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Dr. Jay S. Hobgood  
Chair, Council on Academic Affairs  
c/o OSU Office of Academic Affairs  
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Dear Jay:

On behalf of the College of Public Health, I would like to request that the title of our undergraduate minor in *Public Health* be changed to *Global Public Health*. Please note the following:

- The change to the title of the undergraduate minor is appropriate because it better reflects the curricular content and what students are learning.
- The required 20 credit hours and curriculum will remain the same. Minimal changes were needed to the curriculum since the current topics within and content of the existing courses address domestic and international public health, thus collectively global public health, issues. However, some lecture modifications and focused assignments within courses were implemented.
- The undergraduate minor is in alignment with OSU's goal to increase internationalization of curricula and has been reviewed by the Office of International Affairs during Autumn 2010 when the College of Public Health participated in a pilot project.

The name change has been approved by the college's divisions, Graduate Studies Committee, and faculty members. I have attached the proposal summary and the course-competency matrices. Many thanks for your time to facilitate review and approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Bisesi".

Michael S. Bisesi, PhD  
Senior Associate Dean, College of Public Health



## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **Proposed Modification of Current Undergraduate Minor in *Public Health* to *Global Public Health***

**Proposal:** Effective by or before Autumn Quarter 2011, change the title of the current undergraduate minor program in *Public Health* to *Global Public Health*. Current topics within and content of the existing courses, plus some modifications and focused assignments, prepare students 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 socioeconomic factors related to global public health issues.

**Overview:** The undergraduate minor focuses on public health issues in the US and low- to middle-economic status countries worldwide. Students complete courses that provide content relative to presenting and discussing the type and scope of issues, factors that contribute to existing and emerging issues, and applicable public health approaches to address and intervene. The program augments many undergraduate bachelor degree programs and expands learners' knowledge and comprehension of issues affecting humans domestically and abroad.

**Requirements:** The minor in *Global Public Health* requires 20 quarter-based credit hours of course work plus one prerequisite course in statistics of four or more credit hours. (Note: All courses in the minor are also available as electives to any interested undergraduate student.)

**Prerequisite (minimum of 4 quarter-based credits):**

One introductory course in statistics (Statistics 135, 145, or equivalent) must be taken before or concurrent with the required course in epidemiology. No other prerequisites are required for the minor or for any of the required courses in public health.

**Required courses (16 quarter-based credits):**

PUBHLTH 400 Introduction to Public Health (4 cr., Autumn, Spring)  
PUBHEPI 510 Introduction to Epidemiology (4 cr., Autumn, Winter)  
PUBHEHS 530 Current Issues in Global Environmental Health (4 cr., Winter)  
PUBHHBP 520 The Role of Behavior in Public Health (4 cr., Spring)

**Electives (minimum of 4 quarter-based credits):**

PUBHHMP 550 U.S. and International Health Care (4 cr.) is an advised elective. However, any letter-graded course in the College of Public Health available for undergraduate credit is acceptable as an elective (i.e., courses graded pass/fail or S/U are not eligible). Courses from outside the College of Public Health that have a focus on analytic methods or issues related to population health with a global health focus may also be approved as electives. A list of courses already approved for this purpose is provided to students. Students or academic units may propose additional courses for inclusion in the minor.

**For more information or approval of course selection for the minor, contact:**

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## ATTACHMENT 2

### **Undergraduate Minor in *Global Public Health*: Matrix of the Minor Program Courses and Competencies Compared to International Program Competencies**

**Overview:** The undergraduate minor in *Global Public Health* will focus on public health issues in the US and low- to middle-economic status countries worldwide. Students will complete courses that provide content relative to presenting and discussing the type and scope issues, factors that contribute to existing and emerging issues, and applicable public health approaches to address and intervene. The program will augment many undergraduate bachelor degree programs and expand learners' knowledge and comprehension of issues affecting humans worldwide.

#### **CPH UG Minor Courses v. OSU OIA Internationalization Competencies:**

Undergraduate Minor Program in Global Public Health: Courses	International Program Competencies				
	Ability to work effectively in international settings	Awareness of and adaptability to diverse cultures, perceptions and approaches	Familiarity with major currents of global change and issues they raise	Capacity for effective communication across cultural and linguistic boundaries	Ability to comprehend the international dimension of one's field of study
Intro Public Health					X
Epidemiology			X	X	X
Global Env Hlth	X		X		X
Role of Behavior in Public health	X	X			X
US and Intern'l Health Care	X		X		X

#### **CPH UG Minor Courses v. CPH UG Minor Competencies:**

Undergraduate Minor Program in Global Public Health: Courses	UG Minor Program Competencies		
	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 socioeconomic factors related to global public health issues.
Intro Public Health	X	X	X
Epidemiology	X	X	X
Global Env Hlth	X	X	X
Role of Behavior in Public health	X	X	X
US and Intern'l Health Care	X	X	X