

# SOCIETY, HEALTH AND MEDICINE - MINOR

College of Arts and Sciences  
 Department of Sociology and Criminology  
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## Fully Offered

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus
  - Stark Campus

## Description

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.

## 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 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

## Program Requirements

### Minor Requirements

| Code   | Title  | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Minor Requirements</b>  |  |              |
| SOC 12050  | INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)                 | 3            |
| SOC 42010  | DEATH AND DYING  | 3            |
| or SOC 42562   | SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS                            |              |
| or SOC 42879   | AGING IN SOCIETY (DIVD)                                |              |
| SOC 42563  | SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE (Required Courses) | 3            |
| Minor Elective, choose from the following:                           |  | 3            |
| SOC 32565  | SOCIOLOGY 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: <sup>1</sup> |  | 6            |
| 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 26501   | INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH COMMUNICATION                   |              |
| COMM 46503   | HEALTH COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA                         |              |
| COMM 46507   | EVERYDAY INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND HEALTH        |              |
| 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                                      |              |
| ECON 42086   | ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE                               |              |
| ENG 30052  | MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC WRITING                         |              |
| EXSC 15010   | INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISE SCIENCE                       |              |
| EXSC 40612   | EXERCISE LEADERSHIP FOR THE OLDER ADULT                |              |
| GEOG 42052   | MEDICAL GEOGRAPHY                                      |              |
| GERO 14029   | INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)               |              |
| GERO 40656   | PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING                                    |              |
| HDFS 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                      |              |

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| HED 32530                   | DRUG USE AND MISUSE   |
| HED 32544                   | HUMAN SEXUALITY   |
| HED 34050                   | PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION                   |
| HIST 31075<br>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   |
| NURS 10060                  | INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE                         |
| NURS 20950                  | HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS                 |
| NURS 32060                  | TRANSCULTURAL NURSING ADVANCING CULTURAL HUMILITY                     |
| NURS 35040                  | COMPLEMENTARY AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH                                  |
| NURS 35070                  | NURSING ETHICS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE                                   |
| NURS 35080                  | CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN NURSING PRACTICE AND HEALTH CARE               |
| NURS 40089                  | INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE POLICES (ELR) (WIC)                         |
| NURS 45010                  | HEALTHCARE POLICY AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS                                |
| NURS 45080                  | INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE       |
| NUTR 23511                  | SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)                                      |
| NUTR 35319                  | NUTRITION, HEALTH AND SOCIETY   |
| PESP 15010                  | INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION, FITNESS AND SPORT                 |
| PH 10001                    | INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH   |
| PH 10002                    | INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH (DIVG)                                  |
| PH 20001                    | ESSENTIALS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY  |
| PH 20015                    | ZOMBIE OUTBREAK   |
| PH 22001                    | PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS: HOW INFECTION SHAPED CULTURE AND HISTORY       |
| PH 30005                    | SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE THEORIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH               |
| PH 30006                    | INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY                       |
| PH 30007                    | PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASES                                    |
| PH 30012                    | COMMUNICABLE DISEASES   |
| PH 30015                    | UNITED STATES HEALTH CARE SYSTEM                                      |
| PH 30033                    | PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND DECISION-MAKING                              |
| PH 32005                    | EMERGING ISSUES IN COMMUNITY HEALTH                                   |
| PH 35005                    | ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN PUBLIC HEALTH                                |
| PH 43014                    | PUBLIC HEALTH AND MASS INCARCERATION                                  |
| PH 43089                    | PLAGUES THAT SHAPED THE WORLD   |
| PH 44000                    | HEALTH DISPARITIES (DIVD) (WIC)                                       |
| PH 44003                    | ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES       |
| PH 44020                    | PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS IN PRACTICE, POLICY AND RESEARCH                 |
| PHIL 30015                  | MEDICINE AND MORALITY   |
| PHIL 40005                  | HEALTH CARE ETHICS  |

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| PHIL 41034 | PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY                               |
| POL 40450  | HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL POLICY   |
| PSYC 22221 | MULTICULTURAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD)                                       |
| PSYC 30656 | PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING   |
| PSYC 41581 | HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY   |
| PSYC 41584 | THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EXERCISE  |
| RPTM 16000 | FOUNDATIONS OF RECREATION AND LEISURE                                 |
| RPTM 26001 | INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY INCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES |

**Minimum Total Credit Hours:**

**18**

<sup>1</sup> Some courses may have prerequisites for registration.

## Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Minor GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2.000             | 2.000               |

- Students must complete at least two upper-division (30000 or 40000 level) courses in the minor at Kent State on a graded basis (A-F).
- 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).