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 administrator before the end of Spring Quarter of their third year to declare their intention to complete the minor. The program administrator must submit approval on the form provided by the College for the minor to a student’s College adviser by the Spring Quarter of a 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, 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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<td>Four electives chosen from the list of Approved Courses *</td>
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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, SOCI 20001 Sociological Methods, SOCI 20004 Statistical Methods of Research, SOSC 20112 Introductory Statistical Methods and Applications for the Social Sciences, or SOSC 20223 Ethnographic 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 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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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 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 22610  Medical Ethics: Who Decides and on What Basis? 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
CHDV 20000  Introduction to Human Development 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 25250  Disability in Local and Global Contexts 100
CHDV 27860  History of Evolutionary Behavioral Sciences 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
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 17501  Science, Culture, and Society in Western Civilization III 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 25308  Lab, Field, and Clinic: History and Anthropology of Medicine and the Life Sciences 100
HIST 29678  History Colloquium: Medicine and Society 100
HLTH 17001  Introduction to Health and Society II 100
HMRT 21403  Health in a Changing America: Social Context and Human Rights 100
KNOW 21408  History of Medicine 100
KNOW 27015  Graphic Medicine 100
KNOW 29901  XCAP: The Experimental Capstone - The Art of Healing: Medical Aesthetics in Russia and the U.S. 100
KNOW 29971  XCAP: The Experimental Capstone - What is an Intervention (for Mental Health)? 100
MAPS 32800  Experiencing Madness: Empathic Methods in Cultural Psychiatry 100
MAPS 36900  Anthropology of Disability 100
PBHS 27450  Social Inequalities in Health: Race/Ethnicity & Class 100
PBHS 28010  Introduction to Health Economics 100
PBHS 30910  Epidemiology and Population Health 100
PBHS 31900  Global Health Metrics 100
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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.