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### Course Navigation

**Syllabus** (<https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/32705/assignments/syllabus>)

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Welcome to my exciting hybrid course “Health without Borders”, IDS 3183!

My name is **Alok Deoraj** and I will be your instructor this semester for this course.

I am so glad that you joined this course to learn about most relevant topics that affect our health on a daily basis across the world. It does not matter, where you live in this world today. From your daily human activities, your life style, from your culture or cuisine, not only you influence the fate of your

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health and your environment, but also you directly or indirectly influence every human beings on this planet. Health of an individual is one theme today that has a potential to keep us all together and interconnected. This course helps you explore the definitions and possible causes of remedies of health and wellbeing on a global level.

This course is a Global Learning and University Core Curriculum foundation course with specific objectives for you to achieve a level of global awareness, global perspective and develop willingness to engage in finding solutions to global issues. Health without Border is an introductory Global Public Health Course. The course is designed in three modules.

First module is focused on “units and indices of global health” where you will learn how to describe the global health. You will learn about the global health terminology. Second module covers topics on "global health crises", including but not limited to climate change, refugee health or environmental pollution. Third module covers the "available technology for global public health" that you can use to tackle some of the crises you learned the second module. For example, biotechnology for vaccines and food, globalization and information technology etc.

It is a hybrid course. In a hybrid class, the face-to-face meeting time is reduced by 50%. The other 50% of the class takes place outside of the classroom; whether online, in the field, in the community, or some place else. It is important to note that this out-of-class “meeting time” is in addition to the homework and preparation that are assigned in all classes regardless of format. If you take a Hybrid course, you will need to self-regulate your out-of-class time so that you can keep up with both the face-to-face and out-of-class assignments and preparation. Some tasks must be completed prior to class and some after class. Paying attention to how the in- and out-of-class materials are connected is important.

Therefore, you are expected to use your time wisely to learn the fascinating topics and complete assessments and assignments while meeting the deadlines to obtain a good grade. Each module will open for you in a timely manner.

The best way to communicate with me is to send message on CANVAS site (not on my regular email) of this course.

Now you go through the syllabus and follow it carefully. I am very big on formats such as required number of words per assignment or using a template or maintaining standard bibliographic style. Please ensure that you are following instructions correctly. If your assignments or assessments do not follow the appropriate format, it will not be graded.

After logging on the CANVAS site of the course, please click on the syllabus link in the left panel. If you did not understand something, please check with your peers first on the general forum of the discussion board. Please send me an email on the CANVAS message if you still have issues understanding any topic or you have any concern. I will for sure get back to you as soon as I can. Any technical issue, please contact technical support. You have links provided on the CANVAS site.

You will introduce yourself in the first session by answering questions posted on the “introduce yourself” link on the discussion board. Syllabus and deadlines may change to facilitate learning.

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Therefore, keep yourself engaged and updated.

I look forward to an exciting semester...I wish you a very happy learning!

Ok then, let's get started and have a fantastic semester where not only you learn about these exciting topics to attain the global learning objectives of global awareness, global perspective but also develop a willingness to become a globally engaged citizen. That is when you appreciate the interconnectedness of societies and cultures to find solutions together to be truly a global citizen!!

Best wishes,

Deoraj.

## Getting Started in Your Course

To begin, click on Modules on the course menu and access [Introductory Module | Getting Started \(https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules/91180\)](https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules/91180).

Then, proceed to review the following items:

- [Syllabus \(https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/assignments/syllabus\)](https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/assignments/syllabus)
- [Course Modules \(https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules\)](https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules)
- [Student Resources \(https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules/91184\)](https://fiu.instructure.com/courses/22276/modules/91184)
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