

Medical Humanities, Minor

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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 137	Surviving Epidemics
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 those listed below. ¹	

Electives

AFAM 157	Critical Race Theory
ANTHRO 128B	Race, Gender, and Science
ANTHRO 134A	Medical Anthropology
ANTHRO 134B	Cultures of Biomedicine
ANTHRO 134C	Medicine, Food, and Health
ANTHRO 134F	Anthropology of the Body
ANTHRO 134N	Disease, Health, and Inequality
ANTHRO 139	Special Topics in Cultural and Psychological Anthropology
ANTHRO 180AW	Anthropology Majors Writing Seminar
ASIANAM 110	Asian American Writers
BIO SCI 11	Topics in Biological Sciences
CHC/LAT 168	Chicano/Latino Social Psychology
CHC/LAT 176	Race, Gender, and Science
CHC/LAT 178	Health and the Latino Paradox
CHC/LAT 178A	Medical Anthropology
CHC/LAT 179	Special Topics in Health, Medicine, and Psychosocial Dynamics

CLASSIC 160	Topics in Classical Literature in English Translation
CRM/LAW C100	Special Topics in Criminology, Law and Society
CRM/LAW C136	Forensic Psychology: Advanced Seminar
CRM/LAW C160	Forensic Psychology
CRM/LAW C178	Critical Race Theory
DRAMA 118	Special Topics in Modern and Contemporary Drama
GEN&SEX 110D	The Politics of Health and Medicine
GEN&SEX 120C	Practices of Embodiment
HISTORY 100W	Writing About History
HISTORY 135E	Topics in the History of Science and Technology
HISTORY 136D	Topics in the History of Medicine and Health Care
HISTORY 144G	Topics in American Cultural and Intellectual History
HISTORY 190	Colloquium
INTL ST 103A	Global Health
INTL ST 122	Nuclear Environments
INTL ST 189	Special Topics: Global Focus in International Studies
LIT JRN 101BW	Literary Journalism Core Writing Workshop
LIT JRN 103	Lectures on Topics in Literary Journalism
PHILOS 120	Topics in Metaphysics
PHILOS 140	Topics in Philosophy of Science
PSCI 102C	Abnormal Psychology
PSCI 103H	Health Psychology
PSCI 183S	Social Epidemiology
PSCI 136H	Behavioral Medicine
PSCI 156C	Forensic Psychology: Advanced Seminar
PSYCH 120A	Abnormal Psychology
PSYCH 124V	Psychology of Violence
PSYCH 146MW	Writing about Memory
PSYCH 160D	Brain Disorders and Behavior
SOCIOL 149	Special Topics: Structures
SOCIOL 151	Social Inequalities and Health
SOCIOL 154	Medical Sociology
SOCIOL 159	Special Topics: Social Institutions and Culture
SOCIOL 161	Sociology of Sex and Gender
SOCIOL 164	Sociology of Aging
SOC SCI 189	Special Topics in Social Sciences

¹ Each course in the list may be applied only when its content is deemed suitable by the Undergraduate Faculty Director of Medical Humanities. Other courses may be applied by petition with approval from the Undergraduate Faculty Director.

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.

- Humanities and Law, Minor
- Medical Humanities, Graduate Emphasis