

Medical Humanities, Culture & Society Minor

The College of Arts & Sciences and the Georgetown Medical Humanities Initiative offer a minor in Medical Humanities, Culture, and Society.

The interdisciplinary minor gives students the opportunity to examine the social, cultural, ethical, and historical facets of health and disease across areas such as history of medicine and public health, literature and medicine, bioethics, medical anthropology and sociology, and visual and performing arts. In an era of global health challenges—from pandemics to health disparities—students develop critical frameworks to analyze how medicine and healthcare intersect with cultural contexts, historical grounding, and human experience. This interdisciplinary approach prepares future healthcare providers, researchers, and policymakers to address complex health challenges with both analytical rigor and human understanding

Requirements

Requirements for the Minor

The minor requires 18 credits/six courses (two core courses and four electives), and is designed to provide students with a firm foundation in the field while developing their capacity to conduct original research.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
MHUM 1101	Intro to Medical Humanities	3
MHUM 4960	Senior Capstone Seminar	3
Elective Courses		
Select four electives in Medical Humanities ¹		12
Total Credits		18

¹ choosing between electives offered in Medical Humanities and courses in other departments and programs that have been cross-listed with Medical Humanities via the Medical Humanities attribute. One of these four electives can be fulfilled via three 1-credit courses in Medical Humanities. The list of approved cross-listed courses is updated each semester. View a representative sample via the Course Offerings section on the Medical Humanities website (<https://medicalhumanities.georgetown.edu/>).