

HEALTH AND SOCIETY

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

The Health and Society minor explores the social, political, and economic processes that shape individual and population health. Disability, experiences of illness, categories of disorder, ideals of well-being, and models of medical intervention can all vary between cultural settings and across history. Rapid changes in medicine and biotechnology create new understandings and expectations about illness, health, and well-being. At the same time, inequalities in access to care and in health outcomes across populations, in the United States and globally, have become important to conversations in policy and practice alike. At the individual level, how and where one lives may influence a range of conditions and outcomes including mental health, the onset of diabetes, and the length of life. Health is also influenced—in both positive and negative ways—by our relationships and social networks. Finally, people's life chances and health trajectories form within frameworks of health care policy and systems of provision and exposure to environments that reflect historical legacies, economic activity, and political choices. To understand health in its broader contexts, this minor encompasses a range of disciplines and methods in the social sciences, and differential emphases on theory, practice, and policy implications.

A minor in Health and Society will provide a background for medical school, the allied health professions, public health, health policy, health advocacy, the study of law with an emphasis on health, and doctoral work in a range of social science disciplines.

APPLICATION TO THE HEALTH AND SOCIETY MINOR

College students in any field of study may complete a minor in Health and Society. The flexibility of this minor complements majors in any of the disciplines. Students who elect the minor program in Health and Society must contact the program manager before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor. The program manager must submit approval on the Consent to Complete a Minor Program (https://humanities-web.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/college-prod/s3fs-public/documents/Consent_Minor_Program.pdf) form provided by the College to the student's College adviser by the Spring Quarter of the student's third year.

THESIS PRIZE

The Health and Society program offers an annual prize for the best undergraduate thesis written about a topic that explores health and/or medicine from a social sciences perspective, broadly conceived. The prize will be awarded to a BA thesis that exemplifies the highest qualities of originality, disciplinary rigor, and relevance to health and society. Students enrolled in *any* program of study in the College are encouraged to apply. Submission details are available on the Health and Society website (<https://voices.uchicago.edu/healthandsocietyminor/>).

SUMMARY OF MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The Health and Society minor requires a total of five courses, including HLTH 17000 Introduction to Health and Society, which provides exposure to a range of approaches and perspectives in the social sciences, and four approved courses designated as counting toward the Health and Society minor. Please see the Approved Courses list below.

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| HLTH 17000 | Introduction to Health and Society | 100 |
| or HLTH 17001 | Introduction to Health and Society II | |
| Four electives chosen from the list of Approved Courses * | | 400 |
| Total Units | | 500 |

* Students may only include one of the following methods courses toward the minor: ANTH 21420 Ethnographic Methods, CHDV 20100 Human Development Research Design, CHDV 20101 Applied Statistics in Human Development Research, ECON 21010 Statistical Methods in Economics, PLSC 22913 Political Science Research Methods, SOCI 20001 Sociological Methods, SOCI 20004 Statistical Methods of Research, SOSC 20112 Introductory Statistical Methods and Applications for the Social Sciences, SOSC 20223 Ethnographic Research Methods, or SOSC 20224 Virtual Ethnographic Field Research Methods.

APPROVED COURSES

These courses may be used to satisfy the minor course requirements. Additional approved courses will be updated as they are added each quarter. Not all courses will be offered each year. Please check the Health and Society Minor website (<https://voices.uchicago.edu/healthandsocietyminor/>) for complete listings and for information about current course offerings.

Up to one of the following:

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| ANTH 21420 | Ethnographic Methods | 100 |
| CHDV 20100 | Human Development Research Design | 100 |

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| CHDV 20101 | Applied Statistics in Human Development Research | 100 |
| ECON 21010 | Statistical Methods in Economics | 100 |
| PLSC 22913 | Political Science Research Methods | 100 |
| SOCI 20001 | Sociological Methods | 100 |
| SOCI 20004 | Statistical Methods of Research | 100 |
| SOSC 20112 | Introductory Statistical Methods and Applications for the Social Sciences | 100 |
| SOSC 20223 | Ethnographic Research Methods | 100 |
| SOSC 20224 | Virtual Ethnographic Field Research Methods | 100 |
| Any of the following: | | |
| ANTH 21345 | Living with Toxins: Anthropology of Environmental Health | 100 |
| ANTH 23807 | Toxic: Body Burdens and Environmental Exposures | 100 |
| ANTH 24341 | Topics in Medical Anthropology | 100 |
| BPRO 22800 | Drinking Alcohol: Social Problem or Normal Cultural Practice? | 100 |
| BPRO 23100 | Food: From Need to Want, or, Ethics and Aesthetics | 100 |
| BPRO 28300 | Disability and Design | 100 |
| BPRO 28900 | Inequality: Origins, Dimensions, and Policy | 100 |
| CCTS 20400 | Health Disparities in Breast Cancer | 100 |
| CCTS 21011 | Clinical Research Design and Interpretation of Health Data | 100 |
| CCTS 21017 | Good Vibes Only: Spiritual Energy Healing and Alternative Medicine in America | 100 |
| CHDV 20000 | Introduction to Human Development | 100 |
| CHDV 21500 | Darwinian Health | 100 |
| CHDV 23204 | Medical Anthropology | 100 |
| CHDV 23301 | Culture, Mental Health, and Psychiatry | 100 |
| CHDV 23305 | Critical Studies of Mental Health in Higher Education | 100 |
| CHDV 24599 | Historical and Contemporary Issues in U.S. Racial Health Inequality | 100 |
| CHDV 25250 | Disability in Local and Global Contexts | 100 |
| CHDV 27250 | Psychological Anthropology | 100 |
| CHDV 27860 | History of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences | 100 |
| CHSS 32000 | Introduction to Science Studies | 100 |
| CMLT 25662 | Archiving AIDS: Art, Literature, Theory | 100 |
| ECON 24450 | Inequality and the Social Safety Net: Theory, Empirics, and Policies | 100 |
| ECON 27720 | Economics and Regulation of Health Care Markets: Theory and Empirics | 100 |
| ENGL 10620 | Literature, Medicine, and Embodiment | 100 |
| ENGL 15520 | Illness and Life Writing | 100 |
| ENST 20151 | Pacific Worlds: Race, Gender, Health, and the Environment | 100 |
| ENST 20170 | Pandemics, Urban Space, and Public Life | 100 |
| ENST 21700 | Applied Research in Environment, Development and Health (Approval contingent on the focus of the research project) | 100 |
| ENST 25460 | Environmental Effects on Human Health | 100 |
| GNSE 12103 | Treating Trans-: Practices of Medicine, Practices of Theory | 100 |
| GNSE 23136 | On being Ill: Feminist and Queer Cancer Narratives | 100 |
| HIPS 29635 | Tutorial: Power and Medicine | 100 |
| HIPS 29641 | Tutorial: Medical Ethics in the Hospital and Clinic | 100 |
| HIPS 29643 | Tutorial: Toxic America: Pollutants, Poisons, Politics | 100 |
| HIST 20111 | History of Death | 100 |
| HIST 25308 | Lab, Field, and Clinic: History and Anthropology of Medicine and the Life Sciences | 100 |
| HIST 29607 | History Colloquium: Epidemics, Public Health, and Cities | 100 |
| HIST 29678 | History Colloquium: Medicine and Society | 100 |
| HLTH 24001 | Sexual and Reproductive Health and Gender | 100 |
| HLTH 24002 | Mind, Brain, and Mental Health | 100 |
| HLTH 24003 | Death & Dying | 100 |
| HMRT 21400 | Health and Human Rights | 100 |

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| HMRT 23000 | Encountering AIDS: Queer Representations, Loss, and Memory | 100 |
| HMRT 24506 | Disability in East Asia: Past and Present | 100 |
| HUMA 25207 | Mindfulness: Experience and Media | 100 |
| IRHU 27000 | Race in Science and Medicine from 1800 to the Present | 100 |
| IRHU 27001 | The Human Body in Extremes | 100 |
| IRHU 27006 | Research in Archives: Human Bodies in History | 100 |
| IRHU 27009 | Normal People | 100 |
| KNOW 27015 | Graphic Medicine: Comic Creation as Knowledge Formation | 100 |
| KNOW 32206 | Ontologies of Illness | 100 |
| KNOW 36069 | Scientific Childhood | 100 |
| KNOW 36080 | Technologies of the Body | 100 |
| KNOW 37017 | [Re]Framing Graphic Medicine | 100 |
| PBHS 23700 | Sexual Health: Identity, Behavior, and Outcomes | 100 |
| PBHS 30910 | Epidemiology and Population Health | 100 |
| PBHS 31450 | Social Inequalities in Health: Race/Ethnicity & Class | 100 |
| PBHS 31900 | Global Health Metrics | 100 |
| PBHS 35100 | Health Services Research Methods | 100 |
| PBHS 38010 | Economic Analysis of Health Policies | 100 |
| PBPL 25500 | Introduction to U.S. Health Policy and Politics | 100 |
| PBPL 28335 | Health Care Markets and Regulation | 100 |
| PBPL 28925 | Health Impacts of Transportation Policies | 100 |
| PHIL 21609 | Topics in Medical Ethics | 100 |
| PPHA 38300 | Health Economics and Public Policy | 100 |
| PSYC 21750 | Biological Clocks and Behavior | 100 |
| PSYC 22350 | Social Neuroscience | 100 |
| RLST 24103 | Bioethics | 100 |
| RLST 26301 | Religion and AIDS | 100 |
| RLST 26302 | Religion, Medicine, and the Experience of Illness | 100 |
| RLST 26316 | Medical Innovation and Religious Reform in Early Modernity | 100 |
| RLST 26322 | Healing Traditions | 100 |
| RLST 27501 | Indigenous Religions, Health, and Healing | 100 |
| RLST 28900 | Magic, Science, and Religion | 100 |
| SOCI 20107 | Sociology of Human Sexuality | 100 |
| SOCI 20537 | Gender, Health, and Medicine | 100 |
| SOCI 28080 | Sociology of Medicine | 100 |
| SOSC 18100 | Topics in Behavioral and Social Sciences Relevant to Medicine | 100 |
| SPAN 22623 | Writing Contagion | 100 |
| SPAN 28700 | Monsters and Misfits: Disability in Early Modern Spanish Literature | 100 |
| SSAD 41412 | Global Mental Health | 100 |
| SSAD 46622 | Key Issues in Healthcare: An Interdisciplinary Case Studies Approach | 100 |
| SSAD 49032 | Health and Aging Policy | 100 |

ADVISING AND GRADING

Students who elect the minor program in Health and Society must meet with the program director before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor. The director's approval for the minor program should be submitted to a student's College adviser by the Spring Quarter of a student's third year.

Courses in the minor may not be double counted with the student's major(s), other minors, or general education requirements. Courses in the minor must be taken for quality grades, and more than half of the requirements for the minor must be met by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers.

Students may petition to count one course not featured in the Approved Courses list toward the minor. Petitions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A petitioned course must connect to issues of health broadly

conceived in order to be considered: it should explore the processes that shape individual and population health in their social, material, and physical contexts.

