

Medical Humanities, Minor

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<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/medicalhumanities/>

Medical Humanities is an interdisciplinary, humanistic, and cultural study of illness, health, health care, and the body. In contrast to the medical sciences, the medical humanities – which include bioethics, narrative medicine, history of medicine, culture studies, science and technology studies, medical anthropology, philosophy, dance, music, literature, film, and visual and performing arts – focus more on meaning making than measurement.

Students explore the boundaries between sickness and health, and learn to see life through a patient's eyes. Topics include the authority of the physician, the role of the hospital, the doctor-patient relationship, the social dimensions of racial and gender differences, and changing conceptions of disease and healing.

The minor may be combined with any major and of particular interest to those students planning to attend medical school, nursing school, pharmacy school, and public health school, as well as students in the humanities seeking to pursue graduate work in the field of medical humanities.

Requirements for the Minor in Medical Humanities

A. Select one of the following:

MED HUM 1	Health, Wellness, and Conception of the Body
MED HUM 3	Art and Medicine

B. Select one of the following:

CLASSIC 10	Scientific and Specialized Terminology
DANCE 3	Scientific Concepts of Health
GEN&SEX 60A	Gender and Science
PHILOS 3	Technology and Society
PHILOS 4	Introduction to Ethics
PHILOS 5	Contemporary Moral Problems

C. Select two of the following:

GEN&SEX 110D	The Politics of Health and Medicine
PHILOS 121A	Medical Epistemology
PHILOS 131C	Medical Ethics
MED HUM 195	Capstone Seminar: The Clinical Moral Laboratory

D. Select three additional courses (two of which must be upper-division) chosen from those listed above in A, B, and C, and among a list of quarterly approved courses. With the approval of the Co-Directors of the Minor in Medical Humanities, other relevant courses may satisfy the requirements for the minor.¹

¹ The list of quarterly approved courses is available on the Medical Humanities website (<http://www.humanities.uci.edu/medicalhumanities/>).

Residence Requirement for the Minor: Four upper-division courses required for the minor must be successfully completed at UCI. Two of the four may be taken through the UC Education Abroad Program, provided course content is approved in advance by the Co-Directors of the Minor in Medical Humanities.