This course will focus on critical issues impacting the health of mothers, newborns and children, using a global and a life course analytic approach. Students will explore the latest data and scientific information on progress and gaps about maternal and child health (MCH) globally. Discussions and critical analysis will include evidence-based research to showcase examples of best practice programs and policies currently being implemented in several developing countries, using the United States and Scandinavian countries as a comparison. **Students from multiple disciplines, including health-related and social sciences are welcome to this course.**

Students will engage in face-to-face explorations and discussions about global MCH from a historical perspective, will examine the global burden of disease, and the social, cultural and economic determinants and risk factors in MCH. Recent technologies, entrepreneurship and innovations in global MCH will be highlighted as well as the role of the global and local organizations in shaping the MCH agenda. Gender issues will be a cross cutting theme integrated to this course.