

Minor Modification Proposal

Faculty: Health

Department: School of Global Health

Program: Global Health

Degree Designation: PhD

Type of Modification: Minor changes to degree requirements

Location (*current campus and, if applicable, proposed*): Keele

Effective Date: Fall 2026

Approval Date at Faculty Council:

1. Describe the proposed modifications to the program.

The proposed changes are to clarify the degree requirements described in the academic calendar for completing the PhD in Global Health, and to remove one course, GS/GH 6120 3.00 that has never been offered.

2. Provide a rationale for the proposed modifications.

The current calendar copy at <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/academiccalendar/2025-2026/global-health/> is not clear. This minor change will ensure students, administrative staff and faculty members understand what students need to complete for the degree. The introductory "PhD" and "Courses" (Required courses) sections are the areas that need to be clarified. Refer to the Appendix.

3. How will the proposed modification support the achievement of Program Learning Outcomes?

There is no effect or change to the Program Learning Outcomes (PLO). This clarification will make it easier for students to meet the outcomes. The course GS/GH 6120 3.00 has not been offered and removing this course will not affect PLO or student success.

4. Describe how students currently enrolled in the program will be accommodated.

No accommodation is required. Students will benefit from a clearer description of what is needed. The course GS/GH 6120 3.00 has never been offered.

5. Describe any resource implications and how they are being addressed (e.g., through a reallocation of existing resources). If new/additional resources are required, provide a statement from the relevant Dean(s)/Principal confirming resources will be in place to implement the changes.

There are no resource implications. The graduate program director will inform students of the academic calendar and degree requirements.

6. If relevant, summarize the consultation undertaken with relevant academic units, including commentary on the impact of the proposed changes on other programs. Provide individual statements from the relevant program(s) confirming consultation and their support.

None.

APPENDIX

Attach a Side-by-Side Academic Calendar Copy Comparison

Ensure that deletions are indicated with strikethrough (e.g., ~~strikethrough~~) text and additions are made in a contrasting colour (e.g., **KINE 1000**)

Relevant changes to courses are submitted separately with this proposal.

Existing Calendar Copy	Proposed Calendar Copy
PhD Global Health	PhD Global Health
PhD Students are required to achieve the following to earn a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Global Health, under the guidance of a supervisory committee: 1. Independent Learning Plan (Year 1) 2. Courses ⊖ GH 6000 6.0 (Year 1) ⊖ GH 6100 6.0 (Years 1-3),	PhD Students are required to achieve the following to earn a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Global Health, under the guidance of a supervisory committee: 1. Independent Learning Plan (Year 1) 2. Courses ○ GH 6000 6.0 ○ <u>GH 6100 6.0</u> ○ GH 6110 6.0

○ Electives, (Years 1-2, optional); 3. Comprehensive exam, including dissertation proposal (Year 2); and 4. Doctoral research culminating in dissertation product/s that demonstrate independence, originality, and an advanced understanding of the interdisciplinary field of global health, in accordance with the Faculty of Graduate Studies: Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines (Years 3-4). Additional information and guidance on degree requirements are detailed in the PhD in Global Health Handbook. Courses Students are required to complete two core courses in Year 1. Additional elective courses may be taken based on the ILP. The schedule for all courses is available on the York Courses Website. Required courses 1. GH 6000: Fostering Transformative Change in Global Health GH 6000 is an intensive in-person course taught over three week-long modules in Year 1 to develop students' skills and capacity for critical and transformative problem-solving. Modules follow a unique schedule that supports students with concurrent enrolment in elective courses. The course is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. 2. GH 6100: Critical Perspectives in Global Health Seminar GH 6100 is a seminar course focussing on interdisciplinary approaches and scientific	○ Electives based on independent learning plan 3. Comprehensive exam, including dissertation proposal (Year 2); and 4. Doctoral research culminating in dissertation product/s that demonstrate independence, originality, and an advanced understanding of the interdisciplinary field of global health, in accordance with the Faculty of Graduate Studies: Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines (Years 3-4). Additional information and guidance on degree requirements are detailed in the PhD in Global Health Handbook. Courses Students are required to complete two core courses in Year 1. Additional elective courses may be taken based on the ILP. The schedule for all courses is available on the York Courses Website. Required courses 1. GH 6000: Fostering Transformative Change in Global Health GH 6000 is an intensive in-person course taught over three week-long modules in Year 1 to develop students' skills and capacity for critical and transformative problem-solving. Modules follow a unique schedule that supports students with concurrent enrolment in elective courses. 2. GH 6100: Critical Global Health Seminar I (short title) GH 6100 is a seminar course focussing on interdisciplinary approaches and scientific and technical innovations in Planetary
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and technical innovations in Planetary Health, Humanitarianism Global Health, and related topics. Seminars are held over the Fall and Winter terms. The course is most intense in Year 1 (GH 6100) when students are required to meet every two weeks in-person. Additional meetings may also be scheduled as per the course schedule. In Year 2 (GH 6110) and Year 3 (GH 6120), students have to the option to meet in-person or on-line. In all years, the course is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. In the event of failure to satisfactorily complete GH 6000 or GH 6100 within the first two terms of the Program, and to maintain participation in GH 6100 in the second and third years of the Program, the student will normally be required to withdraw from the Program.	Health, Humanitarianism Global Health, and related topics. Seminars are held over the Fall and Winter terms. Students are required to meet in-person as per the course schedule. 3. GH 6110: Critical Global Health Seminar II In Year 2 GH 6110 students have the option to meet in-person or on-line. In the event of failure to satisfactorily complete GH 6000 or GH 6100 within the first two terms of the Program, the student will normally be required to withdraw from the Program.
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