



April 4, 2017

W. Randy Smith, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
Columbus, OH 43210

RE: *Optional Requirements to Complete a Global Option Under the Bachelor of Science in Public Health*

Dear Dr. Smith:

On behalf of the College of Public Health, we are seeking approval by the Office of Academic Affairs via the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) for designation of the *Global Option* under the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) degree programs. The requirements for BSPH students who choose to also meet the criteria for the *Global Option* designation align with those specified by the University's Office of International Affairs (OIA).

The original design of the core and specialization curricula already required to earn the BSPH degree prepare students for careers domestically and internationally. However, the additional requirements to earn the *Global Option* designation strengthen and formalize the academic experience relevant to international issues and opportunities. Indeed, BSPH students interested in careers and/or advanced study in global public health will be encouraged to complete the *Global Option*.

Attached is a summary of the proposed requirements and process for students to earn the *Global Option* under the BSPH degree for either specialization in Environmental Public Health or Public Health Sociology. The College of Public Health Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) reviewed and compared these to the requirements from OIA and unanimously approved the proposed *Global Option* for the BSPH degree on March 28th. The College will greatly appreciate favorable University-level review and approval.

Sincerely,

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Proposal for a Global Option in the College of Public Health (Global Option in Public Health, GO PH)

Introduction and Rationale

The Global Option is a curriculum enhancement program through which the Ohio State University (OSU) students may acquire a documented international expertise integrated into participating majors without adding time to graduation. The Global Option is a key component of OSU's strategy for institutional internationalization as presented in the President and Provost's Council on Strategic Internationalization. The Provost's Council approved the Global Option concept on October 17, 2011 and The Council of Academic Affairs (CAA) approved the general framework on October 9, 2012.

The undergraduate curriculum of the College of Public Health (CPH) offers courses and field experiences with an international focus and content. Moreover, our faculty members and staff are deeply committed to strengthening students with the histories, cultures, experiences, knowledges and ideas that is expanded beyond the United States. Our college faculty members have carried out extensive research and teaching activities on multiple continents. Given the global scope of our teaching, research and outreach, we are confident that we have the resources that are needed to offer a Global Option in Public Health.

Goals

The Global Option in Public Health (GO PH) builds upon the strong foundation of global education that are inherent components of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree offered by the College of Public Health. While students in the BSPH program fulfill many of the elements of the GOPH, the GOPH will enhance this strong foundation. Public health undergraduate students admitted to the major who are in good academic standing will have the opportunity to enhance their global education through a variety of options. These include education abroad and domestic global experiences, international-focused courses, and capstone experiences with international themes. Students will maintain a comprehensive e-portfolio of their international activities to record and reflect on their experiences that demonstrate alignment with GO PH competencies. The GO PH program is designed to strengthen the students' global perspectives and gain global knowledges and skills in order to achieve better performance and competitiveness in their future studies and career development, including the global stage.

Since many elements of the GO PH program are contained within the existing BSPH program, the GOPH can be completed without adding significant time to graduation and, at the same time, allows the students individualize their plans. Successfully completing the requirements will earn students the Public Health Global Option designation on their transcripts as a Concentration (Major: Public Health, Concentration: Global Option).

Competencies

Upon successful completion of GO PH program, students will be better prepared to:

- Compare and contrast examples of major domestic and international public health issues
- Discuss various global approaches/strategies for identification, response and intervention to address and attempt to resolve common public health issues
- Identify political, cultural, behavioral and socio-economic factors related to global public health issues
- Work effectively in international settings
- Adapt to diverse cultures, perceptions and approaches
- Discuss major currents of global change and issues they raise
- Communicate across cultural and linguistic boundaries
- Comprehend the international dimension of one's field of study

Requirements

To pursue GO PH, undergraduate students should be in good academic standing in either specialization of the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BSPH) degree program. Courses, international experiences, language/culture, and reflection that are included in the components below, constitute a special engagement well beyond the standard requirements for graduation.

The GO PH program must complete coursework and/or fieldwork in each of the following four areas below.

Required Components	Description of Options	Credits
A. Early Education Abroad (choose one option)	1. Successfully complete (grade of B or higher) any university sponsored Education abroad program (except PUBHLTH 3189).	3 minimum
	2. Qualify as an International Student at OSU, therefore are studying abroad at OSU. Student must provide a reflection paper comparing their international experience prior to enrolling in the Global Option Capstone Course. (Rubric will be provided)	0
	3. Global-Local Experience (Domestic internship w/strong connections to international community)	0
B. International Learning	1. Successfully complete (grade of B or higher) at least one of the two courses that is required within the curriculum that have a strong international focus (both are embedded in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health Curriculum): PUBHLTH 2010 Introduction to Global Public Health or PUBHEHS 3310 Current Issues in Global Environmental Health	3 minimum
C. Foreign Culture and/or Language proficiency	1. Foreign language coursework through 1103	0-12
D. Global Option Capstone Course	Successfully complete CPH capstone (internship, research) with a global focus and/or CPH education abroad course with a grade of B or higher. CPH offers three active education abroad courses: Public Health Perspectives: Japan (PUBHLTH 3189.02/3189.02E), Public Health Perspectives: Finland and Estonia (PUBHLTH 3189.04/3189.04E), and Public Health Perspectives: China (PUBHLTH 3189.03/3189.03E)	3 minimum
Ongoing requirements	1. Pre- and Post-evaluation of global competencies on a standard assessment (pre-evaluation when joining the GO PH; post-evaluation before graduation) in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs, and/or other GO programs 2. Maintaining an e-portfolio of activities addressing the A-D components via OSU Carmen platform.	

Notes:

- Credits may overlap with a student's major, minor, honors curriculum or general education requirements.
- Petitions for changes in requirements will be reviewed by the CPH GO PH Program Committee.
- No more than two components may be satisfied using any one education abroad experience.
- Students must earn at least four credit hours related to Components A-D at OSU.

Additional program requirements

1. Attainment of a grade of B or higher in all graded components of the GO PH and satisfactory completion of all S/U courses.
2. Completion of all degree requirements for the baccalaureate degree in CPH.
3. BSPH students are encouraged to declare intent to participate in the GO PH as soon as possible. Students enrolling in the program may withdraw from the program at any time without penalty.

Procedure and Oversight

Individual plans for completion must be approved prior to completing GO PH requirements. The GO PH will be managed by CPH Office of Academic Programs and Student Services (OAPSS). Additional oversight will be provided by GO PH Program Committee (representatives from each academic division and program serve as members), which will be responsible for the following:

- Increase awareness of the program
- Communicate program goals and requirements to students, advise students throughout their program, and maintain records of participation
- Train academic advisors and faculty mentors regarding the GO PH so that they may appropriately advise students
- Develop/identify discipline specific, internationally focused courses and experiences (internships, research, service learning, long-term education abroad programs) that support the program, in cooperation with academic units and OSU OIA
- Suggest improvements to the program to the GO PH Program Committee
- Establish and maintain an assessment plan for the program including satisfaction surveys, longitudinal tracking of participants, and global competencies pre-test and post-test scores
- Collaborate with OIA and other Global Options within OSU
- Seek funding to support student, staff and faculty participation
- Report annually on the program to the GO PH Program Committee

GO PH Checklist

Interested students should schedule an appointment with the GO PH staff liaison to ensure they are completing the program correctly. In addition, students can download the GO PH Program Checklist (to be developed, online in Carmen) to keep track of their progress about this program in the comprehensive e-portfolio via Carmen, and submit it to the staff liaison once it is completed.

GO PH Contact Information

To develop an individual plan, please contact the staff liaison in OAPSS (Kynthia Droesch) at 614-292-8350.



April 24, 2017

Support for Global Option in the College of Public Health:

The Global Option is a key component of Ohio State's strategy for institutional internationalization as designed by the International Affairs Committee, implementing the President's and Provost's Council on Strategic Internationalization objectives. One of the strategies to internationalize student learning experiences at The Ohio State University is to offer students the Global Option (GO), a curriculum enhancement program through which students are able to acquire documented international knowledge integrated into participating programs without adding time to graduation.

The curriculum committee and undergraduate administration of the College of Public Health (PH) has completed its design of a Global Option curriculum for its students using the general framework endorsed by the Council of Deans and approved by the Council of Academic Affairs (October 2012). As the College of Public Health was one of our original participants in pilot Global Option study group, the core and specialization curricula of their BSPH degrees already requires many of the Global Option components. The College, going forward, will be able to offer the Global Option designation on students' transcript.

The proposal of College of Public Health meets three core criteria for the Global Option:

- The proposal follows the global option framework we have developed, which was endorsed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs and can be viewed at <http://go.osu.edu/GlobalOption>.
- The proposal adopted and listed their desired global competencies.
- The proposal outlines a concrete plan to move forward by capitalizing on the College's existing programs and courses that already contain international learning and global experiences.

Specifically, the proposal submitted by GO PH outlines strategies for its implementation, procedures and oversight, as well as ways to measure progress. By obtaining the GO PH designation, students in the College will not only enhance their global competencies and be better prepared in their field, but also enhance their ability to be active citizens on the global stage.

The Office of International Affairs with its constituent units and Area Studies Centers, are committed to continuing their support of the College's efforts to internationalize students' learning experiences. The Office of International Affairs' Dr. Esther E. Gottlieb, who has been working to implement the Global Option with other colleges, will assist with the College's continuing work on its global option. We fully endorse the GO PH curriculum and remain ready to collaborate with implementation consistent with the goals of the President's and Provost's Council on Strategic Internationalization.

Sincerely,

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