Bass Connections

Theme Overview

The health of individuals and populations depends greatly on where and how people live in the world. Access to quality health care, information about disease prevention and the environmental impact on health vary widely around the world. Global stability and development depend on the reduction of these and other health disparities.

Bass Connections in Global Health will support students and faculty to work creatively and collectively to address health disparities worldwide through an integrated suite of education programs and activities on campus and in the field. Recognizing that a sustained comprehension of global health can come only through immersive experiences and collaboration with community partners, Bass Connections in Global Health will offer opportunities for students – undergraduate through doctoral – to participate in coursework, experiential learning and field projects to find solutions to global health challenges.

Theme Objectives

The Global Health theme is an intellectually, pedagogically and administratively integrated suite of education programs and activities that will develop participants’ ability to work creatively and collectively to address health disparities worldwide. The proposed activities focus on enhancing undergraduate liberal arts education while simultaneously cultivating the mentoring, research and teaching skills of graduate and professional students, and postdoctoral scholars.

Student Activities

Students can get involved in the Global Health theme through a variety of activities.
1. Enroll in a Global Health course
   [http://globalhealth.duke.edu/education/global-health-courses](http://globalhealth.duke.edu/education/global-health-courses)
2. Join a Global Health project team
3. Declare a Global Health major
4. Pursue the Master of Science in Global Health
5. Apply for the Global Health Doctoral Certificate
6. Participate in the Global Health journal club

Theme Requirements

The Global Health theme currently has no formal requirements. Interested students are encouraged to enroll in one of the Fall 2015 gateway courses.

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Fall 2015 Gateway Courses

- **GLHLTH 101 - Fundamentals of Global Health** - Introduces global health issues and challenges, equipping students with an understanding of the key concepts, tools and frameworks essential for continued study in global health. Course focuses on disease burden, health determinants and disparities, health policy and actors and the challenges of global health interventions.

- **GLHLTH 701 - Global Health Challenges** - Introduces major global health problems and social, behavioral, economic, biomedical and environmental determinants of health in resource-limited settings. Topics include communicable diseases, chronic diseases and determinants of health associated with these diseases.

Other Fall 2015 Experiences
- Journal Club
- Global Health Showcase
- Guest speakers at DGHI

Future Courses

**GLHLTH 395/595 Connections in Global Health** - Teams of undergraduate and graduate students work with faculty supervisors to identify, refine, explore and develop solutions to pressing global health issues. Teams may also include postdoctoral fellows, visiting global health fellows and other experts from business, government and the nonprofit sector. A team’s work may run in parallel with or contribute to an ongoing research project. Teams will participate in seminars, lectures, field work and other learning experiences relevant to the project.

Future Experiences
- Global Health project teams
- Capstone course