

DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Administration

- Lawrence Cheskin, Interim Chair

The Department of Global and Community Health (GCH) brings together faculty and students from the disciplines of biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, and the behavioral and social sciences. The educational mission of GCH is to provide high-quality undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates in the core disciplines of community, global, and public health that prepare students to enter the domestic and global public health workforce. The research mission of GCH is to conduct innovative research that addresses pressing and emerging domestic and global health problems and security threats. Establishing partnerships that promote and protect health and well-being, especially among underserved and disadvantaged populations, is the principal focus of our service mission.

Faculty

Department Faculty

Professors

Higgins, Howell, Jacobsen, Louis (dean), Metcalf, Weiler (associate dean for academic affairs)

Associate Professors

Frankenfeld, Gupta, Lee, Lindley, Pollack, Poms, Weinstein (Center for the Study of Chronic Illness and Disability, director)

Assistant Professors

Fleming, Krall, Rossheim, von Fricken, Winter

Administrative Faculty

Beckwith (master of public health program coordinator), Gillette (undergraduate advisor), Helmick (instructional designer)

Emeriti

Baghi, Sluzki

Requirements & Policies

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Academic Advising

Each student is assigned an academic advisor who is a faculty member within their academic department or a professional academic advisor within the Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Academic advisor assignments are listed on the CHHS website (<https://chhs.gmu.edu/students/academic-advising>), and students are expected to meet with their advisor regularly (at least once each semester) to seek advice about academic schedules and program plans. Students also should meet with their advisor if they are experiencing academic difficulty.

Student Responsibilities

All students are responsible for knowing the requirements of their major as specified in the university catalog for their catalog year; academic deadlines outlined in the semester academic calendar (<http://registrar.gmu.edu/calendars>); and university policies and procedures as stated in the catalog.

Students also should run their own degree-evaluation (<http://registrar.gmu.edu/students/degree-evaluation>) to identify graduation requirements and progress towards their degree. While academic advisors can give advice to students, **students are responsible for the academic planning decisions they make**. Academic advisors cannot be held responsible for mistakes made by students in selecting courses that may not count toward their degree and thus delay a desired graduation date.

Programs

- Community Health, BS
- Global Health Minor
- Global Health, MS
- Public Health Graduate Certificate
- Public Health Minor
- Public Health, MPH