MINOR IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Medical Humanities

Upon completing the minor in Medical Humanities, students will be able to:

1. Describe the historical, literary, artistic, and ethical domains of medical humanities scholarship.
2. Analyze and evaluate complex texts relating to the social and cultural aspects of medicine through close reading and critical interpretation of arguments, metaphors, and images.
3. Explain how health disparities and disability shape the healthcare experience for patients.
4. Conduct independent research and communicate their own arguments about medical humanities in research papers, class presentations, and discussions.

Requirements for the Minor in Medical Humanities

Students pursuing the minor in Medical Humanities must complete:

• A minimum of 6-7 courses (18-21 credit hours), depending on course selection, to satisfy minor requirements.
• A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
• A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies tab.

The courses used in the Medical Humanities program examine the social, cultural, ethical, and aesthetic dimensions of medicine in contemporary and historical contexts, and are open to all undergraduate students at Rice from all backgrounds.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier)). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

Summary

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Elective Requirements

Select 4 courses from the Electives list below 12

Practicum

Select 1 from the following: 3-6

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Total Credit Hours 18-21

Footnotes and Additional Information

1 Students must complete the core course before they complete the practicum. The core course and the practicum may not be taken concurrently.
2 Students may take ENGL 386/FILM 381 as either an elective or the practicum, but it will not count toward both requirements.

Elective Requirements

To fulfill the elective requirements for the Medical Humanities minor, students must complete a total of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from the following Rice departmental course offerings. Students must fulfill the elective requirements by completing coursework from at least 2 different subject codes (i.e., ANTH, ENGL, etc.), and must take a minimum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) at the 300-level or above.

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**English**

BIOC 447 EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE

**ENGL** 245 / HURC 245 INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

ENGL 272 LITERATURE AND MEDICINE

ENGL 273 / SWGS 273 MEDICINE AND MEDIA

ENGL 278 MEDICINE IN THE AGE OF NETWORKED INTELLIGENCE

ENGL 386 / FILM 381 MEDICAL MEDIA ARTS LAB

**Health Sciences**

HEAL 360 VIOLENCE IN AMERICA: A PUBLIC HEALTH PERSPECTIVE

HEAL 380 DISPARITIES IN HEALTH IN AMERICA

**History**

HIST 208 RACE AND MEDICINE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

HIST 312 BIOMEDICAL APPROACH TO HISTORY

**Humanities Research Center**

HURC 213 THE DOCTOR IS ON

HURC 306 HEALTH AND HUMANITIES MASTER CLASS

HURC 307 CRITICAL HUMANITIES - HEALTH AND BODY

HURC 361 / RELI 361 THE HUMANITIES OF CARE & END OF LIFE

**Philosophy**

PHIL 314 THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

PHIL 336 TOPICS IN MEDICAL ETHICS

**Program in Writing and Communication**

COMM 415 MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

**Religion**

RELI 333 KNOWING BODY/GLOWING MIND: BUDDHIST ARTS OF CONTEMPLATION AND ANALYSIS

RELI 335 MEDICINE AND THE MUSEUM: CLINICAL AESTHETICS AND THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON

RELI 344 SEMINAR ON THE END OF LIFE

RELI 350 / MDEM 350 DEMONS, MENTAL ILLNESS AND MEDICINE

RELI 361 / HURC 361 THE HUMANITIES OF CARE & END OF LIFE

RELI 362 RELIGION AND SCIENCE

**Sociology**

SOCI 344 SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH

SOCI 345 MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 377 HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

SOCI 422 SOCIAL AUTOPSIES: HOW SOCIETY KILLS US

SOCI 465 / SWGS 465 GENDER AND HEALTH

**Spanish and Portuguese**

SPPO 370 DISABLED BODIES: ILLNESS AND LITERATURE IN LATIN AMERICA

**Footnotes and Additional Information**

1. ANTH 477 is a special topics course, and not all sections are eligible to be applied towards the minor requirements as an Elective course. Please see a minor advisor for more information.

2. Students may take ENGL 386/FILM 381 as either an elective or the practicum, but it will not count toward both requirements.

**Policies for the Minor in Medical Humanities**

**Program Restrictions and Exclusions**

Students pursuing the minor in Medical Humanities should be aware of the following program restrictions:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

**Transfer Credit**

For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university’s official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

**Program Transfer Credit Guidelines**

Students pursuing the minor in Medical Humanities should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing may apply towards the minor.
- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program’s official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.
- Transfer credit coursework received via the articulation of AP, IB or A-level credit will not be considered towards minor requirements.
- Transfer credit from online-only courses cannot be used to count towards the minor.

**Distribution Credit Information**

DI courses in the Humanities Research Center (HRC) address emergent and interdisciplinary fields of knowledge that typically do not have a home in a traditional department.

These courses introduce non-humanistic students to humanistic methods and areas of study, as well as advance the abilities of humanities majors to make connections among disciplines. HRC DI courses are listed at the 200- to 300-levels due to their non-traditional format, yet are accessible to students at all levels. Future HRC courses that meet above criteria will be considered for DI status, provided they are integral to HRC’s ongoing programs.
Our 400-level (and above) courses are highly specialized, capstone, and/or honors courses and do not have DI status.

Instructors initiate DI status requests.

**Additional Information**
For additional information, please see the Medical Humanities website: [https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/minor](https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/minor).

### Opportunities for the Minor in Medical Humanities

#### Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors ([ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university](ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university)) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work ([ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university](ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university)). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

#### Distinction in Research and Creative Work

Students completing the minor in Medical Humanities are eligible to apply for the university honor Distinction in Research and Creative Work ([ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university](ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university)). If awarded, Distinction will be noted on the student's transcript upon graduation and on commencement materials. All applications for Distinction will be judged by a committee of faculty affiliated with the program in Medical Humanities. Work deemed to be "above and beyond" expectation will be considered for Distinction.

- To apply for Distinction, students must have a minor GPA in Medical Humanities of 3.80 and an overall GPA of 3.30.
- Applications for Distinction must be submitted to the Director of Medical Humanities on or before the last day of classes in the spring semester by 5:00 pm.
- As part of the application for Distinction, students must submit a single-authored research or creative work, created for a Medical Humanities class, that represents the substantive output of a semester's work (length will vary by discipline).
- In addition, any winning submission to the Annual Medical Humanities Best Essay contest completed by a student in the minor will be automatically considered for Distinction if the student meets all other criteria.
- The student's project does not have to be completed nor in its final format to apply for Distinction. All final research and creative work materials will be due on the last day of final examinations.
- Applications must include a 1-page letter of support from a sponsoring faculty advisor.
- Applications are available on the Medical Humanities website at: [https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/essay](https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/essay)

#### Experiential Learning

Advanced students in the Medical Humanities minor have the opportunity to conduct experiential learning and research in our practica, enroll in internships at Houston-area hospitals, archives, and community partner institutions, and take a multi-institution seminar, co-taught by researchers and clinicians in the Texas Medical Center, University of Houston, University of Texas School of Public Health, and Rice.

**Additional Information**
For additional information, please see the Medical Humanities website: [https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/minor](https://hrc.rice.edu/medicalhumanities/minor).

See [https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life](https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life) for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.