

HEALTH AND SOCIETY MINOR

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Health and Society is an interdisciplinary minor designed to provide undergraduate students with training in the social foundations of health. This includes, but is not limited to, how social arrangements shape morbidity and mortality patterns across different populations; the organization and financing of health care; how culture informs ideas and practices related to bodies, illness, and disease; and how people experience and make sense of illness in their everyday lives.

The minor requires students to take five courses, including HEAS 2000 Introduction to Health and Society and four additional courses selected from an approved list. Courses are offered in African American Studies, Bioethics, Biology, Communication Studies, Economics, Environmental Studies, Film and Television Studies, Health and Human Sciences, History, Psychology, Sociology, Urban Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies. Key features of the program include:

1. an interdisciplinary and rigorous approach to understanding historic and contemporary social forces that impact health, and
2. a flexible curriculum that allows students to focus on specific issues or perspectives of interest.

Students completing the minor will know about historic and current efforts aimed at improving the health of populations and should be able to use different disciplinary lenses to analyze how social forces shape health, broadly defined. They should also be able to formulate macro-and/or micro-level interventions aimed at reducing disease burdens on particular populations.

Health and Society Learning Outcomes

- Be able to identify the conceptual and methodological tools employed in different disciplines to study health, disease, and the body
- Be able to analyze how social forces (e.g., culture, policies, racism, class structures) shape health
- Be able to gather and analyze information related to specific health topics
- Know about specific historic and/or current efforts to improve the health of populations

Minor Requirements

LMU students wishing to declare the Health and Society minor must meet with the program director. The director will sign the student's Change of Program form provided the student meets certain academic standards that include having a minimum LMU GPA of 2.0 (C) and not otherwise on academic probation.

The minor requires the completion of five courses (16-20 semester hours; units may vary depending on the mix of courses taken given different college/school policies on the number of semester hours offered for courses). The only required course in the minor is HEAS 2000 Introduction to Health and Society, which introduces students to important conceptual frameworks and prepares them for interdisciplinary coursework. Students must adhere to the following program guidelines:

1. In addition to HEAS 2000 Introduction to Health and Society, students may only take ONE additional lower-division course.
2. At least 10 semester hours of upper-division coursework.

3. No more than two courses may be taken from the same department or program.
4. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required in HEAS 2000 Introduction to Health and Society in order to progress in the minor.
5. An average grade of C (2.0) is required in courses included in the minor.
6. Students must complete a minimum of 6 units in HEAS that do not count towards any other program in which they are enrolled.

Other courses that count towards the minor, include, but are not limited to the following:

Code	Title	Semester Hours
AFAM 4645	Race, Health, and Social Justice	4
AFAM 3998	Special Studies (when offered as Black Health Factors)	1-4
BIOE 1000	Introduction to Bioethics	4
BIOL 276	Epidemics and Infectious Diseases	3
BIOL 472	Epidemiology	3
CMST 3325	Communication and Healthcare	4
ECON 4580	Health Economics	4
EVST 3020	Sustainable Cities	4
EVST 3110	Agriculture, Food, and Justice	4
EVST 3130	Environmental Justice	4
EVST 3998	Special Studies (when offered as Environmental Justice or Race, Body, and Environment)	1-4
FTVS 3230	Technology/Aesthetics	4
FTVS 4600	Film Genre (when offered as Horror and Reproductive Health)	4
FTVS 4700	Special Topics Theory/History (when offered as Science Fiction and Biopolitics)	4
HIST 1900	Science, Nature, and Society	4
HIST 4433	Health and Disease in American Culture	4
HHSC 3100	Health Services for Marginalized Populations	3
HHSC 3130	Medical Bioethics	3
HHSC 3140	Global and Community Health	3
HHSC 3220	Public Health	3
HHSC 4100	Epidemiology	3
JOUR 4410	Health & Science Journalism	4
PHIL 3998	Special Studies (when offered as Philosophy of Disability)	1-4
POLS 3350	Elderly and the Law	4
PSYC 3019	African and Black Psychology	4
PSYC 3998	Special Studies (when offered as Refrigerator Moms and Wild Boys or Poverty and Community Resilience)	1-4
PSYC 4033	Community Psychology	4
SOCL 3150	Sociology of Health and Illness	4
SOCL 3201	Drugs and Society	4
SOCL 3240	Sociology of Aging	4
SOCL 3250	Health and Social Justice	4
WGST 2200	Women's Bodies, Health, and Sexuality	4
WGST 3900	Gender, Race, and Disability	4