Master of Science in Global Health

The program is based on a development-oriented approach. With a strong focus on quantitative, qualitative, and applied social sector research in low- and middle-income countries, the degree offers dynamic opportunities to individuals pursuing a career in global health.

As an interdisciplinary program, courses are taught by faculty from across Georgetown University. In addition, the Field Research Module provides students with a three-month experience in a low- or middle-income country. The degree culminates in a Scholarly Paper that enhances the academic field of global health.

Dynamic Learning Experience

The Master of Science in Global Health program offers:

- An innovative and multidisciplinary curriculum with a research emphasis, didactic coursework, and experiential learning.
- Areas of concentration, which enhance students’ understanding of global and regional public health issues.
- Regular exposure to key national and international public health professionals and organizations based in the Washington, DC area through seminars and special events.
- The semester-long Field Research Module, applying classroom knowledge in the real world.

Merit-based scholarships and graduate assistantships are available!

Opportunities for Graduates

Graduates from this program are well-equipped with knowledge and skills that are widely valued for positions in global health organizations. Alumni pursue careers as program managers, policy analysts, health administrators, or researchers in bilateral or multilateral development agencies, government agencies, and consulting organizations.

Program Structure

The MSGH program is organized around a core curriculum of global health and one of five areas of concentration. The full-time program is designed for two semesters (Fall and Spring) in Washington and one semester (Summer or Fall) conducting field research abroad. 32 credits are required for degree completion.

If field research is undertaken in the Summer, the program can be completed in 13 months. Part-time options are available, but field research cannot be waived.

The program is divided into three sections:

1. **Global Health Core courses** (15 credits) introduces students to the major issues and key concepts in global health.
II. Concentration courses (9 credits) enable students to focus on specific areas of global health:

- Disease Control & Prevention
- Health Policy & Financing
- Health & Development in Africa (Certificate in African Studies from the School of Foreign Service)
- Urban Health, Climate Change, Demographics, & Reproductive Health
- Global Health Governance: Politics, Policy, & Institutions

III. The Field Research Module (8 credits) allows students to conceptualize a successful study, manage data in the field, and prepare a written summary of their findings. The resulting Scholarly Paper is expected to enhance the academic field of global health and provide a meaningful contribution to the health status of underserved populations.

The Department collaborates with more than a dozen premier health research and policy institutions in low- and middle-income countries worldwide. Students are placed for field research based on their academic and professional interests.

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#### Sample Program of Study

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**Application Requirements**

- Baccalaureate degree
- Online application form (grad.georgetown.edu/admissions) including the following electronically submitted components:
  - A résumé or CV
  - Statement of purpose (< 500 words)
  - Three letters of recommendation, academic and professional
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended
- Video interview
- Experience living, studying, and working abroad is encouraged
- **GRE scores are not required!**

**Additional Application Requirements for Graduates of Foreign Institutions of Higher Education**

All transcripts from institutions outside of the U.S. must be translated into U.S. equivalencies through a course-by-course transcript evaluation by World Education Services (www.wes.org). An official course-by-course evaluation from WES must be submitted by the application deadline.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for all applicants for whom English is not the native language spoken (unless a degree has been granted that was instructed exclusively in English).