

# 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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## Medical Humanities Minor 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. Excluding MEDH courses, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be taken from a single discipline. For example, a student may count only 6 credits hours with an ENGL prefix toward the minor.

## 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
<b>Block 1: Inclusivity and Diversity</b>		
GEOG 3020	HEALTH & MEDICAL GEOGRAPHY	
GERO 4480	GLOBAL AGEING	
GERO/PHHB/WGST 4550	HEALTH ASPECTS OF AGING	
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 1 attribute)	
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 1 ATTRIBUTE)	
PHHB/GERO 3070	DEATH AND DYING	
PHIL 3480	PHILOSOPHY OF RACE	
PHIL/WGST 3490	GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY	
PSYC 2500	LIFESPAN PSYCHOLOGY	
SOC 3820	MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 4440	HUMAN CONNECTION, LONELINESS, & HEALTH	
SOC/PHHB 4700	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ISSUES OF DIVERSITY	
SOC 4800	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (Health & Stratification)	
SOC 4830	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS	
SPAN 1140	INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES	
SPAN/LLS 4510	ILLNESS AND DISEASE IN SOUTHERN CONE LATIN AMERICAN LITERATURES AND CULTURES	
<b>Block 2: Ethics, Religion and Culture</b>		
ANTH 4230	ETHNOMEDICINES OF THE AMERICAS	
ANTH 4240	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH/NAMS 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH	
ANTH/MEDH 4280	CLINICAL ETHNOGRAPHY	
ANTH/MEDH 4290	DRUG USE, ADDICTION, & CULTURE	
ANTH 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY	
HIST/MEDH 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT	
MEDH/PHIL 2300	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS	
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 2 attribute)	
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 2 ATTRIBUTE)	
PHIL 3450	PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE	
PHIL 3500	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY (Myth, Medicine & Cosmology, Neuroethics)	
PSYC 4680	POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, HEALTH, & WELL-BEING	
PSYC 4800	LAW & PSYCHOLOGY: ETHICS, RESEARCH & SERVICE	
RELI 2500	SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS	
RELI 3020	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS	

RELI 3030	SHAMANISM
RELI 3500	TOPICS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (Spirituality and Madness; Religion in Public Life, Compassion)
RELI/BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS
RELI 4210	PUBLIC HEALTH, RELIGION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS
SPAN 3570	SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
<b>Block 3: Narrative Medicine, Communication, Fine Arts</b>	
ART 2100	LIFE DRAWING I (^)
ART 2110	LIFE DRAWING II (^)
ART 2600	SURVEY OF COMICS: MORE THAN CAPES AND TIGHTS (As topic appropriate)
ART 3330	ART IN PUBLIC PLACES (Theory & Practice in Public Health)
ART/MEDH 3440	EXPLORING ART THERAPY
CMST 1310	PERSPECTIVES IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CMST 4220	HEALTH COMMUNICATION
ENGL/MEDH 4940	PUBLISHING THE LINDEN REVIEW
ENGL 4960	TOPICS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Writing Graphic Memoir)
ENGL/MEDH 4950	BRINGING THE WAR HOME: DEPICTIONS OF WAR VETERANS IN LITERATURE AND FILM
ENGL 4970	WRITING ABOUT SICKNESS AND HEALTH
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (Topic with a Block 3 attribute)
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES (TOPIC WITH A BLOCK 3 ATTRIBUTE)
MUS 2700	UNIVERSITY CHORUS
MUS 2740	CHAMBER MUSIC
MUS 2760	UNIVERSITY CONCERT BAND
MUS 2770	JAZZ ENSEMBLE
MUS 4100	CONCERT CHOIR
MUS 4130	UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA
MUS 4160	SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE
MUS 4660	HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR MUSICIANS
RELI 4060	FIRST NATIONS: SPIRIT IN ARTS AND CULTURES
SPAN 4330	LINGUISTIC JUSTICE AND LATINO HEALTH
THEA 1300	ACTING I (Medical Humanities Section)
WRWS 3500	CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE ARTS (Medical Humanities Section)

## Medical Humanities Minor Full Course Listings

**College of Arts and Sciences**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Anthropology</b>		
ANTH 4230	ETHNOMEDICINES OF THE AMERICAS	
ANTH 4240	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
ANTH/NAMS 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH	

ANTH 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Free Healthcare, Clinical Cultures, and Health Disparities)
ANTH/NAMS 4920	SEMINAR IN ANTHROPOLOGY (Native American Health and Wellness)
<b>Biology</b>	
BIOL 1060	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL CAREERS & ETHICS
BIOL 2060	ART AND SCIENCE OF MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING
<b>Black Studies</b>	
BLST/RELI 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS
<b>English</b>	
ENGL/MEDH 4950	BRINGING THE WAR HOME: DEPICTIONS OF WAR VETERANS IN LITERATURE AND FILM
ENGL 4960	TOPICS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (Writing Graphic Memoirs)
ENGL 4970	WRITING ABOUT SICKNESS AND HEALTH
<b>Foreign Languages and Literature</b>	
SPAN 1140	INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH FOR HEALTH SCIENCES
<b>History</b>	
HIST/MEDH 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT
<b>Medical Humanities</b>	
MEDH 1000	INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES
MEDH/HIST 2030	HISTORY OF MEDICINE: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE PRESENT
MEDH/PHIL 2300	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
MEDH 3000	MEDICAL HUMANITIES COMMONS
MEDH 4000	TOPICS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES
MEDH 4990	INDEPENDENT STUDY IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES
<b>Native American Studies</b>	
NAMS/ANTH 4270	DECOLONIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH
NAMS/ANTH 4920	SPECIAL TOPICS IN NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES (Native American Health & Wellness)
<b>Philosophy</b>	
PHIL 2030	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS
PHIL/MEDH 2300	BIOMEDICAL ETHICS
PHIL 3450	PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE
PHIL 3480	PHILOSOPHY OF RACE
PHIL/WGST 3490	GENDER AND PHILOSOPHY
PHIL 3500	PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY (Myth, Medicine & Cosmology, Neuroethics)
<b>Psychology</b>	
PSYC 2500	LIFESPAN PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 4440	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC/GERO 4460	PSYCHOLOGY OF ADULT DEVELOPMENT AND AGING
PSYC 4680	POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY, HEALTH, & WELL-BEING
PSYC 4800	LAW & PSYCHOLOGY: ETHICS, RESEARCH & SERVICE
<b>Religious Studies</b>	

RELI 2500	SPIRITUALITY AND WELLNESS
RELI 3020	NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIONS
RELI 3030	SHAMANISM
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)
RELI/BLST 4030	AFRICANA RELIGIONS

**Sociology**

SOC 3820	MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY
SOC 4200	SOCIOLOGY OF THE BODY
SOC 4440	HUMAN CONNECTION, LONELINESS, & HEALTH
SOC/PHHB 4700	WOMEN'S HEALTH AND ISSUES OF DIVERSITY
SOC 4800	CONTEMPORARY TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY (Health & Stratification)
SOC 4830	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH & ILLNESS

**Spanish**

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

**Women's and Gender Studies**

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

**College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media**

Code	Title	Credits
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**Art**

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

**Music**

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

**Communication Studies**

CMST 1310	PERSPECTIVES IN COMMUNICATION STUDIES
CMST 2010	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION
CMST 2410	SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP
CMST 4220	HEALTH COMMUNICATION
THEA 1300	ACTING I (MH Section)
WRWS 3500	CREATIVE WRITING FOR THE ARTS (MH Section)

**College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences**

Code	Title	Credits
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**Public Health and Health Behavior**

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

**College of Public Affairs and Community Service**

Code	Title	Credits
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**Gerontology**

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

**Recommended Courses**

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

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

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