

# Medical Humanities

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## Minors

### The Minor in Medical Humanities

**Total units required: 18**

**At least one gateway course (3 units) is required for the minor.**

These courses include the following:

Code	Title	Units
MedH 1640	Health and Disease in World History	3
MedH 130	The Art of Medicine	3
MedH 151	First-Year Seminar: Stories of Medicine	3
MedH 233F	Biomedical Ethics	3

**An additional 15 units of Medical Humanities courses are required to complete the minor:** At least 12 of these units must be core courses, designated by the "CFH MH" attribute, whereas the remaining 3 credits may come from either the core or affiliate lists shown below. At least 9 units of core courses must be at the 300 level or above. Core courses include the gateway courses as well as the following:

Code	Title	Units
MedH 214	Medical French	3
MedH 247	First-Year Seminar: Cultures of Health in the Francophone World	3
MedH 248	Religion, Health, and Wellness in Modern America	3
MedH 3001	Philosophy of Medicine	3
MedH 301R	Historical Methods — European History (when offered as "The Black Death and the Plague in Europe")	3
MedH 3033	Religion and Healing	3
MedH 3041	Making Sex and Gender: Understanding the History of the Body	3
MedH 3044	Humors, Pox, and Plague: Medieval and Early Modern Medicine	3
MedH 3067	Current Topics in the History of Medicine	3
MedH 307	Writing and Medicine	3
MedH 310	From Hysteria to Hysterectomy: Women's Health Care in America	3
MedH 3141	The Racial and Sexual Politics of Public Health	3
MedH 316	Gender and Health	3

MedH 353	Medical Spanish	3
MedH 360	Trans* Studies	3
MedH 361	Thinking-It-Through II (when offered as "Transplants")	3
MedH 366	Art and the Mind-Brain	3
MedH 3672	Medicine, Healing and Experimentation in the Contours of Black History	3
MedH 375	Medical Narratives, Narrative Medicine	3
MedH 3801	Ancient Greek and Roman Medicine	3
MedH 385	What is Medical Humanities?	3
MedH 391W	Literature and Medicine	3
MedH 39SM	Women and Crime in the Evolution of American History	3
MedH 399	Independent Work in Medical Humanities	-3
MedH 408	Disease, Madness, and Death Italian Style	3
Anthro 4134	The AIDS Epidemic: Inequalities, Ethnography, and Ethics	3
MedH 414	Gender, Religion, Medicine, and Science	3
MedH 420	Nature, Technology, and Medicine in Korea	3
MedH 4601	Historical Racial Violence: Legacies & Reckonings	3
MedH 4647	Ancient Madness	3
MedH 468	Topics in French Literature: Disability Studies, Before "Disability"	3
MedH 4700	Ancient Greek and Roman Gynecology (Ancient Greek and Roman Gynecology)	3
MedH 471	Galen's "On Prognosis": A Social History of Medicine in Second-Century Rome	3
MedH 474	Frankenstein: Origins and Afterlives	3
MedH 4881	Advanced Seminar: Mad: Mental Illness, Power and Resistance in Africa and the Caribbean	3
MedH 4885	Advanced Seminar: Medicine, Disease, and Empire	3
MedH 491	Staging Illness	3
MedH 4990	Advanced Seminar: History of the Body	3
MedH 495	PNP Seminar (when offered as "Mental Health & Mental Illness: Philosophical Questions")	3

Core courses must also be drawn from at least two of seven different disciplinary categories: Classics & Art History; History; Languages/Literature/Culture; Medicine, Race and Ethnicity; Performing Arts & Music; Philosophy & Religious Studies; and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. (The interdisciplinary "What is Medical Humanities?" course [MedH 385] may count toward any of these disciplinary categories.) Core courses may require additional prerequisites within their home departments or programs.

**Up to 3 units of affiliate courses from complementary disciplines**

in the sciences and social sciences (designated by the "CFH MHA" attribute) may be applied to the minor. These courses include but are not limited to the following:

Code	Title	Units
Anthro 3283	Introduction to Global Health	3
Anthro 3310	Health, Healing and Ethics: Introduction to Medical Anthropology	3
Anthro 3620	Anthropological Perspectives on the Fetus	3
Anthro 3626	Adventures in Nosology: The Nature and Meaning of Disease	3
Anthro 4033	Culture, Illness and Healing in Asia	3
LatAm 325	Cultures of Health in Latin America	3
Psych 399	Living, Dying, and Death: A Biopsychosocial Approach to Understanding the End of Life	3
SOC 2510	Sociological Approaches to American Health Care	3
SOC 2520	Inequality By Design: Understanding Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities	3
SOC 4511	Sick Society: Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities in the United States	3

Any additional affiliate courses must be approved by the minor director.

## Additional Information

While our gateway and core courses are generally listed under the L85 MedH designation, the most up-to-date list of recent medical humanities courses and medical humanities affiliate courses can be found by searching Washington University Course Listings for the "CFH MH" and "CFH MHA" attributes or by consulting the course requirements (<https://humanities.wustl.edu/medical-humanities-minor-requirements/>) online.