

MEDICAL HUMANITIES

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Medical Humanities

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Medical Humanities is an interdisciplinary field that examines medicine through humanistic disciplines such as history, ethics, religion, literature, cultural anthropology, media studies, and the visual and dramatic arts. Students in the minor 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/medical-humanities/medical-humanities-minor)

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

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For Rice University degree-granting programs:

To view the list of official course offerings, please see Rice's Course Catalog (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb!/SWKSCAT.cat?p_action=cata)

To view the most recent semester's course schedule, please see Rice's Course Schedule (<https://courses.rice.edu/admweb!/SWKSCAT.cat>)

Medical Humanities (MDHM)

MDHM 201 - INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Short Title: INTRO TO MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Department: Medical Humanities

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Seminar

Distribution Group: Distribution Group I

Credit Hours: 3

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level

Description: Examines the history of medicine, concepts of disease vs illness, narrative medicine, health disparities, religion, spirituality, and the role of science and technology on the practices of healthcare. Students will develop skills in close reading, interpretation, historical contextualization, critical thinking. This course (formerly HURC 201) is

required for the minor in Medical Humanities. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MDHM 201 and HURC 201.

MDHM 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS

Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS

Department: Medical Humanities

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Laboratory, Seminar

Credit Hours: 1-4

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.

Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level

Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

MDHM 402 - HEALTH, HUMANISM AND SOCIETY SCHOLARS MEDICAL HUMANITIES PRACTICUM 1**Short Title:** HHASS MED HUM PRACTICUM 1**Department:** Medical Humanities**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum**Credit Hours:** 3**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level**Description:** Humanities and social science students are matched with medical humanities research projects in TMC. Students conduct research under guidance of on-site supervisor and follow curriculum under guidance of Rice faculty, developing skills for careers after graduation. Yearlong sequence continues as MDHM 403 in spring. Instructor Permission Required. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MDHM 402 and HUMA 402. Repeatable for Credit.**MDHM 403 - HEALTH, HUMANISM AND SOCIETY MEDICAL HUMANITIES PRACTICUM 2****Short Title:** HHASS MED HUM PRACTICUM 2**Department:** Medical Humanities**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum**Credit Hours:** 3**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level**Prerequisite(s):** MDHM 402 or HUMA 402**Description:** Humanities and social science students are matched with medical humanities research projects in TMC. Students conduct research under guidance of on-site supervisor and follow curriculum under guidance of Rice faculty, developing skills for careers after graduation. Continuation of MDHM 402 as yearlong sequence. Instructor Permission Required. Mutually Exclusive: Credit cannot be earned for MDHM 403 and HUMA 403. Repeatable for Credit.**MDHM 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS****Short Title:** SPECIAL TOPICS**Department:** Medical Humanities**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter**Course Type:** Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Laboratory, Seminar**Credit Hours:** 1-4**Restrictions:** Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.**Course Level:** Undergraduate Upper-Level**Description:** Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester's topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

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: MDHM

Program Description and Code

- Medical Humanities: MDHM

Undergraduate Minor Description and Code

- Minor in Medical Humanities: MDHM

CIP Code and Description ¹

- MDHM Minor: CIP Code/Title: 30.2701 - Human Biology

¹ Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2010 Codes and Descriptions from the National Center for Education Statistics: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/>