The Health and Society minor is designed to expose undergraduate students to sociological theory concerning the operation of the health care industry and social trends in health care phenomena. Coursework focuses on realities of an aging population including the demographics and meaning of death, social factors in disease and illness, the social distribution of physical and mental health, and social aspects of the health care industry and health care delivery. The minor provides students with an employment foundation in the social aspects of the health care industry.

**Overview:**
Students must complete 3 required courses (9 hours) and 3 electives (9 hours) for a total of 18 hours of course work in Sociology. The required courses are: Sociology 2290 (Sociology of Death and Dying), Sociology 5450 (Sociology of Global Health and Illness), and either Sociology 3630 (Medical Sociology) or Sociology 5629 (Health Disparities in Social Context).

Students majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies are required to consult with a Sociology academic counselor to develop a curriculum plan.

The minor is NOT available to Sociology majors.

Sociology 3191 does not count towards the minor.

**3 Required courses:**
- Sociology 2290  Sociology of Death and Dying
- Sociology 5450  Sociology of Global Health and Illness

*Choose one of the following courses:*  
- Sociology 3630  Medical Sociology  
- Sociology 5629  Health Disparities in Social Context

**Elective courses:**
- SOCIO 2202, 2210, 2300, 2309, 2310, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2345, 2367.01H, 2367.02, 2367.03H, 2370, 2391, 3200, 3302, 3306, 3315, 3380, 3410, 3430, 3434, 3435, 3460, 2463/2463H, 3464, 3467, 3487, 3488, 3549, 3597.01, 3597.02, 3630 or 5629, 4000S/E, 4505, 4506, 4508, 4509, 4511, 4591S, 4609, 4610, 4635, 4650, 4655, 4666, 4998, 5503, 5605, 5680.

**Sociology Department minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation**  
No

**Credit hours required**  
18 hours. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be at the 3000 level or above.

**Transfer and EM credit hours allowed**  
A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination toward the minor

**Overlap with the GE**  
A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and a minor

**Overlap with the major and additional minors**
- The minor must be in a different subject from the major (as identified by the registrar’s official listing of approved majors)
- Each minor completed must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e., if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with the major or with another minor)

**Grades required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

**X193: No more than 3 credit hours.**

**Minor Approval**  
The minor may be approved by the student's College/School Advising Office via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Dept. of Sociology advisor.

**Filing the minor program form**  
A minor program form is not required. The DAR certifies the minor. The minor must be declared at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the student’s College/School Advising Office.

**Changing the minor**  
Once the minor is certified as a part of applying for graduation, any changes must be approved by an advisor in the Dept. of Sociology.