

MEDICAL HUMANITIES MINOR

Description

Medical humanities is an interdisciplinary field that explores, from multiple perspectives, connections between humans, cultures, medicine and allied health sciences. Medical humanities complements the health sciences, and encompasses the humanities, social sciences and the arts. It includes topics related to: health and illness; the interactions between health practices and conceptions of personhood, gender, and community; beliefs; practices, healing and ethics across cultures; the nature of suffering; and models of wellness.

The minor in medical humanities provides students who are interested in careers in medicine, nursing, public health, psychology, social work, health education, and other allied health sciences, with courses that complement and support their studies. The minor is intentionally flexible and interdisciplinary, reflecting both the needs of students and the nature of the discipline. It includes options and opportunities such as distance education and service learning. The medical humanities minor helps students to increase their understanding of the nature of illness, health, wellness, healing and medicine by exploring these topics in relation to:

- inclusivity and diversity
- ethics, religion and culture
- narrative medicine, communication, fine arts

Other Information

All coursework taken for the medical humanities minor must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

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Requirements

Undergraduate students seeking to minor in medical humanities must complete at least 15 credit hours of medical humanities courses with a grade of C- or higher and include at least one course from each of three core areas or blocks related to the study and practice of medical humanities: Block 1) inclusivity and diversity; Block 2) ethics, religion and culture; Block 3) narrative medicine, communication, fine arts.

A minimum of 9 out of the 15 credit hours of coursework must be upper division (3000 or higher) courses.

Please note: As this is a new minor, courses are being added. As new courses are being added on an on-going basis, students should select medical humanities courses in consultation with their minor advisor who will provide them with the most recent list of course options.

Courses Fulfilling the Core Area/Block Requirements

Students must choose at least one course from each of the three core areas or blocks below. The rest of the 15 credit minor requirement may consist of coursework chosen from the medical humanities minor full course listings. No less than 9 out of the 15 total credit hours for the minor must be taken at the 3000-4000 level.

Block Requirement Options

MEDH 1000 Introduction to Medical Humanities will fulfill one Block requirement. That is, a MEDH minor taking MEDH 1000 may use it to satisfy the requirement of three hours of coursework from Block 1, 2, or 3.

MEDH 3000 Medical Humanities Commons will fulfill one Block requirement. Attribution to Block 1, 2, or 3 will be handled through advisement, as the topic may change from semester to semester.

Code	Title	Credits
Block 1: Inclusivity and Diversity		
BLST 3980	SPECIAL TOPICS IN BLACK STUDIES (HIV and AIDS in Africa)	3
GERO 4480	GLOBAL AGEING	3
GERO/PHHB/WGST 4550	HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING	3
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 1 attribute)	3
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 1 ATTRIBUTE)	1-3
PHHB/GERO 3070	DEATH AND DYING	3
PHIL 3480	PHILOSOPHY OF RACE	3
PHIL/WGST 3490	GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY	3
PSYC 2500	LIFESPAN PSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC 3820	MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY	3
SOC 4440	HUMAN CONNECTION, LONELINESS, & HEALTH	3
SOC/PHHB 4700	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ISSUES OF DIVERSITY	3
SOC 4800	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (Health & Stratification)	3
SOC 4830	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS	3
Block 2: Ethics, Religion and Culture		
ANTH 4230	ETHNOMEDICINES OF THE AMERICAS	3
ANTH 4240	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3
ANTH/NAMS 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH	3
ANTH 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Free Healthcare, Clinical Cultures, and Health Disparities)	3
ANTH/NAMS 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Native American Health and Wellness)	3
HIST/MEDH 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT	3
MEDH/PHIL 2300	HUMAN VALUES IN MEDICINE	3
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 2 attribute)	3
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 2 ATTRIBUTE)	1-3
PHIL 3450	PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE	3
PHIL 3500	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY (Myth, Medicine & Cosmology, Neuroethics)	3
PSYC 4680	POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, HEALTH, & WELL-BEING	3
PSYC 4800	LAW & PSYCHOLOGY: ETHICS, RESEARCH & SERVICE	3
RELI 2500	SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS	3
RELI 3020	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS	3
RELI 3030	SHAMANISM	3
RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Spirituality and Madness; Public Health, Religion, and Human Rights; Religion in Public Life)	3

RELI/BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS	3	ENGL 4970	WRITING ABOUT SICKNESS AND HEALTH	3
SPAN 3570	SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS	3	Environmental Studies		
Block 3: Narrative Medicine, Communication, Fine Arts			ENVN 4320	ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HUMAN HEALTH	3
ART 2600	SURVEY OF COMICS: MORE THAN CAPES AND TIGHTS (As topic appropriate)	3	Foreign Languages and Literature		
ART 3330	ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Theory & Practice in Public Health)	3	SPAN 1140	INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES	1
CMST 1310	PERSPECTIVES IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES	3	History		
CMST 4220	HEALTH COMMUNICATION	3	HIST/MEDH 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT	3
ENGL/MEDH 4950	BRINGING THE WAR HOME: DEPICTIONS OF WAR VETERANS IN LITERATURE AND FILM	3	Medical Humanities		
ENGL 4970	WRITING ABOUT SICKNESS AND HEALTH	3	MEDH 1000	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES	3
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 3 attribute)	3	MEDH/HIST 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT	3
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 3 ATTRIBUTE)	1-3	MEDH/PHIL 2300	HUMAN VALUES IN MEDICINE	3
MUS 2740	CHAMBER MUSIC (Sound Health)	1	MEDH 3000	MEDICAL HUMANITIES COMMONS	3
MUS 4660	HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR MUSICIANS	3	MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES	3
RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (First Nations, Spirit in Culture)	3	MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES	1-3
THEA 2310	ACTING I (Medical Humanities Section)	3	Native American Studies		
WRWS 3500	CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE ARTS (Medical Humanities Section)	3	NAMS/ANTH 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH	3
			NAMS/ANTH 4920	SPECIAL TOPICS IN NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (Native American Health & Wellness)	3

Medical Humanities Minor Full Course Listings

College of Arts and Sciences

Code	Title	Credits			
Anthropology					
ANTH 4230	ETHNOMEDICINES OF THE AMERICAS	3	PHIL 2030	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	3
ANTH 4240	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3	PHIL/MEDH 2300	HUMAN VALUES IN MEDICINE	3
ANTH/NAMS 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH	3	PHIL 3450	PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE	3
ANTH 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Free Healthcare, Clinical Cultures, and Health Disparities)	3	PHIL 3480	PHILOSOPHY OF RACE	3
ANTH/NAMS 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Native American Health and Wellness)	3	PHIL/WGST 3490	GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY	3
Biology					
BIOL 1060	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL CAREERS & ETHICS	2	PHIL 3500	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY (Myth, Medicine & Cosmology, Neuroethics)	3
BIOL 2060	ART AND SCIENCE OF MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING	3	Psychology		
Black Studies					
BLST 3980	SPECIAL TOPICS IN BLACK STUDIES (HIV and AIDS in Africa)	3	PSYC 2500	LIFESPAN PSYCHOLOGY	3
BLST/RELI 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS	3	PSYC 4440	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
English					
ENGL/MEDH 4950	BRINGING THE WAR HOME: DEPICTIONS OF WAR VETERANS IN LITERATURE AND FILM	3	PSYC/GERO 4460	PSYCHOLOGY OF ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	3
ENGL 4960	TOPICS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Writing Graphic Memoirs)	3	PSYC 4680	POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, HEALTH, & WELL-BEING	3
			PSYC 4800	LAW & PSYCHOLOGY: ETHICS, RESEARCH & SERVICE	3
			Religious Studies		
			RELI 2500	SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS	3
			RELI 3020	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS	3
			RELI 3030	SHAMANISM	3
			RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Religion in Public Life; First Nations, Spirit in Culture, Compassion; Spirituality and Madness; Public Health, Religion and Human Rights)	3
			RELI/BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS	3
			Sociology		
			SOC 3820	MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY	3
			SOC 4200	SOCIOLOGY OF THE BODY	3
			SOC 4440	HUMAN CONNECTION, LONELINESS, & HEALTH	3

SOC/PHHB 4700	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ISSUES OF DIVERSITY	3
SOC 4800	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (Health & Stratification)	3
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Spanish

SPAN 1140	INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES	1
SPAN 3570	SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS	3

Women's and Gender Studies

WGST 2020	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES: HUMANITIES	3
WGST/PHHB 3080	HEALTH CONCEPTS OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT	3
WGST/PHIL 3490	GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY	3
WGST/PHHB/GERO 4550	HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING	3

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

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Art

ART 2600	SURVEY OF COMICS: MORE THAN CAPES AND TIGHTS (As topic appropriate)	3
ART 3330	ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Public Health focus-please check with the professor)	3

Music

MUS 2740	CHAMBER MUSIC (Sound Health Service Learning component)	1
MUS 4000	SPECIAL STUDIES IN MUSIC (Health & Wellness for Musicians)	3

Communication Studies

CMST 1310	PERSPECTIVES IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES	3
CMST 2010	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION	3
CMST 2410	SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP	3
CMST 4220	HEALTH COMMUNICATION	3
THEA 2310	ACTING I (MH Section)	3
WRWS 3500	CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE ARTS (MH Section)	3

College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

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Public Health and Health Behavior

PHHB 2850	STRESS MANAGEMENT	3
PHHB/GERO 3070	DEATH AND DYING	3
PHHB/WGST 3080	HEALTH CONCEPTS OF SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT	3
PHHB/WGST/GERO 4550	HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING	3
PHHB/SOC 4700	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ISSUES OF DIVERSITY	3

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

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Gerontology

GERO/PHHB 3070	DEATH AND DYING	3
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GERO 4350	ISSUES IN AGING	3
GERO/PSYC 4460	PSYCHOLOGY OF ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING	3
GERO/PHHB/WGST 4550	HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING	3
GERO/SOWK 4850	HOSPICE & OTHER SERVICES FOR THE DYING PATIENT/FAMILY	3

Recommended Courses

Recommended courses for students interested in pursuing a minor in Medical Humanities (but not counting directly toward the minor) include:

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 1050	INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY	3
BLST 1000	INTRODUCTION TO BLACK STUDIES	3
CMST 4170	ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION	3
CMST 4530	INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION-US	3
CMST 4700	INTERPERSONAL CONFLICT	3
GERO 2000	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY	3
NAMS 1100	INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	3
PHIL 1210	CRITICAL REASONING	3
PSYC 1010	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY I	3
PSYC 1020	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY II	3
RELI 1010	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD	3
SOC 1010	INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY	3
WGST 2010	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3

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