New Minor in Health Humanities (HEHM)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is pleased to introduce a new undergraduate interdisciplinary minor, Health Humanities (HEHM). This minor highlights humanities and related social science approaches to medicine and health.

The health humanities offer insight into the human condition as it pertains to the arts and sciences of healing and deepen understanding of disease and wellness, pain and suffering, personhood, the nature of death and dying, embodied experience, and the limits of technological knowledge. Attention to literature, history, philosophy, rhetoric, and the arts reveals the ethical, cultural, and social contexts of health and medicine.

Who is this minor for?
- **EVERYONE!** Humanistic studies of health provide an excellent addition to science-based curricula and also a stand-alone program that addresses many current issues and interests.
- **Premed students:** Medical school admissions committees actively seek students with strong humanities and liberal arts backgrounds.
- **Students pursuing health careers**
- **Science and social science majors**
- **Humanities majors**

**Health Humanities (HEHM): 15 credit minor**

Students declaring a minor in HEHM must have at least a 2.5 overall GPA. No grade lower than a C will count towards the minor. At least 12 credits for the minor must be taken with UCD faculty. Students may count ONE relevant transfer course toward their elective requirements for the minor.

**Key Learning Outcomes:**
- Students will utilize humanistic perspectives to analyze approaches and practices related to health and medicine.
- Students will critically analyze historical and contemporary connections among health, medicine, and society.
- Students will demonstrate understanding of the historical, cultural, and political contexts of theories and practices related to health and medicine.

**Required: Introduction to Health Humanities**

This is a multidisciplinary course, introducing students to the ways various disciplines approach health and medicine. As part of their introduction, students will be required to attend three events at the Anschutz Medical Campus – such as lectures in the “Arts and Humanities” series, Mini Med School, or special programming.

**Electives: 3 upper division courses from at least 2 different disciplines**

One of these courses can be a service learning course or independent study.

COMM 4500 - Health Communication
COMM 4550 - Rhetorics of Medicine & Health*
HBSC 3041 - Health, Culture, and Society
HIST 4503 - Topics in History of Science
HIST 4307 - History of Sexuality
HIST 4345 - Gender, Science, and Medicine: 1600 to the Present*
HIST 4346 - Medicine and Society: the Ancients to the Present*
ANTH 4600 - Medical Anthropology
ENGL 4290 - Rhetoric and the Body*
ETST 3002 - Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice (PBHL)
GEOG 3501 - Geography of Health
PHIL 4242 - Bioethics
PSCI 4330 - U.S. Health Policy
PSYC 3262 - Health Psychology
SOCI 3520 – Medical Sociology
SOCI 4040 - Social Determinants of Health
SOCI 4110 - Sociology of Health Care
Capstone 3 credits
Certain courses, designated with asterisks above, will incorporate substantial original writing or research projects designed to promote broad reflection about the role of culture, society, and ethics in medicine.

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