

Minor in Medical Humanities – 2020 Catalog Year

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The medical humanities minor is designed to give students an overview of the ways in which various disciplines in the humanities inform, intersect with, and apply to understandings of the medical arts and sciences. The medical humanities minor is beneficial for students preparing for careers in health care, social services, and health-related fields, especially those who wish to understand how cultural, social, ethical, religious, literary, artistic, and other such perspectives can enrich conceptualizations and approaches to patient care.

Approaching medicine from a humanistic perspective will help future health care and social service practitioners view patients and individuals with greater empathy and awareness, as well as provide them with the tools to critically analyze their own experiences. The minor is also appropriate for students from disciplines within the humanities and social sciences interested in researching and practicing in such areas related to the historical, social, and cultural dynamics that have informed medical institutions and treatment; patient advocacy; medical law and ethics; narrative medicine; and art, music, or narrative therapies.

Requirements for a Minor in Medical and Health Humanities – 18 hours, broken down below:

3 hours from one introductory course:

ANTH 1023 Introduction to Cultural Anth.	SOCI 2013 General Sociology
COMM 1023 Communication in a Diverse World	SOCI 2033 Social Problems
HIST 1123 Institutions and Ideas of World Civ II	GNST 2003 Introduction to Gender Studies
PHIL 2103 Introduction to Ethics	PBHL 1303 Introduction to Human Sexuality
PSYC 2003 General Psychology	

9 hours from the following core courses or committee-approved special topics courses (taken from two different departments):

ANTH 3533 Medical Anthropology	HIST 3923H Honors Colloquium: History of Addiction
ANTH 3563 Culture and Medicine	HIST 4883 Health & Disease: 1500 to the Present
CHLP 310V Health Coaches I	HUMN/SCWK 3163 On Death and Dying
CHLP 320V Health Coaches II	PBHL 2663 Terminology for the Health Professions
CHLP 330V Health Coaches III	PBHL 4643 Multicultural Health
CIED Survey of Exceptionalities	PHIL 3123 Bioethics
COMM 3763 Health Communication	SCWK 4183 Social Work with Elders
COMM 3923H Honors Colloquium: Patient-Provider Communication	SOCI 3413 Special Topics (Sociology of Medicine)
ENGL 3873 Medical Humanities Colloquium	SOCI 4013 Special Topics (Mental Health & Illness)
Study Abroad: Puebla & Ireland Health-Focused	SPAN 4583 Adv. Spanish for Health Professions

6 hours from the following elective courses:

ANTH 3583 Body and Identity	HDFS 4423 Adult Development
COMM 2323 Interpersonal Communication	HIST 3333 LGBTQ-Plus Histories
COMM 4343 Intercultural Communication	PHIL 4093 Philosophy of Race and Gender
COMM 4763 Health Communication Campaigns	PHIL 4213 Philosophy of Science
HDFS 1403 Life Span Development	PSYC 3013 Social Psychology
HDFS 2413 Family Relations	PSYC 3023 Abnormal Psychology
HDFS 2433 Child Development	PSYC 3093 Developmental Psychology
HDFS 3423 Adolescent Development	PSYC 3103 Cognitive Psychology
HDFS 3443 Families in Crisis	SCWK 4143 Addiction and the Family
HDFS 3453 Parenting and Family Dynamics	SOCI 3193 Race, Class, and Gender in America
HDFS 3463 The Hospitalized Child: Child Life Programming	SOCI 3723 Deviant Behavior
	SOCI 4153 Race and Society

At least 9 total hours must be in courses numbered 3000 or above. A maximum of 6 hours will be allowed from any one department. Students may petition the Medical and Health Humanities Steering Committee to have other courses accepted as requirements for the minor.

Any courses listed in multiple categories may only count in one category, not both.

Courses completed beyond the 9 hours required for the MEDH Core classes can count toward the MEDH Electives.