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 5738: 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
- Hhrhsc 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

### 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; Social 5629; WGST 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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