Introduction:
Global Health Politics and Policy introduces core global health problems facing the world’s populations today and examines the efforts taken to improve health at a global level. We will focus on the social and political movements of global health issues and how these forces created and shaped global health policy and legislation both in the U.S. and among the G8 nations from 2000-2012.

Global Health Topics may include: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria; Maternal and Child Health; Clean/Safe Water; Global Health Workforce Capacity; Health Systems and Infrastructure; Debt Relief; Education; Extreme poverty/Hunger; Neglected Tropical Disease; and Chronic Disease.

Objectives:
- Identify global health issues pertaining to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Identify and discuss global health legislation (2000-2012).
- Discuss social/political movements in the U.S. and the world around the MDG goals from 2000-2012.
- Discuss and debate the interplay between movements, politics, policy, and legislation in global health today.
- Analyze and critique global health policy and legislation in the U.S.
- Identify practical methods of addressing and shaping global health policy and legislation as a “citizen activist.”

Teaching Methodology: This class will incorporate “cooperative learning” methods whereby the student will be required to be an active participant in the course. The students will be required to discuss course readings critically and analytically and participate in group work. Students will be expected to raise critical questions and comments in lectures and discussions. The professor will deliver lectures, film, guest speakers, and other presentations with expected feedback from the students.
Reserved Reading: Select readings will be available on OAK. Other readings can be found via amazon.com and/or the professor will email pdf versions of the articles to the students when possible. Select readings will be emailed at least 1 week in advance.

Evaluation and Grading:

- Class participation – 40% -- attendance, discussion and analysis of reading material, participation in debate, small group discussion, and exercises
- Final Examination – 25%
- Writing Assignment – 35% -- 1 research paper (5-7 pp.).

Honor Code: The Honor Code of Vanderbilt University governs all written work in this course (e.g. examinations, essay, etc.). Written assignments will be carefully and consistently checked for any possible violation of the Code.

Grading Scale:

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Grading System:
A: excellent
B: good
C: satisfactory
D: minimum pass work
F: failure

A Note on Grades: Grades will be determined based on the requirements and percentages of the Grading Scale as outlined. For each day a written assignment is late, one letter grade will be deducted until completed. If you know in advance that an assignment will be late, please discuss with the professor. Otherwise there will be no exception to the deduction(s). Furthermore, if an examination is missed, there will be no makeup for the student unless there is prior consultation with the professor. Students will not be allowed to do additional assignments for extra credit.

Course Sessions and Readings

Session #1: Thursday, February 7, 5:30-8:30pm; Location: 2525 West End Ave, 6th Floor Executive Board Room

Introduction to Global Health Issues
This session will focus on a variety of global health issues including infectious disease, extreme poverty, and maternal/child health. We will discuss the HIV/AIDS pandemic, especially in Africa, and we will review the trajectory of these issues over the past ten
years: where have we come and where we are now. We will also discuss the interface of policy, politics, and legislation.

**READING:**
Global Health Issues: See Brief Packet.

**Session #2: Thursday, February 14, 5:30pm; Location: 2525 West End Ave, 6th Floor Executive Board Room**

**The Global Health Social/Political Movement**
Examining primarily the social/political movement in the U.S., but also touching on the global movement, we will analyze the roles of NGOs, faith communities, universities, the music/art community, and the private sector (and how these constituencies worked together) to create a robust advocacy campaign for better global health policy and legislation. We will have a special focus on the advocacy of conservatives in the fight against AIDS in Africa.

**READING:**

**Session #3: Thursday, February 21, 5:30pm; Location: 2525 West End Ave, 6th Floor Executive Board Room**

**The Politics of Global Health**
In this session we will discuss the politics of global health in two parts:
(1) First, we will examine motives for individuals to take political action for global health. We will ask, “Why does the individual care? Why do groups care? Why do faith communities care? What are the end goals?”

(2) Secondly, we will discuss and debate the bigger question of “why” a high income country should or would want to invest in global health and global health issues. What are the costs and benefits? When should a country participate in disaster relief or sustainable practices? Why would a politician, Democrat or Republican, support legislation for humanitarian assistance?

READING:

Guest Speaker: Senator William H. Frist, M.D.

Session #4: Thursday, February 28, 5:30pm; Location: 2525 West End Ave, 6th Floor Executive Board Room

Global Health Policy and Legislation
To conclude the course, we will review global health policy (current) and legislation on various global health issues from the last decade (including PEPFAR, GFATM, PMI, and others) including President Obama’s Global Health Initiative, Feed the Future, and International Affairs Budget FY2013. We will review implementation of current global health legislation, and we will debate and discuss the best ways the U.S. and the world could move forward in terms of shaping politics and policy for global health based on lessons learned and the latest research for global health policy issues.

READING:


Guest Speaker: Porter Delaney, The Kyle House Group, Washington, D.C.

FINAL EXAMINATION TODAY (Last Hour).

Due March 7, 2013: Research Paper
* Denotes Suggested Reading.