

# Health Care– Social Issues

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Health care–social issues is an interdisciplinary minor designed to enhance students' competence in analyzing complex social and ethical implications and ramifications of health care issues, policies, and delivery systems. Students gain an understanding of how the economy, culture, technology, sociological and psychological processes influence modern health care. Although it is administered by Warren College, it is available to all UCSD students with a general interest in health care as well as to students considering health care careers. This minor offers UCSD students the opportunity to examine health care-related issues from the perspectives of a wide range of disciplines that include anthropology, contemporary issues, economics, ethnic studies, philosophy, psychology, sociology, urban studies, and science and technology. By bringing together course work from these academic departments, this interdisciplinary curriculum offers a breadth of intellectual experience that enhances students' undergraduate education and their preparation for professional and postgraduate education in health care professions.

Students should consult an academic adviser in their college provost's office to determine how the health care–social issues minor can best meet their college's graduation requirements. Declarations must first be reviewed and approved by the coordinator of Interdisciplinary Programs and then by the student's college academic advising office.

Students are strongly urged to supplement the health care–social issues minor with a health-related internship. The Academic Internship Program offers internship placements in clinical settings and with medical research teams that provide valuable experience, career clarification, and an opportunity to apply theories learned in course work. Juniors and seniors with at least a 2.5 overall grade-point average (some placements require a 3.0 GPA) are eligible and can earn from four to sixteen units of academic credit for the internship experience.

Further information on related programs and activities is available at the Interdisciplinary Programs Office, Literature Building, Second Floor, Room 3238, Warren College, or call (858) 534-1704. Web site: <http://warren.ucsd.edu/health>

## Health Care–Social Issues Minor Requirements

The minor consists of seven courses (three required and four electives). At least five courses must be taken at the upper-division level. Upper-division courses must not overlap with courses in the student's major and must be distributed in two or more disciplines. For full descriptions of the following courses, please see departmental listings.

The health care–social issues minor is applicable as a Warren College program of concentration in the social sciences.

### Required Courses

Sociology/L 40—Sociology of Health Care Issues

Philosophy 163—Bio-Medical Ethics

One course in Urban Studies and Planning chosen from the following:

143—The U.S. Health Care System

144—Environmental and Preventive Health Issues

145—Aging: Social and Health Policy Issues

147—Case Studies in Health Care Programs: The Poor and Underserved

(Additional urban studies and planning courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements in the minor.)

### Elective Course Options

#### Anthropology

##### Lower-Division

2—Human Origins

##### Biological Sciences

101—Topics in Biomedical Anthropology

141—The Evolution of Human Diet

##### General

100—Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology (approval required)

128—The Anthropology of Medicine

##### Contemporary Issues

22—Human Sexuality

40—The AIDS Epidemic

136—The Anthropology of Medicine

#### Economics

138A-B—Economics of Health

#### Ethnic Studies

142—Medicine, Race, and the Global Politics of Inequality

#### Philosophy

147—Philosophy of Biology

148—Philosophy and the Environment

151—Philosophy of Neuroscience

162—Contemporary Moral Issues

164—Technology and Human Values

165—Professional Ethics

#### Psychology

2—General Psychology: Biological Foundations

60—Introduction to Statistics

104—Introduction to Social Psychology

124—Introduction to Clinical Psychology

132—Hormones and Behavior

134—Eating Disorders

153—Clinical Psychology

154—Behavior Modification

155—Social Psychology and Medicine

163—Abnormal Psychology

168—Psychological Disorders of Childhood

169—Brain Damage and Mental Function

172—Psychology of Human Sexuality

179—Drugs, Addiction, and Mental Disorders

181—Drugs and Behavior

188—Impulse Control Disorders

#### Science, Technology, and Public Affairs

181—Elements of International Medicine

#### Sociology

##### Lower-Division

60—The Practice of Social Research

##### Cluster B

1205—Special Topics in Culture, Language, and Social Interaction (prior approval of topic required)

143—Suicide

##### Cluster C

134A—The Making of Modern Medicine

134B—Medicine in the Twentieth Century

135—Medical Sociology

- 136A—Sociology of Mental Illness:  
Historical Approach
- 136B—Sociology of Mental Illness in  
Contemporary Society
- 137—Knowledge and Practice in Biomedicine
- 138—Genetics and Society
- 159—Special Topics in Social Organizations  
and Institutions (prior approval of topic  
required)

#### **Urban Studies and Planning**

- 143—The U.S. Health Care System
- 144—Environmental and Preventive  
Health Issues
- 145—Aging: Social and Health Policy Issues
- 147—Case Studies in Health Care Programs:  
The Poor and Underserved

#### ***Recommended Internship Experience***

Health care-related internship (AIP 197): to be arranged at least one quarter in advance through the Academic Internship Program, Literature Building, Second Floor, Warren College. Clinical and research placements are available. For each four units of credit, ten hours per week for one quarter plus a ten-page research paper are required