

HEALTH AND THE HUMANITIES, CERTIFICATE

The humanities are about the human experience, and this certificate will give you exposure to a range of historical, cultural, and philosophical reasons why people make decisions about their health care. Everyone who comes in contact with the health care system, from health care providers to patients, needs to understand more than just the biological aspects of medicine in order to support health and wellness.

HOW TO GET IN

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- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at UW-Madison.
- Attend a certificate information session.
- Complete a Core Course with a grade of C or higher.
- Submit an application form and essay. Check our webpage (<https://ils.wisc.edu/health-and-humanities-certificate-overview/health-and-humanities-certificate-how-to-get-in/>) for details about the next application cycle.
- If selected for the program, work with the certificate advisor to declare the certificate and plan your coursework.
- Students who declare the Health and the Humanities certificate are not eligible to declare the Global Health major or the Global Health certificate.

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ANTHRO 265	Introduction to Culture and Health	3
ART HIST 107	The Body, Sex, & Health in Art	3
ENGL 156	Literature and Medicine	3
HIST SCI 133	Biology and Society, 1950 - Today	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 212	Bodies, Diseases, and Healers: An Introduction to the History of Medicine	3
HIST SCI/ AFROAMER 275	Science, Medicine, and Race: A History	3-4
MED HIST/ ANTHRO 231	Introduction to Social Medicine	3
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Complete at least 15 credits from the areas prescribed below.

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HEALTH AND ILLNESS IN SOCIAL CONTEXT

Complete two courses with a specific focus on health and illness in social context:

Code	Title	Credits
AMER IND/ C&E SOC/SOC 578	Poverty and Place	3
ANTHRO 365	Medical Anthropology	3
ASIAN/ RELIG ST 218	Health and Healing in South Asia	3-4
COM ARTS 317	Rhetoric and Health	3
ENGL/ASIAN AM/ GEN&WS 463	Race and Sexuality in American Literature	3
FRENCH 464	Literature and Medicine in French- Speaking Cultures	3
GEN&WS 340	Topics in LGBTQ Sexuality	3
GEN&WS 370	Topics in Gender and Disability	3
GEN&WS 523	Framing Fatness: Gender, Size, Constructing Health	3
GEN&WS 533	Special Topics in Gender and Biology	3
GEN&WS/ HIST SCI 537	Childbirth in the United States	3
HIST SCI 404	A History of Disease	3-4
JOURN/COM ARTS/ LSC 617	Health Communication in the Information Age	3
MED HIST/ PHILOS 505	Justice and Health Care	3
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ HISTORY 508	Health, Disease and Healing II	3-4
MED HIST/ HIST SCI 509	The Development of Public Health in America	3
MED HIST/ PHILOS 515	Public Health Ethics	3
MED HIST/ AFROAMER/ HIST SCI 523	Race, American Medicine and Public Health	3

MED HIST/ GEN&WS/ HIST SCI 531	Women and Health in American History	3	AFROAMER 225	Introduction to African American Dramatic Literature	3
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ RELIG ST 331	Science, Medicine and Religion	3	AFROAMER 227	Introduction to African American Literature	3
MED HIST/ GEN&WS/ HIST SCI 532	The History of the (American) Body	3	AMER IND 100	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3
MED HIST/ PHILOS 558	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3	ANTHRO 104	Cultural Anthropology and Human Diversity	3
MED HIST/HIST SCI/ HISTORY 564	Disease, Medicine and Public Health in the History of Latin America and the Caribbean	3	ASIAN AM 101	Introduction to Asian American Studies	3
MED HIST/ C&E SOC/ PHILOS 565	The Ethics of Modern Biotechnology	3	ASIAN AM/ AFROAMER/ AMER IND/CHICLA/ FOLKLORE 102	Introduction to Comparative US Ethnic and American Indian Studies	3
PHILOS/ MED HIST 534	Ethics and the Brain	3	ASIAN AM 240	Topics in Asian American Studies	3
RELIG ST/ JEWISH 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA	3	CHICLA 201	Introduction to Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies	3
RELIG ST/ FOLKLORE 352	Shamanism	3	CHICLA 210	Chicana/o and Latina/o Cultural Studies	3
RELIG ST 475	Religion, Global and Public Health	3	CHICLA/ COM ARTS 347	Race, Ethnicity, and Media	3
RELIG ST/ ASIAN 505	The Perfectible Body in Religions, Medicines, and Politics	3	COM ARTS 565	Communication and Interethnic Behavior	3
S&A PHM/ HIST SCI 401	History of Pharmacy	2	GEN&WS 101	Gender, Women, and Cultural Representation	3
SOC/C&E SOC 532	Health Care Issues for Individuals, Families and Society	3	GEN&WS 102	Gender, Women, and Society in Global Perspective	3
SOC/C&E SOC 533	Public Health in Rural & Urban Communities	3	GEN&WS/ AFROAMER 323	Gender, Race and Class: Women in U.S. History	3
SOC 575	Sociological Perspectives on the Life Course and Aging	3	GEN&WS/ CHICLA 332	Latinas: Self Identity and Social Change	3
			GEN&WS 423	The Female Body in the World: Gender and Contemporary Body Politics in Cross Cultural Perspective	3

CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Complete one course aimed at understanding the social, cultural, and linguistic needs of patients:

Code	Title	Credits	Code	Title	Credits
AFRICAN 201	Introduction to African Literature	3	RELIG ST 311	Sects and Cults	3
AFRICAN 230	Introduction to Yoruba Life and Culture	3	RELIG ST 406	The Amish	3
AFRICAN 231	Introduction to Arabic Literary Culture	3	SOC 125	American Society: How It Really Works	3-4
AFRICAN/ AFROAMER/ HISTORY/ POLI SCI 297	African and African-American Linkages: An Introduction	4	SOC 134	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity in the United States	3-4
AFRICAN/ASIAN/ RELIG ST 370	Islam: Religion and Culture	3-4	SOC 138	The Sociology of Gender	3-4
AFRICAN 412	Contemporary African Fiction	3	SOC/GEN&WS 200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Studies	3-4
AFROAMER 151	Introduction to Contemporary Afro-American Society	3	SOC/ASIAN AM 220	Ethnic Movements in the United States	3-4
AFROAMER 155	They: Race in American Literature	3	SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 617	Community Development	3
AFROAMER/ GEN&WS 222	Introduction to Black Women Writers	3			

CAPSTONE

Complete one of the following health-focused service learning course:

Code	Title	Credits
HIST SCI/ENGL/ MED HIST 525	Health and the Humanities	3
NURSING 511	Community Supports for People with Dementia	3

RP & SE 300	Individuals with Disabilities	3
DANCE 231	Introduction to Dance/Movement Therapy	3
DANCE 232	Introduction to Dynamics of Dance Therapy	3

ELECTIVE (IF NEEDED)

Complete additional coursework to reach 15 credits from any of the courses listed above or ENGL/HIST SCI/MED HIST 599 Directed Study in Health and the Humanities

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA on all Certificate courses
- At least 8 Certificate credits in residence

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Identify major developments in the history of medicine and the medical profession.
2. Describe how the meaning of "health" has varied over time and space.
3. Comprehend and evaluate complex arguments about politics, values, healthcare, and health in contemporary society.
4. Understand health and illness as grounded in personal experience, develop empathy for others' experiences and use creative means to reflect on those experiences.
5. Develop sensitivity for what health means among differently positioned people (e.g., with respect to race, class, gender, culture, disability, age).

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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The certificate's academic advisor, Laura Bradley, can help you create a meaningful course plan and stay on track as you complete the certificate requirements. We recommend that you connect with Laura as early as possible to consult on a variety of topics including: applying to the certificate, course selection, exploring how certificate courses fit with Breadth and University General Education degree requirements, campus resources, and getting the most from your Wisconsin Experience.

SUCCESSWORKS

SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps you turn the academic skills learned in your classes into a fulfilling life, guiding you every step of the way to securing jobs, internships, or admission to graduate school.

Through one-on-one career advising, events, and resources, you can explore career options, build valuable internship and research experience,

and connect with supportive alumni and employers who open doors of opportunity.

- What you can do with your major (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/what-you-can-do-with-your-major/>) (Major Skills & Outcomes Sheets)
- Make a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
- Try "Jobs, Internships, & How to Get Them," (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/canvas/>) an interactive guide in Canvas for enrolled UW-Madison students