

Baylor in Brazil Study Abroad Course Offerings

The *Baylor in Brazil* (BiB) Program engages students in experiential learning opportunities that focus on international health, environmental health issues, and cross-cultural health communication. In course project, students partner with local health professionals and church volunteers to promote healthy lifestyles in Brazilian communities. More details can be obtained from the program directors: Dr. Robert Doyle, Chair, Department of Biology (Robert_Doyle@baylor.edu) and Dr. Eva Doyle, Director, Master of Public Health Program (Eva_Doyle@baylor.edu).

General Requirements

BiB Eligibility: Students must meet all Baylor in Brazil application and eligibility requirements and gain permission from course instructors to enroll.

Advisor Confirmation: All students are responsible for verifying with academic advisors that BiB courses fit their degree plans.

Six Credit Hours: Each student must enroll in 6 credit hours offered within in the BiB Program. The “global health” course (HED 4340-1B/BIO 3300-2B) is required of all BiB program participants with the exception of undergraduate *community health education* majors completing a 6-credit-hour internship (HED 4V80). The other course most commonly offered in the program is Environmental Health (HED 3314-1B/BIO 3300-1B). See below for other options for specific majors/special circumstances.

Discipline-Specific Information

Eligible students from all majors are welcome. Some discipline-specific information is provided below.

Biology Majors BIO 3300 1B and BIO 3300 2B are recommended courses for Biology majors. Biology majors working on a minor in *medical humanities* may choose to enroll in HED options for those courses: HED 3314 and HED 4340. [Biology majors must have completed BIO 1305+1105 (or 1405) and 1306+1106 (or 1406) to be eligible to enroll in upper level BIO courses.]

Community Health Education

- **BSEd Level:** Depending on eligibility, students in this undergraduate program may enroll in 6 credit hours of HED electives (HED 4340 & HED 4341) *or* complete the 6-credit-hour internship (HED 4V80, must enroll under Dr. Eva Doyle)
- **MPH Level:** MPH students usually enroll in HED 4340 and the 3-credit-hour MPH practicum (HED 5V94). HED 4340 is graduate credit approved, meets the elective requirement for all MPH students, and is part of the *global health emphasis* option.

Medical Humanities: HED 3314, HED 4340, and HED 4341 count as electives within the Medical Humanities major and minor.

Other Majors: Students in other majors should consult with their academic advisors to determine whether HED or BIO options meet requirement/elective options. The BiB directors will be happy to visit with advisors as needed to discuss course foci.

Course Descriptions

HED 4340-1B / BIO 3300-2B Global Health Overviews global health issues, international organizations, and the role of health promotion worldwide. *In the Baylor in Brazil Program, special emphasis is placed upon health promotion among medically underserved populations. Students engage in community-based health promotion projects.*

HED 3314-1B/ BIO 3300-1B Environmental Health Involves the study of the major environmental hazards that threaten human health and the key factors that contribute to the development of these hazards. The potential role of health professionals in efforts to minimize these hazards and promote environmental sustainability, conservation, and pollution control are highlighted. *In the Baylor in Brazil Program, special emphasis is placed on environmental health issues specific to a southeast coastal region of Brazil.*

HED 4341-1B Cross-Cultural Health Communication Focuses on communication concepts/strategies used in cross-cultural health promotion settings to assess health needs and communicate health information. Course availability subject to enrollment numbers and special needs. *In the Baylor in Brazil Program, special emphasis is placed upon health communication strategies needed for effective health promotion among medically underserved populations. Students engage in community-based health communication projects.*

HED 4V80 Community Health Internship

For eligible students in the *BSEd in Community Health Education* degree program. Students enroll in 6 credit hours and complete 320 contact hours (work begins in June). Students serve on the BiB coordinating team to plan and implement community-based health promotion and public health efforts linked to the BiB program.

HED 5V94 MPH Practicum

For eligible students in the *MPH in Community Health Education* degree program. Students enroll in 3 credit hours and complete 200 contact hours (work begins in June). Students serve on the BiB coordinating team to plan, implement, and coordinate community-based public health efforts.