Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I am an Anthropology major and don’t want to change my degree. Is the Anthropology major or minor going away?

A: No. Both the Anthropology major and Anthropology minor are available to all students. The only change is the major will require 34 credits for those students matriculating in 2012 or afterwards.

Q: I am currently an Anthropology major but am thinking of adding the Public Health minor. Can I still do this?

A: Yes. See Ms. Kirsten Jacobsen, Coordinator of Health Programs in Anthropology to declare the Public Health minor.

Q: Will I be able to switch from an Anthropology major to a Global Health and Environment major and still take the Public Health minor?

A: No. Once a currently enrolled student switches to the Global Health and Environment major she is no longer “grandfathered” under the old rules and cannot take a major and minor in the same department.

Q: Can I major in Anthropology and minor in Global Health and Environment (or vice versa)?

A: No. Arts & Sciences regulations prohibit taking a major and minor in the same department.

Q: How do I sign up for the Global Health and Environment major or minor?

A: you will declare the Global Health and Environment major or minor in the same way you would any other degree. Students interested in declaring any anthropology major or minor may speak to Ms. Kirsten Jacobsen for pre-advising, declarations, and advisor assignments.

Q: I am thinking about major in Anthropology but haven’t decided if I want to take the Global Health and Environment track. How many credits will I have to complete to receive my Anthropology degree?

A: All currently matriculated students can take the Anthropology AB degree by completing 28 credits and the established Anthropology course distribution requirements. However, once a student who is currently matriculated declares a Global Health and Environment track major she will be considered to be operating under the new major credit hour requirements and must complete 34 credits and the appropriate degree requirements.

Q: I am currently an Anthropology major but want to switch to the Global Health and Environment major track. Do I have to take 34 credits as outlined for the track or am I “grandfathered” under the old system?

A: All students interested in taking the Global Health and Environment major track must do so under the track guidelines as specified; thus, you would have to take 34 credits and meet the Global Health and Environment course distribution requirements.

Q: I am currently a Public Health minor—will the minor change or do I have to do anything?

A: No; the structure of the Public Health minor will not change and as long as you are already enrolled you need not do anything.

Q: I am a Public Health minor but want to switch to the new Global Health and Environment track. Can I do this?

A: Yes. However, if you decide to take the Global Health and Environment minor track instead of the Public Health minor you will have to take it under the requirements as listed, which includes 18 credits and you must meet the Global Health and Environment minor course distribution requirements.
**Q:** I am currently a Public Health minor but want to switch to the Global Health and Environment minor track. Do I have to take 18 credits as outlined for the track or am I “grandfathered” under the old system?

**A:** All students interested in taking the Global Health and Environment minor track must do so under the track guidelines as specified; thus, you would have to take 18 credits and meet the course distribution requirements.

**Q:** What if I declare a Global Health and Environment track major but decide to change to an Anthropology major?

**A:** If a student decides she wants to change the major from Global Health and Environment to Anthropology (or Anthropology to Global Health and Environment) she will have to drop the one and add the other just as with any major/minor declaration. Of course, the student will have to satisfy the requirements for the specific degree.

**Q:** I’m currently a freshman and want to take the Global Health and Environment track. If I decide to switch to the Anthropology major in my senior year, do I have to take 34 credits, or do I only have to take 28 credits because I am “grandfathered” under the old Anthropology major degree requirements?

**A:** Once a student declares the Global Health and Environment track she will be required to complete 34 credits to graduate with an Anthropology degree of any sort.

**Q:** The new Global Health and Environment major and minor requirements list a course called *Introduction to Global Health*. Is this a new course?

**A:** At some time after this coming fall the course Anthropology 3283, *Introduction to Public Health*, taught by Professor Benson, will be renamed *Introduction to Global Health* (and given a new number). Professor Benson will continue to teach the course and it will fulfill the Public Health minor requirement to take “Introduction to Public Health.” Students who have taken the course or who enroll in fall of 2012 can count this course as part of the requirements for the Global Health and Environment major and minor.