

MINOR GLOBAL HEALTH

URBAN VITALITY: IMPROVEMENT AND EQUITY IN HEALTH WORLDWIDE

You, as a newly graduated health professional, have the opportunity to work in a health clinic abroad. You encounter quickly that the health care system is set up differently than what you are used to and that the living conditions, the social determinants of health, are greatly impacting on the health of the people you are working with. How can you, as a health professional, better understand what makes people 'unhealthy', beyond just a biomedical understanding? What assumptions and beliefs do you have about health and healing and how are they different from those of other people and cultures? How can you respect the beliefs and assumptions of these people, when you are working to improve health? How can you apply these skills, abroad but also in diverse settings in your home country?

FACTS

- Faculty of Health, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences
- Semester 1 and 2
- 30 ECTS

The minor allows you to view health related issues from a holistic perspective in which the social, environmental, economic and political situation of individuals and communities are considered as influencers on health. It allows you to understand international trends in disease and illness and allows you to apply these in real life projects both at home and abroad. This experience contributes to skills which will support you internationally and at home in your future career challenges created by our globalizing world.



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PROGRAMME

The first part of the program is a theoretical course “Introduction to Global Health” where students learn foundations of global health and important global health work fields. From there students apply their knowledge in a community project with one of our community partners in Amsterdam.

In the second part of the program students begin a 10 week group fieldwork period which they can decide to do in Amsterdam or internationally at one of our project partners. In the past students completed projects with partners in Nicaragua, Ghana, South Africa and Kenya amongst others.

Students are able to choose from a selection of projects offered by the minor in that specific semester.

IS THIS THE RIGHT MINOR FOR YOU?

The Global Health minor is taught in English. This minor will expand your perspectives on health using social science theory and methods which allow critical analysis of health issues.

Intercultural communication skills are required to collaborate in project work together with Dutch and international students. While conducting fieldwork internationally or in The Netherlands, building partnerships with community stakeholders requires an open mind and flexibility in scheduling and living conditions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The minor is interdisciplinary *and* international, with students from abroad, as open to health professions, and for students from work areas of business, economics, law and social sciences.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Contact the International Office;

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Global Health is an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide.

- J.P. Koplan, *Towards a common definition of Global Health*, 2009

