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
SOCI 3700 Social Movements, Protest and Change
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
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