Note:

Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.
COURSE SYLLABUS

HLTH 620
INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces the student to global health priorities and the roles of institutional players in resolving the issues. Multiple determinants of health such as economic, environmental, biological and cultural are addressed with an emphasis on the health needs of lesser economically developed nations.

RATIONALE
The student will be exposed to the inter-relatedness of global health issues, as well as the complexities of his/her challenges. This course will be helpful for those wishing to serve in the global health context, as well as those interested in increasing their awareness of global health challenges. This course provides a foundation for further global health studies.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING
A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Identify the major health issues in global health, the burden of diseases, and socio-economic determinants of health.
B. Describe health systems in the global context.
C. Enumerate the key agencies and organizations involved in global health concerns.
D. Describe key components of successful global health programs.
E. Assess global health problems.
F. Recommend possible solutions to global health problems.
G. Evaluate cultural and religious aspects related to global health.
H. Evaluate one’s Christian responsibility to global health issues.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS
A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes
B. Course Requirements Checklist
   After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)
   The student is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 400 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 150 words.

D. Case Study Reviews (2)
   The student will review the major points of a case study or special topic. The student is expected to provide suggestions to address the problem in the case study or special topic. This assignment must be 450–600 words in current AMA format. The student must include at least 2 peer-reviewed article sources in addition to the citation of the assigned case study or special topic.

E. Short Essays (2)
   The student is required to respond to a topic provided by the course instructor. Each essay must be 200–250 words in current AMA format.

F. Research Paper:
   1. Topic Submission
      The student will select a specific topic for his/her Research Paper. The topic selection will be submitted to the instructor for approval.
   2. Outline
      The student will create a detailed outline for the Final Version of the Research Paper.
   3. References
      The student will research at least 10 scholarly resources that are no more than 5 years old. The student will cite the resources in current AMA format.
   4. Final Version
      The student will write a 10–12-page research-based paper, excluding the reference and cover page, in current AMA format.
that focuses on an approved topic. The paper must include at least 10 references in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible.

G. Midterm Exam

This exam covers information from Modules/Weeks 1–4. The Midterm Exam will be open-book/open-notes, contain 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes.

H. Final Exam

This exam covers information from Modules/Weeks 5–8. The Final Exam will be open-book/open-notes, contain 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a time limit of 1 hour and 45 minutes.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

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B. Scale

D- = 680–699  F = 679 and below

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Exams

1. Students must take the exam during the assigned module/week.

2. No exam will be accepted after the original due date without written approval from the instructor. This approval must be sought prior to exam’s due date.

3. Students may not exceed the time limit allotted for exams. Five (5) points may be deducted from the exam grade for every 10 minutes that the test is conducted beyond the allotted time requirement.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.
# COURSE SCHEDULE

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| 1           | Levine: cases 1, 3, 14  
Merson et al.: Introduction, ch. 18  
1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
Research Paper: Topic Selection  
DB Forum 1 | 10  
0  
0  
100 |
| 2           | Levine: case 8  
Merson et al.: chs. 2–3  
1 presentation | Case Study Review 1  
Research Paper: Topic Submission | 100  
10 |
| 3           | Levine: cases 5, 12, 17  
Merson et al.: chs. 1, 5  
1 presentation | DB Forum 2  
Research Paper: Outline | 100  
20 |
| 4           | Merson et al.: ch. 7  
1 presentation | Short Essay 1  
Midterm Exam | 50  
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| 5           | Levine: cases 4, 6, 13  
Merson et al.: chs. 4, 6  
1 presentation | DB Forum 3  
Research Paper: References | 100  
20 |
| 6           | Levine: case 11  
Merson et al.: chs. 10, 12  
1 presentation | Case Study Review 2 | 100 |
| 7           | Merson et al.: ch. 11  
1 presentation | Research Paper: Final Version | 150 |
| 8           | Merson et al.: ch. 17  
1 presentation | Short Essay 2  
Final Exam | 50  
100 |

**TOTAL** 1010

DB = Discussion Board

**NOTE:** Each course week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.