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

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<td>ENGL 107</td>
<td>Introduction to the Health Humanities</td>
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<td>The Rhetoric of Gender and Health</td>
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<td>ENGL 482</td>
<td>Advanced Studies in Health Humanities</td>
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Select three of the following:  

1. AFST 317/ SOCI 317 Racial and Ethnic Relations  
2. ANTH 409 Science, Pseudoscience and Critical Thinking in Anthropology  
3. ANTH 426 Anthropology of Food and Nutrition  
4. ANTH 435 Medical Anthropology  
5. COMM 315 Interpersonal Communication  
6. COMM 335 Intercultural Communication  
7. COMM 370 Health Communication  
8. COMM 420/Gender and Communication  
9. WGST 420   
10. COMM 470 Communication in Health Care Contexts  
11. COMM 471 Media, Health and Medicine  
12. ENGL 359 Forms of Creative Writing  
13. ENGL 394 Studies in Genre  
14. EPSY 430 Creativity Theories and Research  
15. GEOG 202 Geography of the Global Village  
16. 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/ SOCI 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  
VIBS 311 Biomedical Explorations through Narrative  
VIBS 413 Introduction to Epidemiology  
VTPB 212 Genetics in the News  
VTPB 221 Great Diseases of the World  
WGST 401 Feminist Theory

Total Semester Credit Hours 18

1 At least three credit hours must be taken at the 300-level or above.  
2 Topic must be related to Health Humanities. Consult with minor advisor.  
3 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.