Culture, Health and Illness

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The Culture, Health and Illness minor is designed to provide students the opportunity to examine health and illness from an integrated, social science perspective. Students pursuing this minor learn to identify and analyze the social and cultural factors that influence how people from diverse backgrounds perceive and experience health and illness.

A minor in Culture, Health and Illness provides students an appreciation for the social determinants of health. This prepares them not only for advanced degrees in medical and nursing professions, but also for future careers and degrees in public health, health advocacy, health policy, health ethics, health care administration and gerontology.

Culture, Health and Illness Minor

The Interdisciplinary minor in Culture, Health and Illness consists of a total of six courses (18 credits); two required courses (6 credits) and four elective courses (12 credits) as listed below.

Required Courses
Choose one of the following: 3

- ANTH 1001: Being Human
- ANTH 1201: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
- SOCI 1001: Principles of Sociology

Choose one of the following: 3

- SOCI 3500: Culture, Health and Illness
- SOCI 3550: Race, Gender and Medicine

Elective Courses
Choose four courses from the following. At least two of the following disciplines must be represented: ANTH, CRLS, POSC/BISC, PSYC, SOCI, SOWJ. 12

Theories and Practice of Health and Intervention:

- ANTH 3153: Demography
- ANTH 4251: Human Osteology and Odontology
- POSC 4381: Politics of U.S. Health Care
  or BISC 4381: Politics of U.S. Health Care
- POSC 4461: Comparative Health Politics and Policy
  or BISC 4461: Comparative Health Politics and Policy
- PSYC 3220: Human Sexuality
- PSYC 3401: Abnormal Psychology
- SOCI 3300: Sociology of the Life Course
- SOWJ 2200: Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- SOCI 4680: Sociology of Mental Illness

Social and Structural Determinants of Health:

- ANTH 3100: Urban Anthropology
- ANTH 4316: Culture Change and Development
- PSYC 3420: Health Psychology
- SOCI 3200: Social Problems in Urban Society
- SOCI 3280: Race and Family
- SOCI 3570: Men, Masculinities and Health
- SOCI 4270: Urban Sociology
- SOWJ 2150: Immigrants and their Communities
- SOWJ 4700: Global Aid and Humanitarianism

Epidemiology of Violence:

- CRLS 3600: Victimology
- CRLS 3640: Domestic Violence in the United States
- CRLS 3660: Sex Offenses and Offenders
- PSYC 3210: The Psychology of Prejudice
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Total Credit Hours: 18