

Health, Humanities, and Society, Minor

The health, humanities, and society minor is designed for students who would like to learn how to think capaciously and creatively about health using the rigorous, precise, and flexible skills trained by the social sciences and the humanities. The social sciences teach students to think about the social, economic, and political factors that structure health conditions and outcomes in particular societies, while the humanities train students to navigate the complexities of interpersonal interaction and their ethical implications, to relate the micro to the macro and texts to contexts, to historicize encounters, to communicate accurately and effectively across a variety of media, and to engage in creative analytical thinking about healthcare. The landscape of healthcare is quickly changing, and this training will equip students well not only for the diverse forms of health work that exist today, but for as yet unimaginable varieties of health-related work in the future.

This minor is structured around the particular competencies that the social sciences and humanities train. Those competencies are narrative and historical perspective, critical attention and observation, ethics and judgment, performance and creativity, and social and structural proficiency. Rather than adopting the more traditional approach of connecting particular skills to particular disciplines (say, narrative to literature and observation to art history), this minor builds from discipline-specific health knowledge while training students to think across disciplines. Thus, it will not be unusual for students to find a single course addressing multiple competencies or to take courses in different disciplines that address the same competency from distinct but complementary perspectives.

This minor is housed in the Humanities Center of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities in partnership with the Bouvé College of Health Sciences.

Minor Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified.

Required Courses

No more than two courses, in addition to the introductory course, may be taken under the 2000 level.

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course		
INSH 1300	Introduction to Health and Humanities	4
Humanities Requirement		
Complete two of the following:		8
ENGL 2770	Writing to Heal	
ENGL 3460	The Archives of Public Health	
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine	
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	
HIST 3344	The History of Western Public Health	
INSH 2300	Culture, Technology, and the Future of Health	
PHIL 1165	Moral and Social Problems in Healthcare	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 3065	Bioethics in the Age of Big Data	
WMNS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
Social Sciences Requirement		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora	
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya	
ANTH 4580	Special Topics in Anthropology	
ARCH 5312	Mapping and Building Health	
ECON 1230	Healthcare and Medical Economics	
HLTH 5280	The (in)Visibility of (dis)Ability in Society	
PHTH 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
PHTH 2300	Communication Skills for the Health Professions	
or PHTH 2301	Communication Skills for the Health Professions—Global	
PHTH 4120	Global Perspectives on Discrimination and Health	
PHTH 5202	Introduction to Epidemiology	
PHTH 5234	Economic Perspectives on Health Policy	

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SOCL 1295	Drugs and Society
SOCL 2303	Gender and Reproductive Justice
SOCL 3441	Sociology of Health and Illness

GPA Requirement

2.000 GPA required in the minor