

MEDICAL HUMANITIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

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Through a series of interdisciplinary courses, the Medical Humanities minor at UC Davis introduces students to the complexities of medicine, health, and sickness in the context of history, society, and culture. The courses for the minor focus on context in the sense of exploring the economic, social, political, and cross-cultural questions that form experiences of health and illness. In terms of experience, courses help explain what health and sickness feel like for individual people and what community wide health problems mean to the people affected. All of the courses involve critical and conceptual analyses that take on big questions such as: What does it mean to suffer? How should we care for the sick? What is the role of technology in caring for people? How have ideas about disease changed over time? How are diseases understood in different cultures? Finally, in terms of professional formation, we include courses that help students cultivate self-awareness in the sense of both the ability to empathize with other people while maintaining clarity about one's own limitations that comes with cultural humility.

Major Advisors

Consult the Program office.

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Required Courses | | 8 |
| ANT/STS 129 | Health & Medicine in a Global Context | |
| CHI 114 | Women of Color Reproductive Health & Reproductive Politics in a Global Perspective | |
| or CHI 114V | Women of Color Reproductive Health & Reproductive Politics in a Global Perspective | |
| HIS 107 | Medicine's Histories: Human & Veterinary Medicine from the Ancient World to One Health | |
| RST 152 | Justice, Equity, & Privacy in Medical Humanities | |
| RST 153 | Religion & Medicine | |
| SOC 162 | Society, Culture, & Health | |
| SOC 164 | Health Policy & Politics | |
| STS 122 | Health & Medical Technologies | |
| Electives | | 12 |
| ANT 121 | Special Topics in Medical Anthropology | |
| or STS 121 | Special Topics in Medical Anthropology | |
| ANT 132 | Psychological Anthropology | |
| HIS 109 | Environmental Change, Disease & Public Health | |
| HIS 112A | Topics in Pre-Modern Jewish History | |
| HIS 136 | Scientific Revolution | |
| HIS 172 | American Environmental History | |
| NAS 123 | Native Foods & Farming of the Americas | |
| or NAS 123V | Native Foods & Farming of the Americas | |
| PHI 108 | Philosophy of the Biological Sciences | |

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| PHI 115 | Problems in Normative Ethics |
| PHI 121 | Bioethics |
| RST 120 | Religion, Magic & Science |
| or STS 120 | Religion, Magic & Science |
| RST 150 | Religious Ethics |
| RST 160 | Introduction to Islamic Thought |
| RST 162 | Introduction to Islamic Law |
| SOC 162 | Society, Culture, & Health |
| STS 100 | Methods in Science, Technology, & Medicine Studies |
| STS 101 | Data & Society |
| STS 122 | Health & Medical Technologies |
| STS 130B | History of Modern Biology |
| STS 150 | Gender & Science |
| Total Units | 20 |