MEDICAL HUMANITIES

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Medical Humanities is an interdisciplinary minor that examines medicine through humanistic disciplines such as history, ethics, religion, literature, cultural anthropology, media studies, and the visual and dramatic arts. Students will learn about medical systems and practices using methodologies such as close reading, cultural comparison, historical contextualization, creative expression, and critical thinking. The field is committed to interpretive and qualitative work that explores the human dimensions of experiences of health and illness, for doctors and for patients.

The Medical Humanities minor is housed in the Humanities Research Center (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/humanities-research-center).

Minor

• Minor in Medical Humanities (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/humanities/humanities-medical-humanities-minor)

Medical Humanities does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

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To view the most recent semester’s course schedule, please see Rice’s Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/ISWKSCAT.catalog)

Description and Code Legend
Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
• Course offerings/subject codes: Courses from various subjects may apply toward the minor.

Program Description and Code
• Medical Humanities: MDHM

Undergraduate Minor Description and Code
• Minor in Medical Humanities: MDHM