Course Change Request

Date Submitted: 12/14/17 12:49 pm

Viewing: SOPH 670: Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences

Last approved: 06/24/17 3:17 am
Last edit: 01/16/18 1:48 pm
Changes proposed by: dwashburn

Catalog Pages
referring to this course

CERT-CG50: Global Health - Certificate

Programs referring to this course

SOPH - School of Public Health

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Rationale for Course

Edit

The proposed changes are part of a routine curriculum review.

Course prefix          SOPH
Department              School of Public Health
College/School          Public Health
Academic Level          Graduate
Effective term          2018-2019 2017-2018

Complete Course Title
Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences

Abbreviated Course Title
GLOBAL PUBLIC HLTH SYS PRAC EX

Catalog course description
Study abroad experiences led by School of Public Health faculty in select countries; lectures prior to departing and lectures and classes in country; engage in public health practice and research activities in country; visit public health agencies and programs in country.

Prerequisites and Restrictions
Graduate classification; approval of instructor.

Should catalog prerequisites / concurrent enrollment be enforced?
No

Crosslistings
No

Stacked
Yes
Stacked with
PHTL 470 - Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences

In Workflow
1. CLPH Reviewer
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3. Curricular Services Review
4. PH Committee Preparer
5. PH Committee Chair
6. PH College Dean
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9. Faculty Senate Preparer
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11. Provost II
12. President
13. Curricular Services
14. Banner

Approval Path
1. 12/14/17 4:09 pm
   Erin Schneider (erinschneider): Approved for CLPH Reviewer
2. 12/14/17 4:09 pm
   Jay Maddock (maddock): Approved for CLPH Department Head
3. 12/18/17 3:13 pm
   Sandra Williams (sandra-williams): Approved for Curricular Services Review
4. 12/20/17 8:28 am
   Rick Danko (danko): Approved for PH Committee Preparer
5. 01/16/18 1:48 pm
   Szu-Hsuan Lin (micheyszu): Approved for PH Committee Chair
6. 01/16/18 1:57 pm
   Jay Maddock (maddock): Approved for PH College Dean
7. 01/22/18 1:08 pm
   Meagan Kelly (meagankelly): Approved for GC Preparer
8. 02/01/18 2:22 pm
   LaRhesa Johnson (ljohnson): Approved for GC Chair

https://nextcatalog.tamu.edu/courseleaf/approve/
Semester 3  Contact Hour(s)  Lecture: 0  Lab: 0  Other: 3  
Credit Hour(s) 
Repeatable for credit? Yes 
Number of times repeated for credit 2 - OR - Maximum number of hours 
When will this course be repeated? Within a student’s career 
CIP/Fund Code 5122010014 
Default Grade Mode Letter Grade(G) 
Method of instruction Independent Study 
Will sections of this course be taught as non-traditional? (i.e., parts of term, distance education) Yes 

Learning Outcomes Does not meet traditional face-to-face learning outcomes. 
Describe how learning outcomes are met or provide justification why they are not met. NA. This is a Study Abroad course. There is no current traditionally delivered version of the course for valid comparison. 

Hours Meets traditional face-to-face hours. 
Describe how hours are met or provide justification why they are not met. Formalized instruction and homework hours are within range for a 3 SCH traditional course. 

Will this course be taught as a distance education course? Yes No 
I verify that I have reviewed the FAQ for Export Control Basics for Distance Education. Yes 
Is 100% of this course going to be taught in Texas? No 
Will classroom space be needed for this course? No 

This will be a required course or an elective course for the following programs: 

Required (select program) 

Elective (select program) 

Program(s) 
(MPH-PHEP) Master of Public Health in Epidemiology 
(MPH-PHEO) Master of Public Health in Environmental Health 
(MPH-HPCH) Master of Public Health in Health Promotion and Community Health Sciences 
(MPH-OCSP) Master of Public Health in Occupational Safety and Health 
(MPH-PHEB) Master of Public Health in Biostatistics 
(MPH-PHPM) Master of Public Health in Health Policy Management
### Course Syllabus

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| Upload syllabus   | [SOPH 670 Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences.docx](https://nextcatalog.tamu.edu/courseleaf/approve/)
|                   | [SOPH 670 Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences General.pdf](https://nextcatalog.tamu.edu/courseleaf/approve/) |

| Letters of support or other documentation | No | Yes |

| Additional information | Edited 12-14-17 and submitted for approval for nontraditional delivery as a Study Abroad course.|
|                       | Edited 12-14-17 to add general syllabus in addition to Ecuador specific syllabus, yes to distance education. |

| Reviewer Comments | Sandra Williams (sandra-williams) (12/06/17 1:57 pm): Rollback: I am not sure what is being proposed. If this is for non-traditional format approval, the questions on the form need to be answered. |
|                   | Sandra Williams (sandra-williams) (12/18/17 3:13 pm): Update received. |
|                   | Szu-hsuan Lin (micheysz) (01/16/18 1:48 pm): SPH CC approved for nontraditional delivery, per University Rule 11.03.99.M1. |

Key: 16829
Instructor Information

Course title and number: SOPH 670 Global Public Health Systems and Practice Experiences
Term (e.g., Fall 200X): Fall 20XX
Meeting times and location: TBA
Instructor Name(s): TBD
Teaching Assistant(s):
Telephone number:
Email address:
Office hours:
Office location:

Course Description

This 3 credit course designed for graduate students engaged in Study Abroad Experiences led by School of Public Health faculty in select countries. Students enrolled in this course will have meet all specified requirements to enroll in the specified study abroad program. Students who meet requirements will participate in preparation lectures prior to departing for their out-of-country experience. While in country, students will attend lectures and classes at various partner institutions, engage in public health practice and research activities and visit public health agencies and programs in the host country.

Prerequisites

None.

Course Competencies and Objectives

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<td><strong>Diversity 1:</strong> Describe the roles of, history, power, privilege and structural inequality in producing health disparities. <strong>Systems Thinking 1:</strong> Identify characteristics of a system. <strong>Systems Thinking 6:</strong> Explain how the contexts of gender, race, poverty, history, migration, and culture are important in the design of interventions within public health systems.</td>
<td>• Describe history of country related to public health system</td>
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<td><strong>Systems Thinking 2:</strong> Identify unintended consequences produced by changes made to a public health system.</td>
<td>• Describe top public health issues of country • Explain the impact of socioeconomic, behavioral, biological and environmental factors on top public health issues in country</td>
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<td>• Assess key features of the country’s public health system</td>
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Systems Thinking 4: Explain how systems (e.g. individuals, social networks, organizations, and communities) may be viewed as systems within systems in the analysis of public health problems.

Systems Thinking 8: Analyze inter-relationships among systems that influence the quality of life of people in their communities.

Systems Thinking 10: Analyze the impact of global trends and interdependencies on public health related problems and systems.

Communication and Informatics 4: Demonstrate effective written and oral skills for communicating with different audiences in the context of professional public health activities.

Textbook and/or Resource Material

Handouts and readings will be provided on the course eCampus website.

Course Topics, Calendar of Activities, Major Assignment Dates

This section of the syllabus will vary based on the study abroad program that is occurring and will include specific dates for each session, the number of sessions, and assignments. In addition, this section of the syllabus will highlight the dates for the Study Abroad Program, costs, accommodations, travel and other requirements including visas.

Pre Departure Activities

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<td>2</td>
<td>Orientation to Culture, Language and Expectations</td>
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In Country Activities

*** Specific Lectures and Activities In Country will vary and will be updated in syllabi once trips are approved by the TAMU Study Abroad Office.

The number of credit hours for the course will also dictate number of lectures and activities during that same approval process.

Post Return Activities

*** Final Papers, Reports and Presentations as specified for the specific Study Abroad program.

Final Examination (not required, Student Rule 8.1)

Grading Policies
The graded assignments and the percentages of your grade they will constitute are the following:

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<td>Reflection Journal Entries</td>
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<td>Professional Presentation</td>
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<td>Final Paper</td>
<td>45 %</td>
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<td>Participation</td>
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The grading scale will be as follows:

- 90-100% = A
- 80-89% = B
- 70-79% = C
- 60-69% = D
- 0-59% = F

**Assignment Instructions:**

I. **Reflection Journal Entries**: Each study abroad experience will require students to submit three reflection journal entries. Journal entries will occur prior to departure, in-country, and upon return. The pre-departure entry will address students’ expectations or goals for engaging in the opportunity to study abroad. The in-country journal entry will focus on the students’ experiences to date and alignment with their goals and expectations. The final journal entry will be completed upon return and will ask the student to reflect on how their goals and expectations for the experience were met or not met and how their understanding of global public health practice and research has been impacted by the experience.

II. **Professional Presentation.** Students will be required to prepare and present formal presentations aligned with the specific study abroad trip and may occur in-country or upon return. Presentations specific will be outlined for each trip based on the type of audience and expectations of the faculty leading the trip.

III. **Final Paper.** Students will be required to complete a based on guidance from the faculty leading the specific Study Abroad program.

IV. **Participation:** Participation in all pre, in-country and post return sessions are expected and will count towards students’ final grade.

**Attendance and Make-up Policies**

**Attendance:** Attendance is expected in this class. All students are expected to arrive on time and be ready to actively participate in lecture every day.

A university-excused absence is the **only** excuse acceptable for missing an assignment credit. For information regarding what constitutes an excused absence, please see [http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07). For absences related to illness, confirmation of a visit to a health care professional will be required. For other university-excused absences, please see your advisor to ascertain the documents needed to confirm your absence.

Unexcused assignments will result in a grade of a 0, for missed assignments.

If an absence is excused, the instructor will either provide the student an opportunity to make up any work that contributes to the final grade or provide a satisfactory alternative by a date agreed upon by the student and instructor. If the instructor has a regularly scheduled make up exam, students are expected to attend unless they have a university approved excuse. The make-up work must be completed in a timeframe not to exceed 30 calendar days from the last day of the initial absence. The reasons absences are considered excused by the university are listed below. See Student Rule 7 for details ([http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07](http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule07)).

The fact that these are university-excused absences does not relieve the student of responsibility for prior notification and documentation. Failure to notify and/or document properly may result in an unexcused absence. Falsification of documentation is a violation of the Honor Code.

Other absences may be excused at the discretion of the instructor with prior notification and proper documentation. In cases where prior notification is not feasible (e.g., accident or emergency) the student must provide notification by the end of the second working day after the absence, including an explanation of why notice could not be sent prior to the class.
Other Pertinent Course Information

**eCampus (Blackboard)**

If this course uses eCampus: Within the course's eCampus site you will access the learning materials, tutorials, and syllabus; discuss issues; submit assignments; take quizzes; email other students and the instructor; participate in online activities; and display your projects.

In order to access the course material you will need to go to login into Howdy and then click the eCampus button on the top right or look for Quick Links on the bottom of the School's homepage or go to [http://ecampus.tamu.edu](http://ecampus.tamu.edu) Please do not contact your instructor with technical problems. If you are having a technical problem with the course, review the Blackboard Learn Tutorials (at the top-right of School's Office of Academic Assessment and Instructional Technology website). For login issues (password not working), please contact TAMU Help Desk at helpdesk@tamu.edu via E-mail, or phone to (979) 845-8300. *Your eCampus login is the same as your Howdy login (NetID).*

**Computer Requirements for Online Courses**

For this and all online courses we recommend the minimum technical requirements outlined on our “SPH Computer Requirements for Online Courses” web page, located at [http://www.sph.tamhsc.edu/assessment-instructional/com-requirement.html](http://www.sph.tamhsc.edu/assessment-instructional/com-requirement.html)

All computing problems or other technical issues *not related to eCampus*, please contact:

- TAMHSC related account: helpdesk@tamhsc.edu via E-mail, or phone to (979) 862-8029
- TAMU related account: helpdesk@tamu.edu via E-mail, or phone to (979) 845-8300

**Important!!!** Save your work as you go along. Nothing is more discouraging than to lose an assignment due to a computer hang ups! You may want to also make hard copies of your work to have "proof" and save yourself time and trouble!

**Plagiarism Virtual Course**

Plagiarism is the leading form of academic dishonesty that the School of Public Health has to address. As a SPH student, you are responsible for knowing what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. All SPH students are automatically enrolled in Plagiarism Virtual Course on eCampus. This virtual course provides you with information and examples related to plagiarism in an effort to reduce the number of reported incidents. Please find a tutorial and resources under “Content.” In addition, please find Turnitin, a software package that allows you to check whether you may have plagiarized your document. Please see Phuong Huynh: phuong@sph.tamhsc.edu for additional information.

**Course Evaluation**

Constructive feedback from students on course evaluations is taken very seriously at the School of Public Health. I am asking for your assistance in helping the School in its assessment of courses and faculty through your participation in the evaluation of your courses. As public health professionals you will one day have the responsibility to evaluate colleagues and health initiatives. The School views providing feedback on the School's courses as part of your professional responsibility.

**SPH Mission**

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Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact Disability Services, currently located in the Disability Services building at the Student Services at White Creek complex on west campus or call 979-845-1637. For additional information, visit http://disability.tamu.edu.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity free from fraud and deception and is an educational objective of this institution. Students are expected to adhere to all TAMUS, TAMU, HSC, and School policies regarding academic integrity and classroom conduct. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarizing, fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used, or tampering with the academic work of another student. Individuals found guilty of academic dishonesty may be dismissed from the degree program, and at a minimum will receive an F for the course. It is the student’s responsibility to have a clear understanding of how to reference other individuals’ work, as well as having a clear understanding in general as to the various aspects of academic dishonesty. A tutorial on this issue is available at: http://SPH.tamhsc.edu/academic-affairs/academic-integrity.html. A plagiarism tutorial can be found in Blackboard. Information on the Aggie Honor Code can be found at http://aggiehonor.tamu.edu.

Remember:
“An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do.”

Copyright Statement

The materials used in this course are copyrighted. These materials include but are not limited to syllabi, quizzes, exams, lab problems, in-class materials, review sheets, and additional problem sets. Because these materials are copyrighted, you do not have the right to copy the handouts, unless permission is expressly granted by the instructor.

FERPA

The Federal Education Rights & Privacy Act requires that we advise students that by registering for this course, their HSC assigned e-mail address will be revealed to classmates and the instructor. By continuing your enrollment in the course you acknowledge your understanding of this policy. By enrolling in this course you agree to the following statement: “I understand that as a result of registering for this course, my HSC/Blackboard assigned e-mail address will be revealed to classmates and the instructor.”

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DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is representative of materials that will be covered in this class; the schedule and topics list are subject to change. These changes will be discussed in class and subsequently communicated via email or posted as announcements. If you have any problems related to this course, please feel free to discuss them with the instructor.
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WHERE TO REPORT:
James Nachlinger,
Executive Director, Payroll and HR Services
Title IX Coordinator
979-436-9207
nachlinger@tamhsc.edu

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