

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
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	

PHI 115	Problems in Normative Ethics
PHI 121	Bioethics
RST 120	Religion, Magic & Science
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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**