SOCIETY, HEALTH AND MEDICINE - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology and Criminology
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About This Program

The Society, Health and Medicine minor exposes students to the sociocultural, political and organizational dimensions of health and medicine while also promoting an understanding of the social determinants of health.

Students combine core courses from medical sociology with a series of electives of their choosing. Electives cut across many disciplines and content areas, allowing students to design a minor that aligns with their academic and career goals. The minor is well suited to students with an academic interest in health, medicine or health disparities, as well as those pursuing careers in the health professions.

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Program Delivery

• Delivery: in person
• Location: Kent Campus, Stark Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare Society, Health and Medicine minor, students must have a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State University GPA. No Kent State University GPA is required if the student is a first-semester freshman or transfer student admitted in good standing.

Program Requirements

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Minor Elective, choose from the following:

- SOC 42563 SOCIOLGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE (Required Courses) 3
- SOC 32565 SOCIOLGY OF SEXUALITIES (DIVD)
- SOC 32569 MINORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES (DIVD)
- SOC 42010 DEATH AND DYING
- SOC 42421 CHILDHOOD IN SOCIETY
- SOC 42478 ADOLESCENCE IN SOCIETY
- SOC 42560 SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD
- SOC 42562 SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS
- SOC 42879 AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)

Interdisciplinary Electives, choose from the following: 1

- AFS 33171 AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES (DIVD)
- ANTH 48250 MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY (DIVG)
- BSCI 40020 BIOLOGY OF AGING
- BSCI 40157 NEUROBIOLOGY OF DRUG ADDICTION
- BSCI 40463 MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY
- CES 44084 BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- COMM 36500 HEALTH COMMUNICATION
- COMM 45503 HEALTH COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA
- COMM 45507 COMMUNICATION FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
- CRIM 36800 LGBTQ POPULATIONS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM (DIVD)
- CRIM 37311 MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
- CRIM 37411 WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (DIVD)
- CRIM 46701 CRIME, JUSTICE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- CRIM 46708 TREATMENT METHODS
- CULT 2601 INTRODUCTION TO DISABILITY STUDIES
- ECON 42086 ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE
- EXSC 15010 INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE SCIENCE
- EXSC 40612 EXERCISE LEADERSHIP FOR THE OLDER ADULT
- GEOG 42502 HEALTH GEOGRAPHY
- GER 14029 INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)
- GER 40656 PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING
- HDF 44039 BEREAVEMENT, TRAUMA AND OTHER LOSSES
- HED 11570 PERSONAL HEALTH
- HED 11590 COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION
- HED 14020 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY
- HED 21030 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH EDUCATION
- HED 21050 HEALTH EDUCATION THEORIES
- HED 30000 TEACHING HEALTH TO YOUNG LEARNERS
- HED 32530 DRUG USE AND MISUSE
- HED 32544 HUMAN SEXUALITY
- HED 34050 PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION
- HIST 31075 HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES
- or WMST 30100 HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES
- HIST 31550 MEDICINE IN THE MODERN WORLD SINCE 1500
- IHS 10000 CAREERS IN HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES
- LGBT 20020 INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER STUDIES
- LGBT 40201 TRANSGENDER STUDIES

Society, Health and Medicine - Minor
Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA: 2.000  
Minimum Overall GPA: 2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand how health and wellness are shaped by factors such as race, gender and socioeconomic status.
2. Understand how medical care is organized in the United States and other countries.
3. Understand who receives health care and who does not.
4. Understand how medical providers are socialized into their roles.
5. Understand how patients navigate illness and treatment.