Are you curious about other parts of the world? Do you want to travel and be able to take courses that count towards your major or General Education requirements? YOU CAN DO THIS! The key is to start planning as early as possible so that you can work out a schedule that fits your major requirements as well as a semester abroad. Public Health Science (PHS) majors have studied in places such as India, Australia, Thailand, Spain and New Zealand. Some take courses that count towards the PHS major, which is interdisciplinary involving collateral fields, and some take General Education courses. Students have gone abroad during their sophomore or junior years, and even the first semester of their senior year.

Studying abroad helps you to gain a unique perspective on the field of Public Health Science—a field which is crucial to many of the challenges our society and our world face today. During your study abroad semester you could study epidemiology, health care systems of other countries, and the social/cultural aspects of health care delivery in developing countries. The combination of the PHS major and a study abroad experience will give you a huge advantage when seeking employment because you will have a unique comparative perspective on how we do things in the U.S. Your curiosity about other parts of the world will be a big plus for you in your future job search!

Even without a specific public health focus to your academic program abroad, it is likely to be possible for you to volunteer in health-related programs within your community abroad, and you are encouraged to do so for the experience. Although study abroad is generally undertaken for a semester, there are winter break opportunities, alternative spring breaks, and summer possibilities. In general, it is recommended you not travel your final semester; there are required courses and events in which you’ll want to participate. Otherwise, study abroad can be worked into your undergraduate career at almost any time.

Scholarship Information
Gilman Scholarship: If you currently receive the Pell Grant, you are eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. This is a federal scholarship with awards averaging $3,000 and can be used in any country. You must be an undergraduate in good standing, a U.S. citizen, and be applying to or accepted to a UMass-approved undergraduate study abroad program. You must be nominated by a Study Abroad Advisor in the International Programs Office. For more information go to: www.iie.org/gilman and also to the IPO website: www.ipo.umass.edu and click on “Finances & Scholarships” link.

Other scholarships: There are numerous scholarships, both need-based and merit-based available for study abroad. Information on many of these scholarships can be found on the IPO website: www.ipo.umass.edu under the “Finances & Scholarships” link.

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To find out more about study abroad
You will find an abundance of materials to help guide you through the study abroad process at the International Programs Office Education Abroad Advising Center. The Center, located at 455 Hills South is open Monday—Friday from 10am—4pm during the academic semesters. Peer Advisors will instruct you on how to use the Center’s materials, and are always willing to share advice and experiences. Peer Advisors are also available to assist you in the Learning Commons at the DuBois library. (See IPO website for hours of operation.)

Visit the IPO website (www.ipo.umass.edu) for information on approved programs. By clicking ‘advanced search’ you will be able to narrow your search by major, country and term.

On the reverse you will find a list of approved programs offering courses in Public Health taught in English.

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The following is a list of approved study abroad programs offering courses in Public Health taught in English. **Please note that there are additional options taught in other languages. Profiles of all of these programs can be viewed on the IPO website: www.ipo.umass.edu by clicking on ‘Programs’ at the top of the page and then using either the ‘Simple Search’ or the ‘Advanced Search’ functions.

Central America

Costa Rica: ISA: ‘Medical Spanish & Health Care in Costa Rica’
- Veritas University, San Jose: One of the first private universities in Costa Rica with a student enrollment of 1,950 (400 international). UMass students directly enroll into courses with other local and international students.
- **Fall semester option**
- Sample course titles taught in English: Spanish for Health Care Professionals, Alternative Health Approaches, Costa Rican Health Care and Tropical Medicine, Health Psychology, Introduction to Physical Therapy
- No language pre-requisite; students who have not taken any Spanish must take a regular Spanish language course at the Beginning level; Intermediate, Advanced and High Advanced are also offered.
- Language of instruction is English

South America

Brazil: SIT: ‘Public Health, Race, and Human Rights’
- Program based in Salvador; UMass students are members of a 20-25 person SIT group led by a faculty person from SIT and with local visiting faculty and support staff
- **Fall or spring semester options**
- Sample course titles taught in English: The 4 credit core course is “Public Health, Race, and Human Rights”, and there are modules on a) Health, Brazilian Society & Culture; b) Brazilian Public Health Policies; c) Alternate Health Practices; d) Educational Excursions. Students are required to take Intensive Portuguese (4 credits), Public Health Field Study Seminar (4 credits) and Independent Study Project (4 credits).
- No language pre-requisite although a background in Portuguese, Spanish, or another Romance language is highly recommended
- Language of instruction is English

Asia

India: Alliance for Global Education: ‘Public Health & Indian Studies at Manipal University’
- Manipal University, Manipal, India: Known throughout India and internationally for its strong medical college/health sciences, with an enrollment of 18,000 (3,500 international). UMass students directly enroll into courses with other local and international students
- **Fall or Spring semester options**
- Sample course titles (Public Health Track) taught in English: Global Health Problems, Epidemiology in Developing Countries, Maternal and Child Health, Public Health Systems and National Health Policies, Surveillance of Infectious Disease. Required Core Course: Contemporary Indian Society
- No language pre-requisite
- Language of instruction is English

Thailand: CIEE: ‘Community Public Health’
- Khon Kaen University: A comprehensive university enrolling 24,000 undergraduate and 9,700 graduate students. Participants generally enroll in classes with other CIEE students and courses are taught by the university faculty
- **Fall or spring semester options**
- Required courses: Students are required to take Public Health Management of Thailand, Community Public Health, Public Health Field Practicum, and one Thai language course at the appropriate level (Beginning-Advanced levels)
- No language pre-requisite; college-level course work in public health or sociology recommended
- Languages of instruction: Thai and English

AFRICA

Botswana: CIEE: ‘Community Public Health’
- University of Botswana, Gabarone: A public, comprehensive university enrolling 15,000 students. Seven week summer program, utilizing faculty from the University of Botswana for the five weeks of classroom study; students also have a week-long language and culture practicum, and a week-long field placement in a rural clinic near Gabarone
- **Summer option only** (7 weeks). 8 credits total
- Required courses: Community Health Practicum, Public and Environmental Health Issues in Botswana, Setswana Language and Culture Practicum
- No language pre-requisite; college-level course work in public health recommended
- Language of instruction is English

EUROPE

Denmark: DIS: Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen
- Set up specifically for American college students in Copenhagen, with transportation access to anywhere in Europe. The DIS main building is in the very center of Copenhagen, a truly modern city that is also very old
- **Fall semester, Spring semester, Summer**
- Sample course titles taught in English: Health Beyond Borders, Health Delivery and Prioritization in Northern Europe, Health Economics and Health Policy in Europe, Pregnancy, Birth and Infancy in Denmark, Public Health Ethics, Epidemiology—Danish Cases, Impact of Epidemic Disease Upon European History
- No language pre-requisite
- Language of instruction is English