School of Public Health students can take advantage of the numerous and ever-growing global health opportunities offered by the School of Public Health, especially during the winter and summer terms. Global health educational, service and research programs empower students with the knowledge, skills and perspectives to become mindful and engaged global citizens and public health professionals. Many study abroad courses can count as electives and toward the Global Health Certificate (sph.umd.edu/globalhealth). Other global health experiences can serve as the foundation for research studies and dissertation projects.

EDUCATION ABROAD

WINTER TERM

Australia: Sport, Commerce, and Culture in the Global Marketplace (KNES443)
This program provides first-hand experience in the rapidly expanding global sport marketplace. Students examine the policy, management and marketing of sport in Australian culture and society. Three (3) credits. Faculty advisor: Michael Friedman, PhD; mfried@umd.edu

India: East Meets West: Contrasting Public Health Priorities, Pragmatics and Polemics in the US and India (HLTH489)
This program exposes students interested in public health in a global context to policy and programmatic frameworks for the delivery of public health services in the world’s two largest democracies, India and the US. Students will explore global public health and its complexities through visits to schools, villages, Ayurvedic and Allopathic clinics/hospitals, work-sites and community settings where public health is practiced. Three (3) credits. Faculty Advisor: Donna Howard, DrPH; dhoward1@umd.edu

SUMMER TERM

Cuba: Law, Public Health, and the Cuban Family (FMSC686/MIEH698A)
This unique program exposes students to Cuba’s legal, public health and political systems and considers the impact of poverty on the Cuban family. Students have opportunities to engage with faculty in the fields of history, politics, and law at University of Havana. They also interact with doctors, lawyers and judges in their professional settings. Three (3) credits. Faculty Advisor: Kerry Tripp, PhD; ktripp@umd.edu

Bolivia: Global Health Lessons in Ecotourism and Community Health (EPIB689A/MIEH698A)
Students will learn about the difficulties of promoting health in remote areas with great biodiversity, yet which face significant poverty and many environmental threats. Students will visit indigenous communities and leading experts in ecohealth, protected areas management and agroecology and health professionals providing care in the remote Bolivian Amazon. Three (3) Credits. Faculty Advisor: Olivia Carter-Pokras, PhD; opokras@umd.edu

UMD Summer Session in Dublin (TBD)
A summer session for 10-14 days is being planned for Summer 2020 at Ireland’s University College of Dublin. Affiliated with the Universitas 21 group (u21health.org), this program will focus on the UN’s sustainability development goals. One (1) to three (3) credits. For more information contact: Dina L.G. Borzekowski, Ed.D.; dborzeko@umd.edu

Visit the Education Abroad website: globalmaryland.umd.edu for more details.
Global Health Certificate

The Graduate Certificate in Global Health is designed to provide interdisciplinary knowledge in global health delivery. It provides knowledge of issues, policies, and practices in global health that will enable you to work effectively in agencies and programs providing global health services. The certificate is a 12-credit program that consists of nine (9) required credits, and three (3) credits of electives. Students typically take one year (two semesters plus summer/winter) to complete.

For more information:

sph.umd.edu/globalhealth
Contact: Maurice Rocque (mrocque@umd.edu) with any questions.

Service Opportunities

The School of Public Health has an active student service group called Public Health without Borders that partners with global communities on sustainable health promotion initiatives. Graduate students take on important roles with this group, helping lead undergraduate summer and winter service trips to Sierra Leone, Peru, India, and Ethiopia. Besides developing partnerships with communities, graduate students have launched research and dissertation projects as a result of these experiences.

For more information contact:
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Research Opportunities

Many SPH faculty members are engaged in research studies around the globe. They are often looking for research assistants for paid positions. Information about positions is often announced through the global health listserv (email Dr. Maring, efmaring@umd.edu or Dr. Borzekowski, dborzeko@umd.edu to sign up). Additional information is and will be available through the SPH Global Health Initiative website and interactive map. sph.umd.edu/ghi

Contact Professor Dina Borzekowski (dborzeko@umd.edu), Interim Director of the Global Health Initiative, to discuss your content and country interests.

Additional Resources

The School of Public Health is an affiliate member of Universitas 21 (universitas21.com) and the Consortium of University for Global Health (CUGH) (cugh.org). Your connection to the School of Public Health opens doors and funding for the many global health education, service and research opportunities offered through these groups.

Attend the CUGH annual conference (in Washington, DC in April 2020). Through the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership, the UMD School of Public Health is a co-host.

Visit sph.umd.edu/ghi for more details on the Global Health Initiative.

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