

HEALTH HUMANITIES, BA

Faculty

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Program Description

The Health Humanities integrated learning major (ILM) enhances Arts and Science/Maxwell students' preparation for the health professions through a curriculum that situates health and medicine within complex sociocultural ecologies. Students can supplement any major with the Health Humanities ILM. The curriculum engages with social and ethical questions that are central to all medical fields, as well as broadening students' appreciation of the different directions they might take in pursuing their interest in health.

This ILM may be combined with any other undergraduate major with approval by the program director. While certain majors typically serve as the base major for this ILM, students are encouraged to meet with the program director to determine their best choice of a base major. Dually enrolled students must have a base major within Arts and Sciences| Maxwell.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Compare and apply some theories and methods in the humanities and social sciences, as they relate to claims about health, illness, disability or health care.
2. Apply knowledge specific to the health humanities to communicate and critically evaluate one's own experiences in health-related settings
3. Demonstrate adequate knowledge of different cultural and historical understandings of health, illness, and/or disability, as well as an understanding of social determinants of health and health inequalities
4. Engage in moral reflection about questions related to health, illness, disability and/or health care, in a way that is well-informed and culturally sensitive
5. Demonstrate a situational recognition of when and how to apply health humanities competencies, such as empathetically considering diverse perspectives, and communicating from a place of empathy as a health professional or patient
6. Complete a capstone research project that demonstrates cumulative learning in the health humanities, and present the project to peers

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
HUM 145	Introduction to Health Humanities	3
PHI 396	Stem Cells and Society	3
or PHI 398	Medical Ethics	
or REL 551	Ethics and the Health professions	
PHI 593	Ethics and the Health professions	3
or PHI 594	Bioethics	
SOC 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness	3
WGS 355	Sociology-of Health and Illness	3
or SOC 440	Sociology of Disability	
DSP 440	Sociology of Disability	3

Electives

Select 12 credits, one course from each of four categories, representing four different departments. 12

Health and Global Concerns

AAS 365	International Political Economy of the Third World
ANT 357	Health, Healing, and Culture
ANT 455	Culture and AIDS
WGS 455	Culture and AIDS
or HST 367	Plague to AIDS
ANT 463	Global Health
PHP 463	Global Health
ANT 467	Culture and Mental Disorders
PSY 375	Cross-Cultural Psychology

Health and Social Concerns

AAS 412	Hurricane Katrina: Race, Class, Gender & Disaster
ANT 453	Poverty, Policy, and Human Services
ANT 462	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine
WGS 462	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine
PHP 462	Culture and Reproductive Health and Medicine
ANT 465	Critical Issues in Medical Anthropology
ANT 469	Medical Anthropology in Ecological Perspective
ECN 355	Economics of Health and Medical Care
ECN 358	Economics of US Poverty and Discrimination
GEO 353	Geographies of Environmental Justice
PHP 303	Environmental Health
PHP 309	Health Disparities and Underserved Populations
PHP 409	The Impact of Addictions on Families and Relationships
PHP 415	Public Health Ethics
PSY 382	Health Psychology
PSY 392	Stress and Health

Stages of Life

ANT 431	Human Variation
ANT 434	Anthropology of Death
HFS 323	Death, Dying & Loss: Child and Family Perspectives
PSY 335	Psychology of Childhood
PSY 336	Psychology of the Adolescent
SOC 364	Aging and Society
WGS 364	Aging and Society

Health in Communities

DSP 333	Disability and Public Health
PHP 333	Disability and Public Health
DSP 357	Deafness and Disability
DSP 424	Representations of Ability & Disability
DSP 432	Gender and Disability
SOC 432	Gender and Disability
WGS 432	Gender and Disability
ENG 405	Topics in Medicine and Culture
HOA 411	The Black Death and Medieval Art: Catastrophes and Cultural Change
PHP 305	Community Mental Health
PHP 437	LGBTQ Health and Well Being
PHP 438	Native American Health Promotion

PSY 329	Biopsychological Perspectives on Women's Health	
PSY 446	Pediatric Psychology	
<i>Health and Communication</i>		
HFS 326	Medical Terminology: Professional, Cultural and Developmental Perspectives	
CRS 331	Interpersonal Communication	
CRS 430	Intercultural Communication	
WRT 240	Writing through Health, Wellness, and Illness	
HUM 345	Patients, Providers, and Health Humanities	
Capstone		
HUM 445	Health Humanities Capstone (This course must be taken during the senior year)	3
Total Credits		33

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

For all Arts and Sciences|Maxwell students, successful completion of a bachelor's degree in this major requires a minimum of 120 credits, 96 of which must be Arts and Sciences|Maxwell credits, completion of the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>) requirements, and the requirements for this major (30 credits) that are listed above.

Dual Enrollments:

Students dually enrolled in **Newhouse*** and Arts and Sciences|Maxwell will complete a minimum of 122 credits, with at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences|Maxwell coursework and an Arts and Sciences|Maxwell major.

*Students dually enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences|Maxwell as first year students must complete the Liberal Arts Core (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#text>). Students who transfer to the dual program after their first year as singly enrolled students in the Newhouse School will satisfy general requirements for the dual degree program by completing the Newhouse Core Requirements.

Undergraduate University Requirements

The following requirements and experiences apply to all Syracuse University Undergraduate matriculated degree programs.

- IDEA Course Requirement (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/idea-course-requirement/>)
- First Year Seminar (<https://coursecatalog.syracuse.edu/undergraduate/courses/fys/>)