

GLOBAL HEALTH



SYLLABUS

VU Amsterdam Summer School

21 July – 4 August 2024



Any general questions for the Summer School support team? Contact amsterdamsummerschool@vu.nl.

Course Details

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| Title | Global Health |
| Coordinator(s) | Dr Mitzi Waltz |
| Other lecturers | To be confirmed |
| Study credits | 3 ECTS |
| Form(s) of tuition | On campus, field trip |
| Approximate contact hours | 45 |
| Approximate self-study hours | 39 |

Teaching staff (in order of appearance)

Dr Mitzi Waltz

Dr Nasratullah Ansari

Drs Durwin Lynch

+ more to be announced

Course description

Global Health is a discipline that tackles health issues affecting low- and middle-income and high-income countries (LMICs and HICs) that transcend national boundaries. In a globalizing world, health issues become increasingly complex and challenging. A two-way flow between developed and developing countries with regards to sources, expertise and knowledge, involving stakeholders from different disciplines as well as patients, can potentially generate effective and innovative solutions to deal with the health issues at hand and to create equitable global health systems.

The Global Health summer school course is designed for (advanced) BSc students who are motivated to gain in-depth insights into complex health issues in a global context. The course consists of lectures and assignments. The lectures provide insight into the growing complexity of the burden of disease, challenges facing healthcare systems, and child and reproductive health, all approached in a global context. Course assignments aim to provide students with the opportunity to acquire and practice key research skills, gain insight into career opportunities, and broaden their knowledge of issues in Global Health.

Learning objectives

By the end of this course, students will:

- Gain critical knowledge of local and global health issues
- Be able to take an interdisciplinary approach to health, disease, disability and related problems around the world
- Possess the necessary skills to collaborate with peers from different disciplines
- Know how to obtain reliable and critical data to develop a topic of discussion
- Possess the skills needed to bring into debate topics related to global health

Assignments and Assessment

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| Interview: | Pass/Fail |
| Debate: | 50% |
| Global public health portfolio & presentation: | 50% |

Attendance at timetabled course sessions is mandatory

Provisional reading list

Skolnik, R. (2021) *Global Health 101*, 4th Ed. Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

You can buy a copy before the first day of class (recommended: cost approximately €56/\$59), or contact the course coordinator on day 1. An eBook version is available.

Before Day 1, please read Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

In addition, relevant additional readings (academic journal articles, NGO reports) keyed to lectures and assignments will be posted to Canvas

Course Schedule

| Monday 22 July | Tuesday 23 July | Wednesday 24 July | Thursday 25 July | Friday 26 July |
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| <p>9.00-10.00: VU campus tour</p> <p>10.15- 11.45 Welcome and introduction to course and assignments Dr Mitzi Waltz, Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam/Disability Studies in Nederland</p> <p>12.00-13.15 Measures of Health and Disease Dr Mitzi Waltz</p> <p>13:30-14.30 Interview skills training Dr Mitzi Waltz & learning coach</p> <p>15:00 VU Welcome and pub quiz</p> | <p>9.30 – 12.00 Health Systems tbc Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam</p> <p>13.30-16.30 Careers in Global Health Dr Mitzi Waltz</p> | <p>9.30 – 11.00 Child and Reproductive Health Dr Nasratullah Ansari, MD VU Amsterdam/UNICEF</p> <p>11:30-12:30 Communicable Diseases: Epidemics, Pandemics and Managing Global Health Responses tbc Athena Institute, VU</p> <p>12:30: VU social program</p> | <p>9.30 – 11.00 Disability and Development Dr Mitzi Waltz</p> <p>14:00-17:00 Preparation for debate (self-study group work)</p> | <p>09.30 – 12.00 Preparation for debate (self-study group work)</p> <p>14.00-17.00 Tour and meeting with staff of KIT (Royal Tropical Institute, https://www.kit.nl/) We leave the VU together at 13.00 (or meet us in front of Mauritskade 64 at 13:45)</p> |
| Monday 29 July | Tuesday 30 July | Wednesday 31 July | Thursday 1 August | Friday 2 August |
| <p>9.30 – 10.30 Globalisation and Human Rights Dr Mitzi Waltz</p> <p>11:00 – 12:00 Non-communicable Diseases & Mental Health tbc. Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam</p> <p>13.00-17.00 Debate Dr Mitzi Waltz & learning coach + Preparation for interview</p> | <p>9.30 – 11.00 Humanitarian Aid tbc, Dutch Relief Alliance/World Vision</p> <p>11.30-12.30 Traditional healthcare and decolonising healing in Dutch Caribbean research Dr Durwin Lynch, Athena Institute, VU Amsterdam</p> <p>13.30-17.00 Careers in Global Health – Interviews + meetings regarding Portfolio Dr Mitzi Waltz & learning coach</p> | <p>9:00-12:00 Portfolio (self-study group work)</p> <p>12:30 VU social programme</p> | <p>9.00-18.00 Portfolio (self-study group work)</p> | <p>12.30-14.30 Portfolio presentations Dr Mitzi Waltz & learning coach</p> <p>Afternoon: Closing session 15:00, VU summer school</p> |

