



# Global Health Program MA Info Session

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# Applications are now open!

## Fall 2024 Application Deadline:

- Applications for Fall 2024 open **Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.**
- Priority Deadline: Thursday, **December 14th, 2023 at 11:59pm**  
Extended Deadline: **Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 at 11:59pm**



**APPLY NOW**

# *MA in Global Health*

- The UC San Diego Master of Arts (MA) degree in Global Health is open to all students.
- Can be completed in as little as one academic year.
- **Typical Student Profile:**
  - Students interested in applying to Ph.D and Med School Programs
  - Current undergraduates looking to pursue a career in the field of global health
  - Students who have completed a global health related experience
  - Working professionals

# What makes a good candidate?

**passion**

['pɑʃ(ə)n] **noun**

an intense desire or enthusiasm for something.

# *MA in Global Health*

Focuses on global health policy, health equity, social epidemiology, global health research and medical anthropology.

- **Social Epidemiology** -- factors creating the global burden of disease
- **Global Health Research Methodology** -- design, execution, and analysis of research studies
- **Medical Anthropology** -- cultural variation in the experience of illness and treatment
- **Global Health Policy & Diplomacy** -- programs and strategies for effective intervention
- **Global Health Program Management** – program development, capacity strengthening

# What can you do with an MA?

It is increasingly recognized that the best health professionals will have interdisciplinary perspectives, social and cultural acuity (such as in cross-cultural settings) and team-oriented skills.

Prepares students for careers in the field of global health:

E.g. working for NGO or governmental agencies, pursuing training in allied health professions, medical school, or, to pursue advanced training (Ph.D) in academic fields that contribute to the interdisciplinary field of global health.



- Research Manager, Global Health Policy and Data Institute (UCSD)
- Manager, Implementation Specialist at Aya Healthcare
- Public Health Analyst, CDC Foundation
- Clinical Research Coordinator, Cedars Sinai
- Quantitative Researcher and Data Analyst, UC San Diego Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science
- Research Associate, S-3 Research
- Clinical Research Assistant, US Dept of Veteran Affairs
- Case Investigations Administration - County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency - Epidemiology & Immunization Services Branch
- Sharp Mesa Vista Psychiatric Hospital
- Project Policy Analyst I , UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (Fellow)
- Program Coordinator, The Urban Collaborative Project

### **Post MA Graduate Programs**

- Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Boston Medical School
- USC PA program
- UC San Diego JDP in Public Health
- UC Irvine dual degree program, PHD/MD in Public Health focusing on Global Health and Latinx Health
- Public Health PhD Student at UC Irvine
- UCLA MSW Program
- California University of Science and Medicine, MD program

# Requirements to apply

- Completion of online application via Grad Apply
- 2 Essays/Writing Samples
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose
  - Include interest, background, and how this program fits in with future goals
- Transcripts
- 2-3 Letters of Recommendation
  - One letter must be from a faculty member the student has worked with or taken a course with. The second letter must be from a faculty member or internship/field experience supervisor



# Application Requirements Cont...

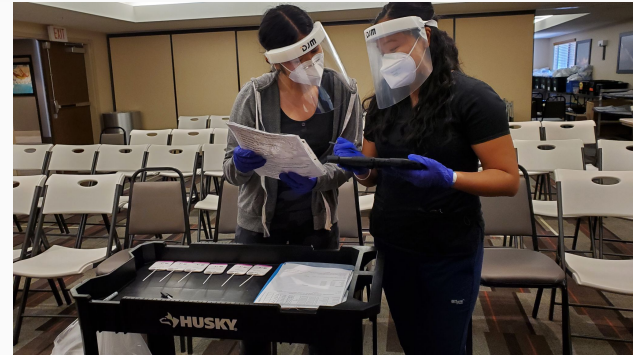
- Have received a bachelor's degree by the beginning of the program
- **Minimum of a 3.3 GPA**
- Have completed a *global health field experience* (international or domestic) or have postgraduate global health related volunteer or work experience (e.g. Peace Corps).
- Have completed undergraduate coursework in global health, medical social sciences, international studies or related field.
- Have completed a **statistics course** (may also be completed the summer prior to beginning program)

# What is a global health field experience?

“ Have completed a ***global health field experience*** (international or domestic) or have postgraduate global health related volunteer or work experience (e.g. Peace Corps)”

## Examples:

- Volunteering in a health clinic, food bank, or serving as a medical scribe.
- Global Health research position - e.g. studying diabetes in specific population.
- Studying abroad in a health related context
- For more ideas see our Global Health Field Experience page under the undergraduate tab.



# Application Fee

- U.S. Citizens & Permanent Resident Applicants: \$120.00
- International Applicants: \$140.00

Students with financial need can apply for a fee waiver.

# When do I apply?

- Fall/Winter of your senior year or anytime after.
- You must complete all requirements by the time the program begins in Fall.
- *For global health majors, all major core courses requirements should be completed by spring.*

# Degree Options

## The program offers two degree options:

- A contiguous degree option for **current UC San Diego Global Health majors** (students apply during senior year)
- and
- A **standalone MA degree** option designed for non-Global Health majors and outside students. (\*for example, Bio majors, GH minors...)

# Program Requirements

- 9 courses
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA for all course work, both cumulatively and for each quarter.
- Students will complete the “Professional Track” and take a comprehensive exam upon graduation.

# Curriculum - 9 courses

## Core Courses (6 courses/24 units)

- GLBH 200. Global Health Masters Core Seminar (4)
- GLBH 214. GH & Program Management (4)
- GLBH 248. Introduction to Global Health Research (4)
- GLBH 249. Social Epidemiology (4)
- GLBH 260. Global Health Policy (4)
- ANTH 260. Seminar in Medical and Psychological Anthropology (4)

## Elective Requirements (3 courses / 12 units)

# Sample Plan

## Professional Track

*9 courses/36 units*

- **GLBH 200.** GH Seminar (4)
- **GLBH 248.** GH Research (4)
- **Elective** (4)

- **GLBH 214.** Program Management in Global Health (4)
- **GLBH 249.** Social Epidemiology
- **Elective** (4)

- **ANTH 260.** Psyc Med Seminar (4)
  - **GLBH 260.** Global Health Policy (4)
  - **Elective** (4)
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*Final Portfolio Due*

*Comprehensive Exam (end of quarter - finals week)*

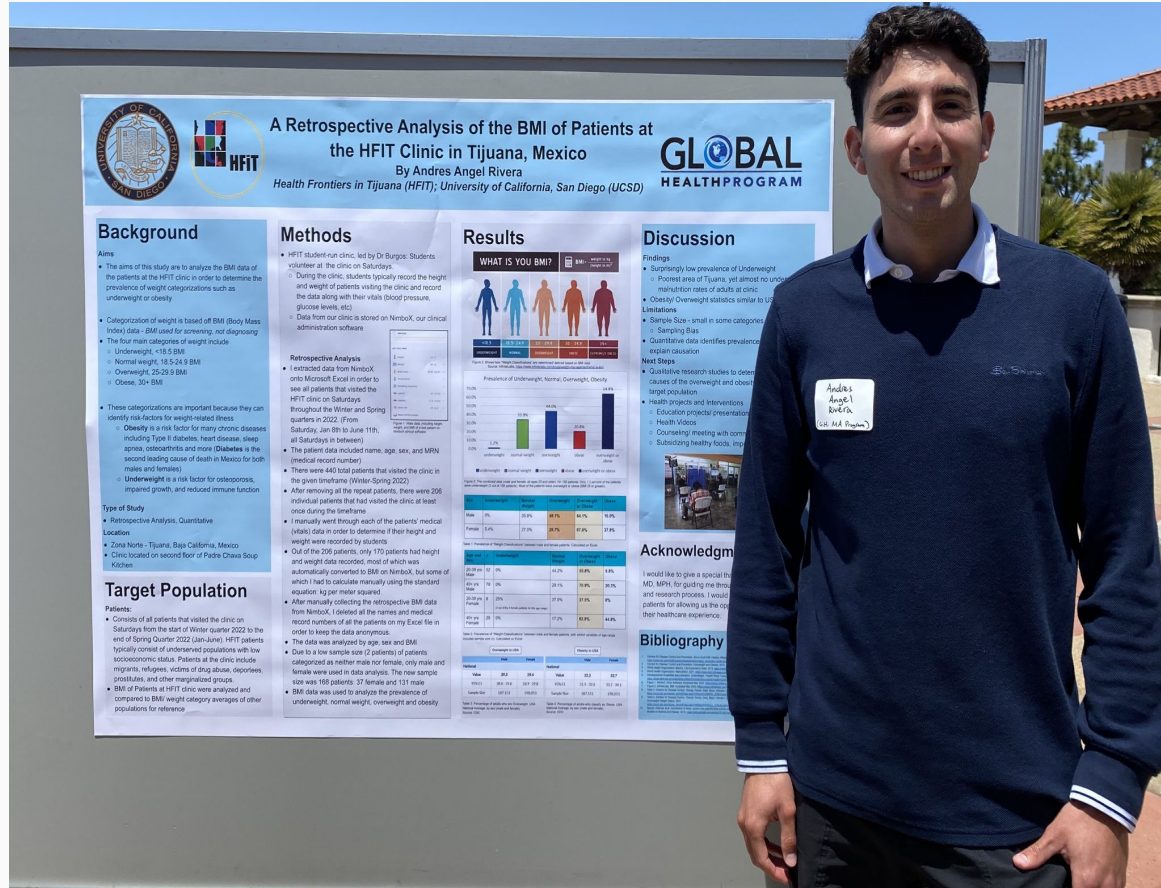


# Sample Electives




- GLBH 201. Special Topics in Global Health
  - "Design thinking for global health and health systems strengthening" (Card)
- GLBH 111. Health Frontiers in Tijuana Internship
- GLBH 212. Experiencing Epidemics: Anthropologies of Infectious Diseases
- GLBH 213. Community Health Workers
- GLBH 241. Clinical Perspectives in Global Health
- HISC 280. Science and Public Policy
- GPEC 468. International Health Economics
- SIOB 289. Pollution, Environment, and Health

# Independent Research Opportunities (GLBH 299)

- May enroll in winter or spring and count towards one MA elective course
- Students will complete a 10 page research paper and a research poster.
- All students enrolled in GLBH 299 will participate in the Horizons of Global Health Research Symposium in May.
- Students will seek out their own opportunities to work with faculty, start thinking ahead.



# Sample fall schedule

O	200	<b>Global Health MA Core Seminar ( 4 Units)</b>						<a href="#">Prerequisites</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Evaluations</a>	
	86419	SE	B00	Th	3:30p-6:20p	RWAC	0425	Hannah, Seth Donal	FULL Waitlist(0)	10	
O	248	<b>Intro/Global Health Research ( 4 Units)</b>						<a href="#">Prerequisites</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Evaluations</a>	
	86420	SE	A00	W	3:00p-5:50p	RWAC	0425	Kaiser, Bronwyn Nicole	1	20	
D	260	<b>Global Health Policy ( 4 Units)</b>						<a href="#">Prerequisites</a>	<a href="#">Resources</a>	<a href="#">Evaluations</a>	
	86421	LE	A00	W	9:00a-11:50a	SSB	269	Ojeda, Victoria D.	1	20	
			10/07/2020	W	8:00a-10:50a	TBA	TBA				

# Portfolio

At the end of the Spring Quarter, you will submit an electronic portfolio that contains the minimum items:

- 1) One single-spaced page an executive summary of your overall learning experience for the past year of your program.
- 2) A competency statement where you reflect on your interests, strengths, skills, and the areas or topics you wish to further pursue. You can refer to assignments, work or volunteer experiences, group projects, and other materials to support this statement.
- 3) A professional statement and goals.
- 4) Resume or CV.
- 5) Your final case study project.
- 6) Other work examples (assignments, opinion pieces, advocacy statements, etc.).

# Comprehensive Exam

- **Essay Exam** - closed note, half-day comprehensive exam that will consist of a selection of short answer questions (~10) and a selection of long essays (answer 3 of 5 options).

The exam will require demonstration of expertise in:

- 1) Global Burden of Disease
- 2) Institutions and Practices of Global Health Care Delivery
- 3) Expertise in a topical problem area (maternal and child health, infectious disease, mental health, nutrition and food security, refugee and immigrant health, natural and human caused disasters)
- 4) Expertise in a particular geographical region and the range of its global health challenges.

# Research & Professional Development Opportunities

- Apply to participate in Health Frontiers in Tijuana Program (HFIT)
- Seek out faculty research positions - GLBH 299
- Present in research conferences locally and nationally
- Professional development workshops

# Cost of Attendance

Graduate students are eligible to apply for financial aid.

	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Annual Total
Registration Fees				
Registration Fee Payment Deadline	9/25/2023	12/15/2023	3/22/2024	
<b>Systemwide Tuition and Fees</b>				
Student Services Fee	\$402.00	\$402.00	\$402.00	\$1,206.00
Tuition	\$4,088.00	\$4,088.00	\$4,088.00	\$12,264.00
<b>UC San Diego Fees</b>				
Grad Student Association Fee	\$20.11	\$20.11	\$20.11	\$60.33
University Center Fee	\$113.76	\$113.76	\$113.76	\$341.28
RIMAC Recreation Facility Fee	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$285.00
Canyonview Recreation Facility Fee	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$66.00
Mandatory Health Insurance	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00	\$1,470.00	\$4,410.00
CAPS/Student Mental Health Fee	\$35.71	\$35.71	\$35.71	\$107.13
Student Transportation Fee	\$68.54	\$68.54	\$68.54	\$205.62
<a href="#">Document Fee (one-time newly admitted students)</a>	\$100.00	--	--	\$100.00
<b>Total for California Residents</b>	<b>\$6,415.12</b>	<b>\$6,315.12</b>	<b>\$6,315.12</b>	<b>\$19,045.36</b>
<b>UC San Diego Nonresident Fees</b>				
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition	\$5,034.00	\$5,034.00	\$5,034.00	\$15,102.00
<b>Total for California Nonresidents</b>	<b>\$11,449.12</b>	<b>\$11,349.12</b>	<b>\$11,349.12</b>	<b>\$34,147.36</b>

# Employment

- Students may be employed up to 50% per quarter.
- A reader or TA position of 25 % + covers registration, tuition and health insurance for the quarter employed.
- GHP will have a few positions available each quarter - apply to all positions



# Resources



The Graduate Student Association (GSA) exists to advocate for the rights and interests of our diverse community, to provide for the enjoyment of social, cultural, and service-oriented events, and for the betterment of academic and non-academic life of all graduate and professional students at UC San Diego.

- Host Social Events throughout the year - networking events, socials, career nights, research opportunities

Funds available for conference travel, host grad events on campus and lounge improvements

**Global Health Program Conference Funding Available**



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QUESTIONS?

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