Studying Global Health Off-Campus

Many opportunities exist for students who are interested in global health to study in another part of the world. In addition to blocks which may be taught off-campus by CC professors during the year or in the summer, many options exist on other CC-approved semester and year-long programs around the world. Here are some of the options that you might consider; this list is not exhaustive.

If you have questions about participating in one of these programs, please visit the website for CC’s Office of International Programs (www.coloradocollege.edu/international), where you can learn how to apply, a guide to credit transfer processes, and also search the course approval database to see previous approvals from past semesters. For additional questions about credit transfer to the Global Health minor, or specific questions about academic planning and goals, check with your academic advisor(s) or department chair.

ACM Amsterdam: Sciences, Global Health, and Interdisciplinary Studies at VU Amsterdam (Fall only)
Study at a dynamic, international university that’s paving the way for advancements in the sciences. In addition to a Dutch Language & Culture course, students choose from any of the courses offered in English in the university’s extensive curriculum, with many global health-related courses, including “Biochemistry in Health and Disease,” “Future Challenges in Global Health,” “Experimental Immunology,” and “Public Health in an International Context.” Students may also complete an independent research project with the ACM on-site faculty director.

ACM Costa Rica: Community Engagement in Public Health, Education, and the Environment (Fall only)
See how Costa Rica preserves its beautiful natural environment and implements key public health and education policies while addressing issues such as sustainability and global economic pressures. Immerse yourself in the Spanish language, live with a host family, and get involved in the community by volunteering at sites related to your academic interests. There is a language prerequisite for this program of having completed through the intermediate (200) level of Spanish.

ACM India: Culture, Traditions, and Globalization (Fall only)
Place yourself at the crossroads of change and tradition in Pune, India. Learn about India firsthand by living with a host family, taking Marathi language and culture courses, and exploring destinations throughout the region. One elective course is offered in Public Health in India, and students complete an independent study on the topic of their choosing.

DIS Copenhagen or Stockholm: Public Health track
DIS offers two programs, the flagship location of Copenhagen and a new campus in Stockholm. Both offer a core course track in Public Health; the Stockholm location looks at Public Health & Migration (refugees, asylum seekers, and economic migrants) and the Copenhagen program explores Health Delivery and Prioritization across different European healthcare systems. All core courses at DIS include a week-long comparative study tour trip to another country as part of the class. In addition to a required language & culture class, students round out their semester with a variety of elective courses, including development, medicine, and policy-related options.

Washington Semester (American University) – Public Health Policy track
Spend a semester in Washington DC, studying and interning in the center of policy for the U.S. This program will enable students to study domestic and global health issues, scientific innovations in the field with a focus on bioethics, and to explore relevant public health topics of interest to them. An interdisciplinary course seminar taught by local, national, and global experts explores key issues in your field, and all students complete an internship for the entire semester duration at a variety of organizations, including governmental offices and policy hubs related to global health.

SIT China – Health, Environment, and Traditional Chinese Medicine
Discover China’s rich multicultural history and pressing health and environmental issues in Yunnan Province and Beijing. Study the role of indigenous knowledge in health preservation, environmental protection, and sustainable development in China, while observing western and Chinese health concepts and practices in a range of settings. Students can earn up to 10 credits (2.5 CC units) of Chinese language. Key topics of study include: Health, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and additional indigenous health care knowledge systems in Yunnan; Chinese minorities’ healing systems and their views on health preservation at the community level; Historical, religious and social factors that have worked to shape the Chinese healthcare system. Choose to conduct independent research, complete an internship, or continue your Chinese language study.
SIT Chile – Public Health, Traditional Medicine, and Community Empowerment
Explore intercultural health and alternative healthcare practices in Chile and southern Peru. This program will enable students to learn about healthcare policies, politics, and delivery as well as traditional medicinal practices in Chilean communities. **Topics of study include:** Chile's national and indigenous health systems, economic, structural, and ideological determinants of public health planning and practices, alternative treatments of psychiatric and other mental health issues, healing and spiritual beliefs, health of women, children, teenagers, adults, and the elderly, and public health and community empowerment. SIT programs are interdisciplinary in nature and connect students with a wide variety of key players across many sectors. All SIT programs conclude with a month-long independent study project. There is a language prerequisite for this program of having completed through the intermediate (200) level of Spanish.

SIT India – Public Health, Policy Advocacy, and Community
Make connections between public health, policy advocacy, and community, with a focus on women, children, tribal, and other marginalized and vulnerable populations in India. **Topics of study include:** Social determinants of health (poverty, oppression, caste, and hierarchy) and health equity and social justice, the scourge of malnutrition, failure of the health system, and response of the community, the political economy of health (globalization, the WTO, the IMF, and World Bank), regional and grassroots approaches to improving access to healthcare, “Health” and its relationship to human fulfillment, and status of reproductive and child health. SIT programs are interdisciplinary in nature and connect students with a wide variety of key players across many sectors. All SIT programs conclude with a month-long independent study project.

SIT South Africa – Community Health and Social Policy
Examine community-based health concerns from a South African perspective, exploring the roles of the South African state, the media, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) mobilizing existing assets on a community level. **Key topics of study include:** Healthcare delivery in rural South Africa, including the practice of prevention and promotion of healthcare, the role of the media in promoting, communicating, or influencing health issues in South Africa, the ways in which specific health issues in South Africa are being targeted or addressed, rural health and social justice, the pharmaceutical industry, traditional healing. All SIT programs conclude with a month-long independent study project.

IFSA-Butler direct enrollment
When you study abroad for a semester or year with IFSA-Butler, they will facilitate your direct enrollment at world universities, and you can choose from thousands of courses. Many of the CC-approved university programs through IFSA-Butler in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Argentina & Chile offer coursework in Global Health-related areas. Their departments abroad may be called something different, so make sure to search thoroughly on the IFSA-Butler website – for example, try Public Health, Social Policy, Premedical, Pharmacy, Midwifery, etc.

Research Opportunities in Global Health / Medicine

**EuroScholars**
A large variety of different research projects are available to students interested in the field of healthcare and global health, working in a lab with researchers at top universities in Sweden, The Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, Belgium, and Italy. You can search the database of current projects and opportunities on the Eurosicholars website.

**ACM Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA)**
This research semester enables students to join ongoing investigations at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, in research areas as diverse as astrophysics, cell biology, DNA sequencing, genetic mutagenesis, parallel computing, robotics, toxicology, and much more.

*For more information about any of these programs, or to explore other options, please visit [www.coloradocollege.edu/international](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/international)*