Global Health Studies: Approved Elective Courses February 2026

<mark>**NOTE: if there is a class you believe should be counted for an elective that is not on this list, please email your advisor with the syllabus.**</mark>

NOTE: Courses with an asterisk are topics courses and are only approved if the topic is listed. All other topics are considered on a case-by-case basis.

American Studies

*AMER_ST 310 Studies in American Culture: US Health: Illness & Inequality
*AMER_ST 310 / HISTORY 300-0-20 History of American Medicine

Anthropology

ANTHRO 221 Social and Health Inequalities
ANTHRO 306 Evolution of Life Histories
ANTHRO 309 Human Osteology
ANTHRO 312 Human Population Biology
ANTHRO 314 Human Growth and Development
ANTHRO 315 Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 332 The Anthropology of Reproduction
ANTHRO 359 The Human Microbiome and Health
ANTHRO 386 Methods in Human Biology Research
*ANTHRO 390-0-21 Topics in Anthropology: Evolutionary Medicine
*ANTHRO 390-0-22 Topics in Anthropology: Reproductive Ecology
*ANTHRO 390-0-22 Topics in Anthropology: Contraceptive Technologies
*ANTHRO 390-0-22 Topics in Anthropology: Detection, Investigation, Diagnosis
*ANTHRO 390-0-25 Topics in Anthropology: Archaeology of Drugs

Asian American Studies

*ASIAN_AM 303 Advanced Topics in Social and Cultural Analysis: Race, Mental Health, and Healing Justice
*ASIAN_AM 360-0-21 Studies in Race, Gender, and Sexuality: Trans Surgeries in Transnational Contexts

Biological Sciences

BIOL_SCI 310 Human Physiology
BIOL_SCI 312 CN The Evolution of Biology of Human Anatomy, Health, and Disease
BIOL_SCI 313-DL Human Anatomy
BIOL_SCI 318-DL Advanced Human Physiology
BIOL_SCI 327 Biology of Aging

BIOL_SCI 337 Biostatistics
BIOL_SCI 341 Population Genetics
BIOL_SCI 355 Immunobiology
BIOL_SCI 377 The Human Microbiome
BIOL_SCI 380 Biology of Cancer

Chemistry

CHEM 306 Environmental Chemistry
CHEM 316 Medicinal Chemistry: the Organic Chemistry of Drug Design and Action
CHEM 393 Green Chemistry

Chicago Field Studies
**Maximum of 2 CFS credits can be used for GHS elective credit

CFS 391 Field Studies in Social Justice
CFS 392 Field Studies in Public Health
CFS 397 Field Studies in Civic Engagement

Classics

Classics 314: Topics in Ancient Science and Technology: Ancient Medicine

Communication Studies

COMM_ST 246 Intro to Health Communication
COMM_ST 248 Black Feminist Health Science
COMM_ST 339 Health Communication and Precision Medicine
*COMM_ST 395-0-21 Social Media, Technology, & Mental Health
*COMM_ST 395-0-24: Social History of Psychedelic Medicines
*COMM_ST 395-0 Social Relationships & Health

Economics

ECON 307 Economics of Medical Care

Engineering

BMD_ENG 304 Quantitative Systems Physiology
BMD_ENG 325-0 Introduction to Medical Imaging
BMD_ENG 343-0 Biomaterials and Medical Devices
BMD_ENG 380: Medical Devices, Disease, and Global Health
CHEM_ENG 373 Biotechnology and Global Health
CHEM_382 Biotechnology Regulatory Science

CIV_ENG 361 Public & Environmental Health
IEMS 385 Introduction to Health Systems Management

English

ENG 305 Advanced Composition: Special Topics: Science, Medical and Health Writing
ENG 381 Literature and Medicine
ENG 384 Toxic Rhetoric

Environmental Policy and Culture

ENVR_POL 390-0-21 Introduction to Ethnopharmacology

French

FRENCH 309 French for Health Professions

Gender Studies

GNDR_ST 260 Critical Fat Studies
*GNDR_ST 322 Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Disability Justice
*GNDR_ST 322 / SOCIOL 376-0-20 / HUM 370-5-20 Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Race/Gender/Sex & Science
*GNDR_ST 322-0-20: Gender, Sexuality, Health: Reproductive Health/Politics
GNDR_ST 331-0-21: Sociology of Gender and Sexuality: Gender, Health, & Medicine
*GNDR_ST 332: Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Health Activism
*GNDR_ST 332-0-22 Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Reproductive Justice Activism in Chicago
*GNDR_ST 332-0-23 Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Health Program Planning
*GNDR_ST 332 Gender, Sexuality, and Health: Contemporary Gender & Medicine
GNDR_ST 361 Gender, Sexuality, and Literature: Gender, Illness, and Disability
*GNDR_ST 390-0-23 Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies: Viral Underclass: Journalism & Outbreaks

History

HISTORY 275-1 History of Early Modern Science & Medicine
HISTORY 275-2 History of Modern Science & Medicine
HISTORY 292 Histories of African Sciences
HISTORY 300-0-22 Cannabis: Global History
HISTORY 300-0-32 History of Medicine in Asia
HISTORY 352 Global History of Death and Dying
*HISTORY 392-0-26 Topics in History: The Black Death
HISTORY 393 Histories of Illness and Disability

Humanities

HUM 220 (SOCIOL 220): Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society
*HUM 370-5-20 Special Topics in the Humanities: Race/Gender/Sex & Science: Making Identities & Differences

International Studies

INTL_ST 393 Development in the Global Context: Participation, Power, and Social Change (GESI)

Middle East and North African Studies

*MENA 390-3-1 What Is Normal: Biopolitics, Disability, and the State

Neuroscience

NEUROSCI 303 Molecular Mechanisms of Neuropsychopharmacology
NEUROSCI 360 Neurology of Brain Disorders
*NEUROSCI 390 Topics in Neuroscience: Neurobiology of Stress, Adversity, and Resilience

Personal Development

PRDV 325 Emotional Intelligence

Philosophy

PHIL 269 Bioethics
PHIL 326 Philosophy of Medicine

Political Science

POLI_SCI 390-0: Health, Chronic Illness & Disability Politics

Psychology

PSYCH 221 Introduction to Neuroscience
PSYCH 303 Psychopathology
PSYCH 341 Positive Psychology: The Science of Well-Being

Public Health

PUB_HLTH 302 Introduction to Biostatistics

PUB_HLTH 304 Introduction to Epidemiology
PUB_HLTH 391 Global Health Care Service Delivery

Religion

*RELIGION 345 Idea of Sainthood in Christianity: Sainthood & the Body
*RELIGION 349 Topics in Christianity: Medicine, Miracles, and Magic: Healthcare in the Middle Ages

Social Policy

SOC_POL 333 Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness

Sociology

SOCIOL 220 (HUM 220) Health, Biomedicine, Culture, and Society
SOCIOL 320 Gender, Health and Medicine
SOCIOL 355 Medical Sociology

Spanish

SPAN 205 Spanish for Professionals: Health Care