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 courses (18-19 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 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.

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.

Summary

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<td>MDHM 201</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES</td>
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Elective Requirements

Select 4 electives courses from the Electives list below | 12

Practicum

Select 1 from the following: | 3 or 4

- ENGL 386 / FILM 381 | MEDICAL MEDIA ARTS LAB
- MDHM 402 | HEALTH, HUMANISM AND SOCIETY
- HURC 430 | SCHOLARS MEDICAL HUMANITIES PRACTICUM
- NSCI 399 | MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM AND OBSERVERSHIP

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.
3 HURC 430 provides an archival or other non-clinical setting for engaged research.
4 Students may take NSCI 399 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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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 312  BIOMEDICAL APPROACH TO HISTORY

Humanities Research Center
HURC 211  19TH CENTURY PSYCHOLOGICAL FICTION AND MEDICINE
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
HURC 430  HRC PRACTICUM IN HEALTH HUMANITIES

Natural Sciences
NSCI 399  MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM AND OBSERVERSHIP

Philosophy
PHIL 314  THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

Program in Writing and Communication
COMM 415  MEDICAL COMMUNICATION

Religion
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

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.
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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 restriction:
• 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.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Medical Humanities website: 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) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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.