

# GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)

Department Website (<https://as.nyu.edu/anthropology/>)

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## Program Description

The highly selective, demanding undergraduate majors in Global Public Health (GPH) allow CAS students to choose a course of study that is a combination of public health and an academic discipline housed in the College (GPH is not a stand-alone major) while providing them with instructors and courses drawn from the entire university. This unique structure responds to the ever-increasing demand for interdisciplinary public health practitioners both in the United States and abroad. The coursework is integrated with experiential learning and study away requirements to ensure that students are broadly trained and uniquely prepared for a variety of careers.

The majors' global public health courses are offered by the NYU School of Global Public Health (708 Broadway, 11th Floor; 212-992-6741; <https://publichealth.nyu.edu/>). GPH delivers truly interdisciplinary public health education at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral level. It builds on the global reach of NYU's unique Global Network University, draws strength from the entrepreneurial spirit of NYU's many talented faculty and students, and serves as a conduit for groundbreaking research and education that advances and promotes equitable health for all.

This major provides interdisciplinary training that embraces the natural convergence of society, culture, and health and draws on the Department of Anthropology's strength in bridging the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. The joint major in Global Public Health and Anthropology prepares students to analyze various cultural traditions through the lens of health; to examine complex relationships within economic, political, cultural, physical, and biological environments; and to apply anthropological approaches to public health problems. The joint major is designed to prepare students for multidisciplinary careers in a variety of settings and/or for advanced academic training in public health, anthropology, or other related fields.

## Honors Program in Anthropology and Global Public Health Joint Major

A degree in the Anthropology and Global Public Health joint major may be awarded with honors to selected students who apply for admission to the honors program through the Department of Anthropology's director of undergraduate studies during their junior year. Honors candidates are expected to meet all the requirements for the major and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.65, both overall and in the major.

Honors students must complete a total of 60 credits, which include:

- Global Public Health Core: 6 courses (24 credits)
- Anthropology Core: 3 courses (12 credits)
- Anthropology Electives: 3 courses (12 credits), including at least one graduate-level course
  - The graduate-level course may count as an anthropology elective
- Combined Major Electives: 3 courses (12 credits), which must include:

- Two semesters of independent study in fall and spring (2 credits each), supporting honors thesis research. Together, they count as one combined major elective
- The two-semester honors seminar sequence (ANTH-UA 901 in fall and ANTH-UA 902 in spring, 2 credits each), which together count as one combined major elective

In addition to coursework, students must complete a senior honors thesis based on original research, developed under the supervision of a faculty adviser. The thesis is completed as part of the honors seminar and independent study sequence.

To apply for honors, students must complete and receive approval on the Petition to Enroll in Honors Program form, which is available on the Department of Anthropology's website. Additionally, students must submit and receive approval on the Petition to Enroll in an Independent Study form to register for independent study credits with their faculty thesis adviser.

## Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

## Program Requirements

Students in this combined major must consult with the director of undergraduate studies or other departmental adviser in anthropology to work out a course plan, especially as this major requires students to study away for one semester. The major requirements of fifteen 4-credit courses (60 credits) must be completed with a grade of C or higher (courses graded Pass/Fail will not count).

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>		16
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Expressive Culture		4
<b>Global Public Health Requirements</b>		
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context (no prerequisites) <sup>2</sup>	4
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health <sup>3</sup>	4
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
<b>Anthropology Requirements</b>		
ANTH-UA 1	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology <sup>4</sup>	4
ANTH-UA 107	Medical Anthropology (Formerly ANTH-UA 35)	4
ANTH-UA 108	Global Biocultures: Anthropological Perspectives on Public Health (Formerly ANTH-UA 36)	4

Electives

<i>Anthropology Electives</i> <sup>5</sup>		
Select three Anthropology electives; see a list of recommended courses below:		12
ANTH-UA 2	Introduction to Biological Anthropology <sup>6</sup>	
ANTH-UA 106	Language, Power, Identity (Formerly ANTH-UA 16)	
ANTH-UA 110	Evolution and Human Variation (Formerly ANTH-UA 51)	
ANTH-UA 117	Evolutionary Medicine (Formerly ANTH-UA 55)	
ANTH-UA 205	Emerging Diseases (Formerly ANTH-UA 80)	
ANTH-UA 129	Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality (Formerly ANTH-UA 112)	
ANTH-UA 209	Disability Worlds: Anthropological Perspectives (Formerly ANTH-UA 113)	
ANTH-UA 222	Race and Caste (Formerly ANTH-UA 323)	
ANTH-UA 326	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH-UA 141	Human Rights & Culture (Formerly ANTH-UA 331)	
ANTH-UA 238	The Social Life of Food (Formerly ANTH-UA 410)	
<i>Combined Major Electives</i>		
Select three combined major electives <sup>7</sup>		12
<i>Other Electives</i>		
Other Elective Credits		24
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

<sup>1</sup> The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

<sup>2</sup> **Note well:** UGPH-GU 10 Health and Society in a Global Context is the prerequisite or corequisite for UGPH-GU 20 Biostatistics for Public Health, UGPH-GU 30 Epidemiology for Global Health, UGPH-GU 40 Health Policy in a Global World, and UGPH-GU 50 Environmental Health in a Global World.

<sup>3</sup> This satisfies the College Core Curriculum requirement in Quantitative Reasoning.

<sup>4</sup> Formerly Culture, Power, Society.

<sup>5</sup> Any ANTH-UA course pertaining to the cultural, linguistic, or biological anthropology of living humans may be approved as an elective.

<sup>6</sup> Formerly Human Evolution.

<sup>7</sup> Three additional electives must be completed in the GPH program or anthropology, by advisement.

Study Away

All majors must also study away for one semester. Programs of study are planned with the director of undergraduate studies in the chosen CAS department. The e-mail address for general inquiries from CAS students is [cas.gph@nyu.edu](mailto:cas.gph@nyu.edu).

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
ANTH-UA 1	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	4
UGPH-GU 10	Health and Society in a Global Context	4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>

<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
ANTH-UA 107	Medical Anthropology	4
UGPH-GU 20	Biostatistics for Public Health	4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
ANTH-UA 108	Global Biocultures: Anthropological Perspectives on Public Health	4
UGPH-GU 30	Epidemiology for Global Health	4
Foreign Language		4
Expressive Culture		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
Anthropology Elective 1 of 3 <sup>1</sup>		4
UGPH-GU 40	Health Policy in a Global World	4
Foreign Language		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>		
Anthropology Elective 2 of 3 <sup>1</sup>		4
UGPH-GU 50	Environmental Health in a Global World	4
Foreign Language		4
Physical Science		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>6th Semester/Term</b>		
Anthropology Elective 3 of 3		4
Additional Major Elective 1 of 3 <sup>2</sup>		4
Foreign Language		4
Life Science		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>7th Semester/Term</b>		
Additional Major Elective 2 of 3 <sup>2</sup>		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>8th Semester/Term</b>		
UGPH-GU 60	Undergraduate Experiential Learning in Global Public Health	4
Additional Major Elective 3 of 3 <sup>2</sup>		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

<sup>1</sup> Chosen from a list of approved courses. See adviser for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Chosen from courses in the GPH program or in Anthropology, by advisement.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand anthropology's goals and methods of study as a discipline.
2. Understand how sociocultural and biological anthropologists approach the study of public health and disease.
3. Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.

4. Conduct independent research by combining the methods of anthropology with those used in public health.
5. Recognize key historical milestones in the development and evolution of the field of public health with examples from both the US and international contexts.
6. Describe and assess the biological, social, environmental, and structural determinants of health by applying interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies.
7. Explain key data analytic techniques and epidemiologic concepts for measuring disease occurrence and frequency and how the information obtained from these measures is used to assess the health of populations.
8. Apply public health promotion and prevention concepts to engage in collaborative and culturally relevant public health activities.
9. Connect public health concepts to disciplinary practice in the field.

## Policies

### Program Policies

#### General Policies Applying to the Combined Global Public Health Majors

CAS students are allowed to count 16 credits from the other schools of the University toward the baccalaureate degree. Four of the six core UGPH-GU courses required for the combined GPH majors are treated as liberal arts courses and therefore do not count against the 16-credit allowance: UGPH-GU 10, 20, 30, and 50. (These four courses are exempt from the 16-credit rule both for declared GPH majors and also for CAS students who simply take one or more of them as electives.) The two required GPH core courses UGPH-GU 40 and 60 are not exempt from the 16-credit rule, and together use up 8 credits of each student's 16-credit allowance. Any other UGPH-GU courses besides 10, 20, 30, and 50 will also count against the 16 credits.

Students may request additional non-CAS, non-liberal arts credits beyond the 16-credit limit through the College Advising Center, 25 West 4th Street, 5th floor; 212-998-8130.

No UGPH-GU courses can count toward the 64 credits that internal or external transfer students are required to complete in CAS (-UA) courses.

Students must earn a C or better in all courses for their combined major and maintain a 2.0 major GPA. Courses graded Pass/Fail cannot be counted toward the major.

The GPH tracks with Anthropology, History, and Sociology all satisfy the College Core Curriculum requirement in Societies and the Social Sciences. However, the two GPH concentrations in science do not satisfy this requirement. None of the UGPH-GU courses can exempt students from any part of the Core's Foundations of Contemporary Culture.

#### Transfer Student Policies Applying to the Combined Global Public Health Majors

Transfer students to CAS must complete at least half of their entire combined GPH major at NYU, with at least half of the CAS coursework required for the major completed at NYU. In addition, GPH stipulates that transfer credit cannot be used for more than one of the six core GPH requirements (the other five must always be completed at NYU). The internship course (UGPH-GU 60) can never be satisfied with transfer credit.

Applicants to schools of the health professions who are pursuing one of the science GPH majors must complete at least five of the required

prehealth science courses at NYU in order to be eligible for a committee interview and letter from the CAS Preprofessional Advising Center.

Some transfer students may therefore be required to complete more than half of their GPH major at NYU to satisfy these policies, regardless of transfer coursework presented.

### NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

### College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).