Accelerated degree programs enable academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor’s and an advanced degree, typically saving one year of time in comparison to traditional programs. Global studies majors can further prepare for public health careers in the international sphere with an accelerated Master’s in Public Health (MPH), an in-demand professional degree with many applications.

In the accelerated BA/MPH in Global Studies and Public Health, students “accelerate” the completion of their undergraduate courses and complete their graduate studies during their fifth year in Drexel’s Dornsife School of Public Health. This degree combination is ideal for careers related to international relations and cultures in a public health context.
The BA in global studies prepares students for exciting international careers with foreign language fluency and a wide variety of courses in the social sciences, humanities, philosophy, biological sciences, cultural studies and many other fields. Students choose from four thematic concentrations:

- Global Business, Economics & Development
- Global Health & Sustainability
- Global Justice & Human Rights
- Global Media, Arts & Cultures

The MPH curriculum includes courses in biology, chemistry, ethics, political science, anthropology, history, environmental science and science-related English, among other subjects.

**GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Students are encouraged to study abroad, adding to their international perspective as they perfect their foreign language skills. There are also many opportunities to co-op abroad: a chance to live overseas for six months while gaining valuable work experience. Study and co-op abroad opportunities can be found in almost any part of the world.

**CAREERS**

An accelerated BA/MPH opens many doors to careers in epidemiology, education, research, health care, policy and more. Students interested in global public health gain skills that make them attractive to international development agencies like the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.N., as well as many international charitable organizations. Students can also use their language and international relations skills in a wide variety of settings domestically. A degree in public health enables graduates to make a real impact on society, improving the lives of people around the world.

**APPLICATION**

Students apply to Drexel’s Dornsife School of Public Health as freshmen, or after completing between 90 and 120 credits of the global studies undergraduate degree; those accepted begin working on their MPH as they complete their BA, gaining their MPH a year earlier than if they had done the two degrees separately.

Students also have the chance to complete an undergraduate co-op, gaining valuable work experience in the process. Applicants must maintain a minimum of a 3.25 GPA and complete prerequisite courses with no lower than a C grade.