

DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL HEALTH

TO: SCAP Committee

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RE: Global Health Minor

Please find below our response to concerns expressed at the October 15 SCAP meeting regarding the Global Health Minor:

1) **Minimum Grade Requirements**

We anticipate that the Global Health Minor might be particularly attractive to students interested in resume burnishing. In order to encourage students to take the minor's academic challenges seriously and to approach its courses with the goal of strong achievement and grades, we have set the minimum grade requirements in its two required courses at 2.5, and at 2.0 for elective courses.

2) **Elective Courses**

a) **Number of course options.**

We have developed a large number of elective course options for the Minor for the following reasons:

- i. advising staff have told us to anticipate high demand for the Minor and therefore the need for high capacity and multiple ways of fulfilling learning needs in each area of electives; and
- ii. global health is an especially interdisciplinary field of study and so there is a need to provide a particularly wide set of elective options.

In response to committee concerns regarding the number of elective course options, however, we propose to eliminate the following courses:

B. The Environment and Global Health

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| ANTH/ENVIR 451 | Comparative Historical and Social Ecology of the Tropics (5) I&S |
| ANTH/ENVIR 459 | Culture, Ecology and Politics (5) I&S |

D. Sociocultural Ecology of Health

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| ANTH 457 | Ecological Anthropology (5) I&S |
| ECON 448 | Population and Development (5) I&S |
| ECON 491 | Issues in Economic Development (5) I&S |
| SIS 430 | International Population (5) I&S |

E. Regional and Area Studies

- General -

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| GEOG/SIS 344 | Migration in the Global Economy (5) I&S |
| POL S 450/SIS 456 | State-Society Relations in Third World Countries (5) I&S |

- Asia -

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| SISEA/SOC 464 | Contemporary Society in the Peoples Republic of China (5) I&S |
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- b) **Global Health relevance of courses.** Elective courses have been reviewed by a committee, and will continue to be reviewed for appropriateness, accessibility, etc. by a faculty advisory committee for the minor. We would be happy to address committee concerns about individual courses either at or following the October 29 meeting.

3) **Proportion of upper division courses**

In order to ensure that students complete a minimum level of upper division courses in fulfillment of the minor, we propose adding the following to the minor requirements: "Minimum of 15 credits of upper division coursework."

