
The UTRGV Medical Humanities Minor offers students an interdisciplinary curriculum designed to develop an understanding of the cultural, economic, gender, and historical factors that influence health and healing. At the same time, the program will foster respect for the pluralistic diversity in society at large. For those who are interested in the practice of healthcare, this minor will be invaluable in examining crucial components of the healing arts, including ethical considerations in patient/client-caregiver relations and humanistic elements of positive healthcare delivery, such as effective communication, respect amongst patients/clients and providers, integrity, excellence, compassion, empathy, altruism, and service. By participating in this program of study, students will have the unique opportunity to work with faculty in the humanities who have strong teaching and research interests in the area of healthcare. This minor encourages students to think innovatively about their own roles in improving health throughout the world, no matter their future profession or past background.

A – MINOR REQUIREMENTS – 18 HOURS (9 advanced)

Choose 18 hours of Medical Humanities coursework, of which 9 hours must be advanced.

1 – Medical Humanities Core – 3 hours (3 advanced)

MEDH 4301 Critical Thinking and Medical Humanities

2 – Introductory Core – 6 hours

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

3 – Humanities and Health Electives - 9 hours (6 advanced)

Choose three elective courses (9 hours) from at least two different disciplines:

ANTH 2311 Global Health and Social Justice: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Illness and Inequality

ANTH 4309 Anthropology of Sex & Gender

ANTH 4311 Medical Anthropology

ANTH 4350 Mexican American Folk Medicine

COMM 3346 Health Communication

COMM 3354 Healthcare Provider Communication

ENGL 4320 Literature and Psychoanalysis

HIST 4303 Public Health in the Americas

INDS 2381 World Literature and Global Health

INDS 2382 Narratives of Illness

PHIL 2322 Professional Ethics: Biomedical

PHIL 4316 Philosophy of Science

PSYC 3337 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan

SOCI 3324 Sociology of Health

SOCI 3393 Sociology of Aging

SPAN 3348 Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals II*

SPAN 4348 Sociolinguistics and Latino Health*

*Note prerequisites.

Classes from the Colleges of Liberal and/or Fine Arts that are at least 50% health focused and meet at least 3 of the 5 MEDH Program SLOs may be counted toward the minor with prior approval.