The Global Health Studies Program is grateful to faculty across campus serving as mentors to our majors.

Faculty eligible to supervise GHS:4991 Honors Thesis in Global Health Studies include the following: tenured, tenure-track, clinical, or visiting or adjunct faculty, at the rank of lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor.

The Basics:

- GHS honors thesis is 3 s.h. of graded coursework; faculty mentors submit grades for each honors thesis via MAUI.
- GHS honors thesis may be either a 30 – 50 page research paper or a creative project (which includes a research component).
- Faculty and students must arrange meeting times (ideally bi-weekly), which will allow the student to not only complete the project but also to adhere to the semester’s deadlines (please contact globalhealthstudies@uiowa.edu with any questions/concerns about these deadlines).
- Faculty mentors are encouraged to evaluate students’ semester-long effort, not just the final product.

Deadlines (for semester during which student is enrolled in GHS honors thesis):

- Before the end of week two, faculty must sign Registration Preapproval form.
- Before the Friday of week 16, faculty must sign “GHS Thesis Cover Sheet” so that the student can electronically submit a final copy of their honors thesis (along with additional required materials) to the GHSP.
- Before the Wednesday of Final Exam Week, the student must initiate and the faculty must approve the online “Submission Agreement Form” if both the student and faculty agree that the student should upload a final copy of their honors thesis to the UI institutional repository, Iowa Research Online.
- Faculty will submit a grade for GHS:4991 Honors Thesis in Global Health Studies on MAUI before the grade submission deadline for the semester.

Expectations for GHS:4991 Honors Thesis in Global Health Studies:

- Students will approach faculty with a preliminary research proposal; present sound reasoning for requesting to work with faculty; and demonstrate an intellectual curiosity for their topic.
- Students will take the initiative for scheduling and attending meetings with faculty. Faculty and students will work to define goals for each meeting; students will come prepared to meet those goals.
- Faculty mentors will help students form a strong topic with a set of provocative research questions, in part by discussing their own steps in generating an idea, conducting research, developing an argument, using and documenting sources, and revising.
- Faculty will provide students insight into the process for conducting research in their own field (i.e. standard reference works, bibliographies, major journals and web resources, key concepts and thinkers, methodologies), while also recognizing the multidisciplinary perspective inherent to the field of Global Health Studies.
- Students will be well informed about deadlines and communicate that info to their faculty mentor.
- Faculty and students with any questions about GHS:4991 Honors Thesis in Global Health Studies will contact the Global Health Studies Program at globalhealthstudies@uiowa.edu.

Human Subjects in GHS:4991 Honors Thesis in Global Health Studies:

- All honors theses meet the definition of “research” (they are designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge).
- Every GHS honors thesis which involves “human subjects” requires IRB review and approval—no exceptions!
- Students begin by submitting an IRB determination form and upon completion of the process must submit proof of the review process to the Global Health Studies Program.
- Students with questions must contact IRB at 319-335-6564.