

Global Health, BA

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Do you want to improve lives around the world by advancing human health? Explore how history, culture and environment intertwine to play a critical role in today's health problems and their solutions. Prepare for a service-oriented career in global health policy, community health practice, disaster management, health education and beyond.

Program description

The BA in global health is a transdisciplinary degree that provides students with the skills and perspectives they need to understand and solve health challenges across the globe, while accounting for cultural, historical, biological and ecological factors.

Program faculty are recognized internationally for their work on pressing global health problems, such as health inequalities, chronic disease, family health, water and food insecurity, obesity and stigma, emergent infectious disease, resource management and evolutionary medicine.

Students have the opportunity to participate in a global health study abroad program and choose from a variety of destinations and topics.

In addition to reviewing the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics

- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(online\)](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Global Health, MA](#)

[Global Health, MS](#)

[Global Management \(Creative Industries and Design Thinking\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Digital Audience Strategy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Affairs\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Business\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Development and Innovation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Digital Transformation\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Entrepreneurship\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Health Care Delivery\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Global Legal Studies\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Nonprofit Leadership and Management\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Administration\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Public Policy\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainability Solutions\), MGM](#)

[Global Management \(Sustainable Tourism\), MGM](#)

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Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with [ASU Local](#), an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience

for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Studying abroad](#) allows global health students to deepen their understanding of the impact of culture on public health, expand the lens through which they view people, and gain firsthand experience in their field. Students who study abroad can make an impact on communities across the globe, all while enhancing their resume with communication and cultural competency skills needed for a career.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in global health.

Career opportunities

Training in global health provides enormous and varied career opportunities, both national and international, and demand is high and growing for graduates with these skills. The major program supports the goals of those pursuing careers in health services, academic and applied research, and teaching. Potential employers include:

- health departments
- government agencies
- international agencies (World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global Health Council, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank)
- nongovernmental organizations
- private sector
- universities

The degree program also provides a broad intellectual base for those who plan advanced specialist health training in fields such as:

- dentistry
- medicine
- nursing
- pharmacy

In Arizona and elsewhere, there is a pressing need for professionals with appropriate skills to work in cross-cultural settings or with underserved populations such as migrants, minorities and those living in poverty; many of these jobs are directly or indirectly related to health.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</u> ☀	7.2%	\$59,990
<u>Community Health Worker</u> ☀	14.1%	\$46,190
<u>Environmental Protection Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$76,480
<u>Epidemiologist</u> ☀	26.7%	\$78,520
<u>Health and Safety Manager</u> ☀	13.3%	\$78,570
<u>Healthcare Professor</u> ☀	19.1%	\$100,300
<u>Medical and Health Services Manager</u> ☀	28.4%	\$104,830
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u>Public Relations Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$67,440
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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