

# Medical Humanities (MEDH)

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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 Humanities

A minimum of 18 hours consisting of the following:

Choose one introductory course:	3
ANTH 10203 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ACTS Equivalency = ANTH 2013)	
COMM 10203 Communication in a Diverse World	
HIST 11293 Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (ACTS Equivalency = HIST 1123)	
PHIL 21003 Introduction to Ethics (ACTS Equivalency = PHIL 1003)	
PSYC 20003 General Psychology (ACTS Equivalency = PSYC 1103)	
SOCI 10103 General Sociology (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 1013)	
SOCI 20103 Social Problems (ACTS Equivalency = SOCI 2013)	
GNST 20003 Introduction to Gender Studies	
PBHL 13003 Introduction to Human Sexuality	
Nine credit hours from the following core courses or committee-approved special topics courses (taken from two different departments)	9
ANTH 35303 Medical Anthropology	
ANTH 35603 Culture and Medicine	
CHLP 3100V Health Coaches I	
CHLP 3200V Health Coaches II	
CHLP 3300V Health Coaches III	

CIED 30203 Survey of Exceptionalities	
COMM 37603 Health Communication	
COMM 329H3 Honors Colloquium (Topic: Patient-Provider Communication)	
ENGL 34403 Topics in Literature, Medicine, and Science or ENGL 344H3 Honors Topics in Literature, Medicine, and Science	
ENGL 38703 Seminar in Medical Humanities or ENGL 387H3 Honors Seminar in Medical Humanities	
GNST 21203 Gender, Bodies, and Technologies	
HIST 12303 History of Race and Medicine or AAST 123H3 History of Race and Medicine	
HIST 392H3 Honors Colloquium (Topic: History of Addiction)	
HIST 48803 Health and Disease: 1500 to the Present	
PBHL 26603 Terminology for the Health Professions	
PBHL 46403 Multicultural Health	
PHIL 31203 Bioethics	
SCWK 31603 On Death and Dying	
SOCI 34103 Special Topics (Topic: Sociology of Medicine)	
SOCI 40103 Special Topics in Sociology (Topic: Mental Health & Illness)	
SPAN 45803 Advanced Spanish for Health Professions	
Study Abroad: Health-focused trips to Africa, Belize, Ireland, United Kingdom, Puebla, or Sweden. Only three credit hours from study abroad may count toward the minor.	
Six credit hours from the elective courses list below. Core courses listed above may also count toward this requirement if not already being used.	6
ANTH 35803 Body and Identity	
COMM 23203 Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 43403 Intercultural Communication	
COMM 47603 Health Communication Campaigns	
HDFS 14003 Life Span Development	
HDFS 24103 Family Relations	
HDFS 24303 Child Development	
HDFS 34603 The Hospitalized Child: Child Life Programming	
HDFS 34203 Adolescent Development	
HDFS 34403 Families in Crisis	
HDFS 34503 Parenting and Family Dynamics	
HDFS 44203 Adult Development	
HIST 33303 LGBTQ+ Histories	
PHIL 31003 Ethics and the Professions	
PHIL 40903 Special Topics in Philosophy (Topic: Philosophy of Race and Gender)	
PHIL 42103 Philosophy of Science	
PSYC 30103 Social Psychology	
PSYC 30203 Psychopathology	
PSYC 30903 Developmental Psychology (ACTS Equivalency = PSYC 2103)	
PSYC 31003 Cognitive Psychology	
SCWK 41403 Addiction and the Family	
SOCI 31903 Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	
SOCI 32203 Social Psychology	
SOCI 37203 Deviant Behavior	

SOCI 40103	Special Topics in Sociology (Topic: Human Trafficking)
SOCI 41503	Race and Society

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**Total Hours** **18**

At least nine credit hours must be in courses numbered 3000 or higher. A maximum of 6 credit hours will be allowed from any one department.

Students may petition the Medical Humanities Steering Committee to have other courses accepted as requirements for the minor. Additionally, the committee intends to update these elective options if and when relevant new courses become available.

## Courses

### **MEDH 32203. Special Topics in Medical Humanities. 3 Hours.**

Examines the intersections between medical and health topics with humanities or social science fields. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years) May be repeated for degree credit.