Health and Society

Department Website: https://voices.uchicago.edu/healthandsocietyminor/

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_Miner_Program.pdf) form provided by the College to the student’s College adviser by the Spring Quarter of the student’s third year.

Summary of Minor Requirements

The Health and Society minor requires a total of five courses, including HLTH 17000 Introduction to Health and Society, and four approved courses designated as counting toward the Health and Society minor. Please see the Approved Courses list below.

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* 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 The Practice of Social Science Research, SSCI 20001 Sociological Methods, SSCI 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 annually. 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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<td>SOSC 20223</td>
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Any of the following:

**ANTH 21333**  The Lived Body: Anthropology, Materiality, Meaningful Practice  100

**ANTH 21345**  Living with Toxins: Anthropology of Environmental Health  100

**ANTH 21351**  Proximity: An Anthropology of Social Distance  100

**ANTH 23807**  Toxic: Body Burdens and Environmental Exposures  100

**ANTH 24309**  Reproductive Worlds  100

**ANTH 24335**  Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Critical Studies of Global Health  100

**ANTH 24341**  Topics in Medical Anthropology  100

**ANTH 24352**  Health, Value, Politics  100

**ANTH 25100**  Anthropology of the Body  100

**BPRO 22800**  Drinking Alcohol: Social Problem or Normal Cultural Practice?  100

**BPRO 28300**  Disability and Design  100

**BPRO 28900**  Inequality: Origins, Dimensions, and Policy  100

**CCTS 20400**  Health Disparities in Breast Cancer  100

**CCTS 21007**  Clinical and Health Services Research: Methods and Applications  100

**CCTS 21008**  Health Systems in Low- and Middle-Income Countries  100

**CCTS 21009**  Justice, Solidarity, and Global Health  100

**CCTS 21010**  Intersectionality in American Medical Ethics  100

**CCTS 21011**  Clinical Research Design and Interpretation of Health Data  100

**CHDV 20000**  Introduction to Human Development  100

**CHDV 20399**  Trauma, Vulnerability, and the Martial Body  100

**CHDV 20440**  Inequality, Health and the Life Course  100

**CHDV 20805**  Body & Soul: The Anthropology of Religion, Health, & Healing  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 23405**  Cultural Diversity, Structural Barriers, and Multilingualism in Clinical and Healing Encounters  100

**CHDV 23440**  Health, Medicine, and Human Rights  100

**CHDV 24105**  Animals, Health and Society  100

**CHDV 25250**  Disability in Local and Global Contexts  100

**CHDV 27250**  Psychological Anthropology  100

**CHDV 27860**  History of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences  100

**CHDV 33200**  Biology of Mental Health  100

**CHSS 32000**  Introduction to Science Studies  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

**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

**GNSE 12103**  Treating Trans-: Practices of Medicine, Practices of Theory  100

**GNSE 21301**  Global Mental Health  100

**HIPS 17300**  Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization I  100

**HIPS 17402**  Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization II: History of Medicine I  100

**HIPS 29629**  Tutorial: Romantic Bodies: Theater in the History of Science and Medicine  100

**HIPS 29635**  Tutorial: Power and Medicine  100

**HIST 20111**  History of Death  100

**HIST 22207**  The Social History of Alcohol in Early Modern Europe  100

**HIST 22208**  Global Food Pathways in Early Modern Europe  100

**HIST 23400**  Sex in Twentieth-Century Europe  100

**HIST 25218**  American Epidemics, Past and Present  100

**HIST 25308**  Lab, Field, and Clinic: History and Anthropology of Medicine and the Life Sciences  100
ADVISING AND GRADING

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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.