (Globalization and Health focus, 3-4 credits)
   - ANTH 260 Medical Anthropology (4)
   - LAS 410 Diseases Through Space and Time (3)
   - LAS 410 HIV and the AIDS Pandemic (4)
   - Approved service learning project in a health agency by arrangement, minimum 3 credits

3. Complete one of the following (Policy focus, 3-4 credits)
   - ECON 321 Environmental Economics (3)
   - ECON 329 Economic Development (Arr)
   - POLS 233 American Environmental Politics and Policy (3)
   - POLS 241 International Political Economy (4)
   - POLS 344 International Law and Organization (3)

4. Complete one of the following (Sustainability focus, 3-4 credits)
   - GERM 362 Germany and the Environment (3)
   - PHYS 204 Energy and Environment (not offered regularly) (3)
   - POLS 242 Global Sustainability (4)

5. Complete one of the following (Cultural and personal awareness focus, 3 credits)
   - COMM 276 Communicating in Health and Illness (3)
   - COMM 362 Environmental Communication (3)
   - ENGL 213 Nature Writing and Environmental Literature (3)
   - EXSC 261 Community, Consumer and Global Health (3)
   - PHIL 245 Environmental Ethics (3)
   - SOC 225 Social Problems (3)

Experiential Learning and Internship Opportunities
As part of the minor, students are encouraged to engage in an experiential learning experience whether it be in Iowa or elsewhere. This experience would help students better understand the various fields within Global Health that they might be interested in after graduation for career or graduate study. Students are encouraged to work with the Office of Community Based Learning, the Career Center, and the Study Abroad office to plan for this experience early in their college career.