MEDICAL HUMANITIES, MINOR

The medical humanities undergraduate minor program at Saint Louis University is dedicated to the study of the humanities as foundational disciplines for quality health care education and professional development.

Leadership
Anne M. Stiles, Ph.D.
Director

Curriculum Overview
The course of study is intended to prepare students for careers in the health sciences by giving them an expanded awareness of how disease and care have been imaged and experienced by people in diverse personal circumstances, cultures, and eras, and how people’s values often conflict in the health care setting. Such awareness can serve as a foundation for competent, ethical care that acknowledges and respects differing interpretations and meanings of illness experience and suffering. Such awareness also serves as the ground for addressing responsibly the conflicts of value that arise in endeavors of treatment.

Requirements

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Philosophy, Theology, and History Requirements

Choose a course from two out of these three departments:

- PHIL 3360 Medical Ethics
- THEO 2905 Death and Suffering
- THEO 3560 A Post Human Future? The Ethics of Technology
- HIST 3350 Plagues and Peoples: Disease and Society in the Pre-modern World

Required Elective Course

Choose one approved course from the list below:

- CMM 3090 Health Communication
- ENGL 3491 Public Health and the Victorian Home
- ENGL 4530 Medicine, Mind, and Victorian Fiction
- HCE 3010 Ethics in Clinical Medicine
- HCE 3200 Freaks and the Medical Body
- HCE 3210 Superheroes & Social Justice
- HCE 4110 Health Ethics, Race + Identity
- HCE 4200 Warriors and Medics
- HCE 4230 Controversies in Research Ethics
- HCE 4240 Ethics and Geriatric Care
- HCE 4250 Law and Bioethics

Capstone Requirement

In the final year of the minor, each student will be required to complete a substantial (18-20 page) research paper on a topic chosen in consultation with the director. Often, this paper expands on written work completed in the student’s coursework for the minor. Each spring, students completing the minor will present their capstone papers at a public forum on campus.

Continuation Standards

All medical humanities minor courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher in order to count for the minor and for the student to continue in the minor.