

The Ohio State University
College of Arts and Sciences

Medical Humanities Minor

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This 15-credit hour interdisciplinary undergraduate minor in Medical Humanities instructs students about the social and cultural contexts of health, illness, and medical care. The minor offers critical perspectives on medicine not only as a body of technical and scientific knowledge, but also as a cultural process. It will benefit students seeking to do graduate work in fields related to the health professions, those seeking employment in the health professions immediately after graduation, and those seeking to expand their knowledge of issues in health care as part of their undergraduate education.

No more than 9 credit hours can be taken in one Department.

Required foundational course (3 credit hours)

Choose one course from the following:

Classics 2204: Medicine in the Ancient World
Comp Studies 3645: Cultures of Medicine
English 3361: Narrative and Medicine
History 2705: History of Medicine in Western Society

Optional capstone (3 credit hours)

English 4410: Healthcare Experiences: Observing, Reading, Writing

Elective requirements (9-12 credit hours)

Choose at least four courses from these electives (12 credit hours). **If completing optional capstone, choose at least three courses from these electives** (9 credit hours).

Anthrop 3302: Intro to Medical Anthropology
Anthrop 3305: Intro to Forensic Anthropology
Anthrop 3411: Human Ecological Adaptations
Anthrop 3597.02: Women, Culture & Development
Anthrop 5600: Evolutionary Medicine
Anthrop 5602: Women's Health in Global Perspective
Anthrop 5615: Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior

Classics 2204: Medicine in the Ancient World
Comm 4736: Health Communication in Interpersonal Contexts
Comm 4737: Health Communication in Mass Mediated Contexts
Comm 4738: Health Communication and New Media
CmpStd 2340: Introduction to Cultures of Science and Technology
CmpStd 3645: Cultures of Medicine
CmpStd 4845: Gender, Sexuality, and Science
English 2277: Introduction to Disability Studies
English 3361: Narrative and Medicine
English 4597.01: Disability Experience in the Contemporary World
Hthrhsc 2530: The Evolving Art and Science of Medicine
History 2066: History of Medicine in Film
History 2703: History of Public Health, Medicine and Disease
History 2705: History of Medicine in Western Society
History 3701: History of American Medicine
Philos 3341H: Ethical Conflicts in Health Care Research, Policy, and Practice
Psych 4531: Health Psychology
Psych 4571: Psychology of Developmental Disabilities
Psych 4597.01: Contemporary World: Aging, Health, and Psychological Functioning in the Modern World

Pubhhbp 3510: Role of Behavior in Public Health
Publth 2010: Introduction to Global Public Health
Sociol 2290: Sociology of Death and Dying
Sociol 3597.02: World Population Problems
Sociol 3630: Medical Sociology
Sociol 5450: Sociology of Global Health and Illness
Sociol 5629: Health Disparities in Social Context
WGSST 2325: Health and Inequality
WGSST 2326: Women and Addiction: A Feminist Perspective
WGSST 2326S: Feminist Perspectives on Addiction (Service Learning)
WGSST: 4189.01S: Reproductive Rights and Justice (Service Learning)

Illustrative Pathways:

History and Culture Emphasis: Classics 2204 OR History 2705; History 3701; Anthrop 5615, CmpStd 4845, English 4410

Narrative and Communication Emphasis: English 3361, History 2066; Comm 4736, 4737, 4738

Gender Emphasis: Comp Studies 3645 and 4845; Sociol 5629; WGSST 2325; English 4410

Medical Humanities Minor program guidelines

The following guidelines govern this minor:

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 15 credit hrs. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 9 credit hrs must be at the 3000 level or above. No more than 9 credit hours in one Department.

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.

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

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

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

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval The minor course work must be approved by the Department of English, or the ASC advisor.

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the Department of English or the ASC advisor.

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