

# HEALTH HUMANITIES - MINOR

The cross-disciplinary field of Health Humanities is growing in popularity at the baccalaureate level as more and more students realize the importance of having a critically-engaged, humanities-led approach to understanding health and illness. This minor fills the growing need by offering students a strong grounding in the humanistic study of health issues. Required courses develop skills of cross-disciplinary health studies in English, with students completing nine hours in courses such as narrative medicine and graphic medicine, literature and medicine, and health rhetoric. Students take an additional nine hours of electives, including courses that engage the ethics and philosophy of care, gender and race-based disparities in health, cross-cultural health communication, as well as social science and science electives. Students finish the minor with a required senior capstone course, which requires them to develop a unique Health Humanities research project related to their ongoing professional and educational goals. This minor is conceptualized with a critical framework: the coursework encourages students not only to take an interdisciplinary approach to understanding current and historical issues related to health, but also to critically reflect upon the methods of study they employ, and the future of Health Humanities as a field.

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 107	Introduction to the Health Humanities	3
	or ENGL 292 or Introduction To Literature And Medicine	
ENGL 342	The Rhetoric of Gender and Health	3
	or ENGL 391 or Topics in Literature and Medicine	
ENGL 482	Health Humanities Senior Seminar	3
	Select three of the following: <sup>1</sup>	9
	AFST 317/ Racial and Ethnic Relations	
	SOCI 317	
	ANTH 409 Science, Pseudoscience and Critical Thinking in Anthropology	
	ANTH 426 Anthropology of Food and Nutrition	
	ANTH 435 Medical Anthropology	
	COMM 315 Interpersonal Communication	
	COMM 335 Intercultural Communication	
	COMM 370 Health Communication	
	COMM 420/Gender and Communication	
	WGST 420	
	COMM 470 Communication in Health Care Contexts	
	COMM 471 Media, Health and Medicine	
	ENGL 359 Forms of Creative Writing <sup>2</sup>	
	ENGL 394 Studies in Genre <sup>2</sup>	
	EPSY 430 Creativity Theories and Research	
	GEOG 202 Geography of the Global Village	
	GEOG 311 Cultural Geography	
	HLTH 236 Introduction to Health Disparities and Diversity	

HLTH 334	Women's Health	
HIST 362	History of Science	
HIST 363	History of Science in America	
HIST 364	From Axes to iPads - History of Innovation and Technology in America	
HIST 366/ RELS 366	Religion in Modern America	
HIST 376	Great Scientists in History	
HIST 476/ WGST 476	Sex and Sexuality in History	
INTS 407	Diversity in a Globalized World	
PBSI 208	Stereotypes, Prejudice, and Minority Experience	
PBSI 320	Sensation-Perception	
PBSI 350	Cognitive Neuroscience	
PBSI 360	Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine	
PHIL 251	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 305	Philosophy of the Natural Sciences	
PHIL 480	Medical Ethics	
SOCI 205	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 408	Death and Dying	
SOCI 425	Medical Sociology	
VIBS 310	Biomedical Writing <sup>3</sup>	
VIBS 311	Biomedical Explorations through Narrative <sup>3</sup>	
VIBS 413	Introduction to Epidemiology	
VTPB 212	Genetics in the News	
VTPB 221	Great Diseases of the World	
WGST 401	Feminist Theory	
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> At least three credit hours must be taken at the 300-level or above.

<sup>2</sup> Topic must be related to Health Humanities. Consult with minor advisor.

<sup>3</sup> If enrolled in a one credit hour class, student will have to select more than three courses from the list to meet the 9 hour elective requirement to complete the minor.