

## Graduation with Distinction: Global Health (GLHLTH)

Students majoring in global health may pursue the following tracks leading to graduation with distinction:

- Graduation with distinction in global health (described below)
- Graduation with distinction in global health and the non-global health major through a double honors thesis (described below)
- Graduation with distinction in the non-global health major (contact major department for specific requirements)

Students interested in graduating with distinction in global health are encouraged to pursue a double honors thesis. Students earning double honors will have both distinctions indicated on their transcript and their names will appear in both programs' entries on the Commencement program.

### Graduation with Distinction in Global Health

#### Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to apply for graduation with distinction, a student must have an overall GPA of 3.3 and a 3.5 GPA in core and foundations global health classes. Students must complete the thesis under the mentorship of a Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) faculty member or affiliate who has experience guiding undergraduate student research. Students who meet the eligibility requirements must submit the application form (see below) by the last day of drop/add the fall semester of their senior year.

#### Expected product

Students are expected to produce a written paper (thesis) addressing a global health research question. The thesis length will be determined in consultation with the student's faculty mentor, with a recommended length of 40 pages. The thesis should include a table of contents, footnotes, and bibliography. Students will be expected to present their thesis publicly.

#### Evaluative body

A thesis committee comprised of a DGHI faculty member serving as the student's faculty mentor and two additional members, at least one of whom must be a Duke faculty member.

#### Evaluation procedure

The thesis committee will determine distinction through an evaluation of the student's written thesis and oral defense.

#### Levels of distinction

One level: Distinction.

#### Special courses, other activities required, comments

Students must complete GLHLTH 501, Global Health Capstone, and a research independent study with their faculty mentor. The Global Health DUS will be responsible for approving independent study applications, which may count for up to one of the three Focused Study course requirements of the global health major.

## Graduation with Distinction in Global Health and in the Non-Global Health Major (double honors thesis)

Per Trinity policy, students must propose a double-thesis in advance to both departments/programs and seek their approval together. A student may not seek the approval of a second department or program after already proposing a thesis in one department/program and beginning work on it. To qualify as a legitimate double-thesis, it must clearly draw on advising from and work done for both departments/programs. Moreover, the thesis will be evaluated independently by each of the majors.

### Eligibility requirements

Students must complete all eligibility requirements for each of the majors including their respective GPA requirements. Students who meet these requirements must submit the global health application form and required application materials for their non-global health major by the date of the program with the earlier deadline.

### Expected product

Students are expected to produce a single written paper (thesis). The thesis length will be determined in consultation with the student's faculty mentor and by mutual agreement of the majors. The double thesis should include a table of contents, footnotes, and bibliography. Students will be expected to present their thesis publicly.

### Evaluative body

Two separate committees, one from global health and one from the non-global health department/program must evaluate the double honors thesis separately. Only the faculty mentor (thesis director) may serve on both committees.

### Evaluation procedure

The thesis committee in each of the majors will independently determine distinction through an evaluation of the student's written thesis and oral defense, as required.

### Levels of distinction

Students should consult the levels established for each of the majors.

### Special courses, other activities required, comments

Students must complete GLHLTH 501, Global Health Capstone, during their senior year and any required coursework of their non-global health major.

See Also:

\* [Duke Global Health Institute](#)

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