

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  
Pharmacy 3540: Health Citizenship: Advocacy & Change-Making  
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  
Pubhlth 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:

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 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 graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval: The minor is complete if a student takes the above coursework and meets the requirements on this sheet. Meeting with an advisor in the academic unit offering the minor is not required

Changing the minor Any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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