



Global Health

Field Course in Rwanda

Course Description

The 3-week Global Health field course in Rwanda introduces **concepts of global health from a unique African perspective**. You will learn about the healthcare system in Rwanda and study one major public health concern in particular – infection prevention and control (IPC) in healthcare settings.

A week of skills development through classroom learning, workshops, field visits and general cultural immersion is followed by two weeks of service-learning at Rwandan hospitals and health centers. Here, you will work hand in hand with service providers to help assess and discuss different ways to minimize public health risks.

In addition to IPC, you will also learn about various important healthcare services within different communities, such as nutrition programs for mothers and children, health education and promotion, and community health workers and their role. Throughout the course, local students from the University of Rwanda will join your delegation.

Highlights

- **Explore** healthcare concepts and programs in resource-limited settings.
- **Work** hand in hand with local healthcare providers at an urban health center and a rural district hospital.
- **Learn** how to analyze IPC protocols, and design and provide workshops for medical and non-medical staff.
- **Gain** invaluable intercultural competence relevant to your field of study.
- **Explore** the 'Land of a Thousand Hills' through unique excursions and a safari.
- **Create** once-in-a-lifetime memories, and build lasting friendships.



AT A GLANCE

Locations:

Kigali and Nyabihu, Rwanda

Host institutions:

GEI
University of Rwanda
Biryogo Health Center, Nyamirambo
Shyira District Hospital, Nyabihu

Dates:

July 21-August 10, 2019

Fees:

Tuition: US \$400
Educational costs: US \$1,415
Housing & meals: US \$815
Health insurance: US \$60
TOTAL: US \$2,690

Academic credits available from the U.S. School of Record at an extra fee

Enrollment Requirements

There are **no academic prerequisites**. To be eligible to apply for this course, students should be enrolled in a major or minor in public health or a related area in the health sciences, natural sciences or social sciences. Enrollment is generally reserved for sophomores, juniors and seniors, or by consent of the instructor. Graduate students and professionals are welcome to apply for participation without credits.

Course Requirements & Student Evaluation

- Course participation and engagement (25%)
- Weekly reflective journal or blog (10%)
- Journalistic article (10%)
- Group presentation (25%)
- Essay relating to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (30%)

Instructor: Waleed Fatt, MScPH, BPharm

A trained pharmacist with a Master's degree in Public Health, Waleed is the **Global Instructor** for our Global Health field courses. He is typically assisted by experienced local university lecturers and instructors. Prior to working with GEI, he supervised the implementation of Infection Control protocols in all health facilities of Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) in his native Yemen.



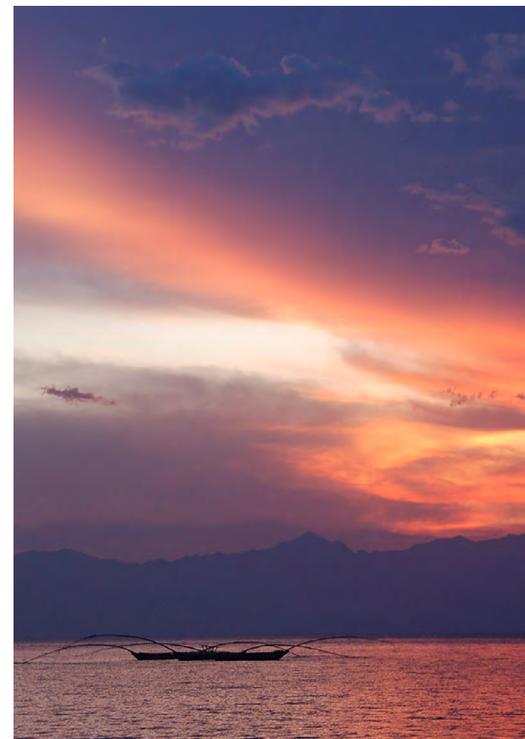
Location

The **course gateway is Kigali**, Rwanda's political, economic and cultural center, and one of the cleanest, greenest and safest capital cities in Africa. The first two weeks of the course take place largely in Kigali's colorful Nyamirambo neighborhood, while the third week of the course is located at the rural Shyira District Hospital in Nyabihu. Students are typically hosted at a local guesthouse or at the partner hospital. Excursions are arranged to visit attractive historical and cultural sites as well as Akagera National Park for an African safari experience.

What's Included in the Course Fees

Fees include the tuition, arrival day airport meet and greet, accommodation with breakfast, transportation for all excursions, meals during course activities (typically all lunches and selected dinners), on-site orientation, course-related activity and entrance fees, full-time on-site coordination and support, and a travel and medical insurance.

Not included are the transportation to/from the destination airport (including international airfare and taxes), visas, immunizations, some of the meals, items and services of a personal nature, and the academic credits.



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