

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.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's minor in medical humanities 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. It also serves as the base for responsibly addressing the conflicts of value that arise in treatment endeavors.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Course		
ENGL 3730	Introduction to Medical Humanities, Literature	3
English Requirement		3
ENGL 3740	Medicine and Literature	
(or any other ENGL course bearing the Medical Humanities attribute)		
Philosophy, Theology, and History Requirements		6
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	
Required Elective Course		3
Choose one approved course from the list below:		
CMM 3090	Health Communication	
ENGL 4530	Medicine, Mind, and Victorian Fiction	
HCE 3010	Ethics in Clinical Medicine	
HCE 3200	Freaks and the Medical Body	
HCE 4200	Warriors and Medics	
HCE 4240	Ethics and Geriatric Care	
HCE 4250	Law and Bioethics	
MUSC 2300	Intro to Music Therapy	
THEO 2905	Death and Suffering	
THEO 3560	A Post Human Future? The Ethics of Technology	
Total Credits		15

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.