

Health Care - Social Issues Interdisciplinary Program

Courses, Requirements, and 2026-2027 Schedule

Health Care – Social Issues is an interdisciplinary program designed to enhance students’ competence in analyzing the complex social and ethical implications of health care controversies, policies, and distribution. By taking courses in this minor, students gain an understanding of how the economy, culture, technology, sociology, and psychology affect modern health care. The program enriches students’ understanding of health care’s social dimensions, preparing them for further education in any of health care’s many subfields.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor consists of seven courses, of which at least five must be upper-division.

Up to two upper-division courses may overlap with courses taken for a major. Up to two four-unit academic internships (max 8 units) can be used in lieu of upper-division.

No more than two courses (eight units) may be taken with a pass/no pass grade.

To ensure an interdisciplinary learning experience, no more than three courses (twelve units) may be taken from an individual academic department.

REQUIRED COURSES

SOCI 40 Sociology of Health Care Issues

PHIL 163 Biomedical Ethics

One of the following Urban Studies & Planning courses:*

USP 143 The U.S. Health Care System

USP 144 Environmental & Preventative Health Issues

USP 145 Aging: Social & Health Policy Issues

USP 147 Case Studies in Health Care Programs:
Poor and Underserved Populations

**Whichever courses you do not use for the requirement may be taken as electives.*

Summer schedule is typically released in February. Please check directly with Summer Session and/or Departments for Summer offerings

Elective courses listed on reverse side

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All Approved Course Electives

Anthropology

ANTH 2 Human Origins
ANBI 100 Special Topics**
ANBI 120 Ethical Dilemmas in Bio. Anth.
ANBI 130 Biology of Inequality
ANBI 141 The Evolution of the Human Diet
ANSC 100 Special Topics**
ANSC 101 Aging: Culture and Health
ANSC 105 Global Health and Inequality
ANSC 144 Immigrant and Refugee Health
ANSC 146 A Global Health Perspective on HIV
ANSC 147 Global Health and Environment
ANSC 148 Global Health and Cultural Diversity
ANSC 164 Introduction to Medical Anthropology

Biology

BILD 20 Human Genetics in Modern Society
BILD 22 Human Nutrition
BILD 36 AIDS, Science and Society
BILD 38 Dementia, Science, and Society
BILD 61, Biology, Race, and Society
BICD 136 AIDS, Science and Society
**Students may take either 36 or 136*

Communication

COMM 108D POB: Disability
COMM 108G. Gender and Biomedicine
COMM 114W Global Health Communication

Critical Gender Studies

CGS 123 Gender and Reproductive Politics

Economics

ECON 130 Public Policy
ECON 140 Economics of Health Production & Finance

Ethnic Studies

ETHN 102 Science and Technology in Society: Race/Gender/Class
ETHN 142 Medicine, Race, and the Global Politics of Inequality
ETHN 144M Antiracist Medicine & New Perspectives in Healthcare

ETHN 157 Madness and Urbanization: Social Identities and Mental Health/Illness in the 20th Century American Metropolis

Family Medicine and Public Health

FMPH 40 Introduction to Public Health
FMPH 50 Primary Care and Public Health

Global Health

GLBH 181 Essentials of Global Health

History

HILD 30 History of Public Health
HISC 108 History of Life Science in the 20th Century
HISC 109 Invention of Tropical Disease
HISC 115 History of Modern Medicine
HISC 119 Biology and Society
HISC 180 Science and Public Policy

Linguistics

LIGN 113 Hearing Science and Hearing Disorders
LING 146 Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities

Literature

LTWL 11 Health and Literature
Rady School of Management
MGT 123 Business of Healthcare and Life Sciences
MGT 173 Project Management: Health Services

Philosophy

PHIL 24: Science and Pseudoscience
PHIL 147 Philosophy of Biology
PHIL 148 Philosophy and the Environment
PHIL 151 Philosophy and Neuroscience
PHIL 162 Contemporary Moral Issues
PHIL 164 Technology and Human Values
PHIL 173 Topics in Bioethics

Psychology

PSYC 2 General Psychology: Biological Foundations
PSYC 60 Intro to Statistics
PSYC 100 Clinical Psychology
PSYC 104 Intro to Social Psychology
PSYC 124 Clinical Assessment and Treatment
PSYC 132 Hormones and Behavior
PSYC 134 Eating Disorders
PSYC 154 Behavior Modifications
PSYC 155 Social Psychology and Medicine
PSYC 168 Psychological Disorders of Childhood
PSYC 169 Brain Damage and Mental Function
PSYC 172 Psychology of Human Sexuality
PSYC 179 Drugs, Addiction, and Mental Disorders
PSYC 181 Drugs and Behavior
PSYC 188 Impulse Control Disorders

Sociology

SOCI 60 The Practices of Social Research
SOCI 70 General Sociology for Pre-med Students
SOCI 107 Epidemiological Methods: Statistical Study of Diseases

SOCI 113 Sociology of the AIDS Epidemic
SOCI 120T Special Topics**
SOCI 134E The Making of Modern Medicine
SOCI 135 Medical Sociology
SOCI 136E Sociology of Mental Illness--Historical
SOCI 136F Sociology of Mental Illness--Contemporary
SOCI 138 Genetics and Society
SCOI 140A Defund Police and Prisons?
SOCI 143 Suicide
SOCI 159 Special Topics**
SOCI 173 Soci. of Health, Illness, Medicine

Scripps Institute for Oceanography

SIO 116 Climate Change and Global Health

Urban Studies and Planning

USP 148 Health and the Built Environment

*=new courses to be added - no petition necessary

**=topic approval required - submit course description