

GMS 6961: Introduction to Global Health

Module information

1. Description

Introduction to Global Health is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the main issues related to global health. Each topic is presented in a well-structured, clear and easy to understand way. The module will be global in coverage but with a focus on low- and middle-income countries, particularly in the ASEAN region. Attention to socio-economic and gender determinants of health, the imperative for health equity, the role of health systems and the linkages between health and other multidisciplinary aspects will be maintained throughout the course. This module will also provide an overview of the most important health challenges facing the world today.

2. Objectives

- Describe key global health principles
- Demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of major global health concepts and issues from a multidisciplinary perspective
- Evaluate the role of organisations and institutions in global health and how international and national policies influence health outcomes
- Critically analyse the value of interdisciplinary approaches and regional cooperation, using case studies from the ASEAN and the wider Asian region, to tackle global health issues

3. Syllabus

1. Principles of global health
2. Social determinants of health and health equity
3. Health systems
4. Non-communicable diseases
5. The role of speciality medicine in global health
6. Infectious diseases
7. Pandemics from a One Health perspective
8. Reproductive, maternal and child health
9. Mental health
10. Injuries, violence, migration and conflict
11. Water and sanitation and food systems
12. Health innovation in global health
13. Future global health challenges

4. Modes of teaching and learning

Lectures: Lectures will be held virtually every Tuesday (6 - 9pm), from 10 August to 2 November and will be the primary form of instruction.

Regular short essays (not applicable for auditors): Students will be required to complete short writing assignments, based on the content and reading materials

provided for each lecture.

5. Workload per week

(i) Lecture + group work:	3 hours
(ii) Preparatory work:	7 hours
Total:	10 hours

6. Assessment (not applicable for auditors)

This is a pass or fail module (CS/CU).

CA Components:	
(i) Essays:	60%
(ii) Class Participation:	40%
Total Assessment:	100%

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SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute is glad to announce the launch of our inaugural Introduction to Global Health Module. The module will run during the fall semester and for AY21/22 it will be held **from 10 Aug – 9 Nov 2021, every Tuesday from 6 - 9 pm**. All lectures will be held virtually.

Auditing requirements and details

- Submit a short paragraph of no more than 150 words on your motivation for enrolling in the course.
- Maintain a minimum of 75% attendance and participation for the module (i.e. attend a minimum of 9 lectures not including the last lecture). Participation includes completing readings and engaging in group discussions or presentations during lectures. The class is discussion based and full participation from auditors is expected.
- Auditors will be exempted from submitting assessment essays.
- Auditing students will not be able to obtain credits for the module however if auditing requirements are met, a certificate of participation will be provided by SDGHI at the end of the module.
- Auditing students will have access to all module information and materials through LumiNUS and will need to be able to access the web without internet separation.

Time table

Lecture No	Title	Dates
1	Principles of global health	10 Aug 2021
2	Social determinants of health and health equity	17 Aug 2021
3	Health systems	24 Aug 2021
4	Non-communicable diseases	31 Aug 2021
5	The role of speciality medicine in global health	7 Sep 2021
6	Infectious diseases	14 Sep 2021

7	Pandemics from a One Health perspective	28 Sep 2021
8	Reproductive, maternal and child health	5 Oct 2021
9	Mental health	12 Oct 2021
10	Injuries and violence, migration and conflict	19 Oct 2021
11	Water and sanitation and food systems	26 Oct 2021
12	Health innovations in global health	2 Nov 2021
13	Future global health challenges	9 Nov 2021