

GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES

DEGREE MODULES AVAILABLE: Honors Specialization, Specialization

Global Health Studies degree modules integrate studies in community health promotion as impacted by global development and globalization. This program focuses on how the work of community health promotion is situated within contexts of global-scale inequalities, particularly in terms of poverty, and global scale social interrelations that situate problems of community health within relations of power related to capitalism, resource extraction, global food economies, and impacts of global racism, sexism, coloniality, labour exploitation, and environmental degradation. Students learn how to enact social innovation in global health promotion, bringing together courses offered by the Centre for Global Social Innovation with courses from the Health Sciences, Geography & Environment, Indigenous Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, and Sociology.

THE GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES PROGRAM EXAMINES SUCH ISSUES AS:

- Health as a global development problem
- Non-hegemonic resistances and responses to health promotion
- Environmental hazards and health
- Self-determination and health promotion
- Social marginalisations in health promotion
- Rights to the conditions of health
- Interrelations of health promotion and livelihood

For more information, please contact the Director of the Centre for Global Social Innovation through our website: huronu.ca/programs/arts-social-science/global-social-innovation



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“The Centre truly shifted the direction of my life. Prior to taking classes with the Centre, I had an interest in global development but did not know any of the context, language, or history that was necessary for entering the field. Through a diverse array of immersive classes and research experiences led by the incredible faculty in the Centre, I gained a strong foundation of skills and knowledge which has consistently served me so far throughout my career with both domestic and international organizations.”

SAMPLE CORE COURSES IN: GLOBAL HEALTH STUDIES

CGS 3509: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND GLOBAL DISPOSSESSION

An examination of the impact of global capitalism and neo-colonialism on territories Indigenous Peoples use and claim. The course examines strategies to secure land-based community autonomy against global dispossession. The question of the coexistence of dominant practices of global development with Indigenous ways of knowing is addressed.

CGS 3532: INEQUALITIES IN GLOBAL HEALTH

This course examines how social, cultural, and economic systems function to produce global-scale inequalities in health. Emphasis is placed on the impacts of coloniality, systems of racism, cultural oppression, and land dispossession. These studies are engaged through problems of globalization and critical reflection over objectives in global development.

CGS 3533: ANTI-RACISM IN GLOBAL HEALTH PROMOTION

This course confronts problems of racism in global health promotion and generates critical perspectives on how global health objectives can be mobilised through fundamentally anti-racist practices. Students will investigate ways in which global health promotion may function with practices of decolonization and in support of community-based self-determination.

HEALTH SCIENCES 3250: GLOBAL HEALTH PROMOTION

Political, economic, social, cultural, environmental, behavioural, and biological factors determine health status. This course will explore issues identified as significant determinants of health (poverty, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation) and strategies (activism, community development) to promote health within a global context.

GEOGRAPHY 3432: ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS AND HUMAN HEALTH

This is a survey course regarding the links between human health and environmental hazard exposure. Issues will include health impacts of water pollution, air pollution, solid and hazardous waste, toxic substances, pesticides, and radiation.

HEALTH SCIENCE 4220: HEALTH AMONG MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS

This course examines marginalized populations through various critical perspectives, namely medical anthropology, feminist, and political economy theory. Students will develop an understanding of how macro and micro forces intersect to produce marginality and particular health experiences for people who are relegated to the margins of society.

SOCIOLOGY 3371: GLOBAL HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS

A comprehensive study of the intersection between health and human rights in contemporary global settings. Using a critical lens, and drawing upon recent theoretical and ethnographic studies, the course will explore specific health issues in-depth including HIV/AIDS, emerging infectious diseases, organ donations, violence and displacement, and gender inequalities and health.

