

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, and sociological and psychological processes influence modern health care. Although it is administered by Warren College, it is available to all UC San Diego undergraduate students with a general interest in health care as well as to students considering health care careers. This minor offers students the opportunity to examine health care related issues from the perspectives of a wide range of disciplines, including anthropology, biology, cognitive science, contemporary issues, economics, ethnic studies, philosophy, psychology, science, technology, public affairs, sociology, and urban studies. 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 the health care field.

Students should consult an academic advisor at their college to determine how the Health Care–Social Issues minor can best meet their college graduation requirements. Minor declarations must be made online using the [TritonLink](#) major and minor application.

Students are 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.

Further information on the program is available at the Warren College Interdisciplinary Programs Office.

HEALTH CARE–SOCIAL ISSUES MINOR REQUIREMENTS

The minor consists of three required courses and four elective courses. 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. No more than three courses may be taken in any one discipline. For full descriptions of the following courses, please see departmental listings.

Required Courses

Sociology 40—Sociology of Health Care Issues
Philosophy 163—Biomedical 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/Poor and Undeserved Population

(Additional Urban Studies and Planning courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements in the minor.)

Elective Course Options

Anthropology

- ANTH 2—Human Origins
- ANBI 100—Special Topics in Biological Anthropology (topic approval required)
- ANBI 141—The Evolution of Human Diet
- ANSC 100—Special Topics in Socio-Cultural Anthropology (topic approval required)
- ANSC 164—The Anthropology of Medicine

Biology

- BILD 36—AIDS, Science, and Society
- BICD 136—AIDS, Science, and Society

Cognitive Science

- 174—Drugs: Brain, Mind, and Culture
Contemporary Issues

- 22—Human Sexuality
- 40—The AIDS Epidemic
- 136—The Anthropology of Medicine

Economics

- 140—Economics of Health Producers
- 141—Economics of Health Consumers

Ethnic Studies

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

History

- HISC 115—History of Modern Medicine
- HISC 116—History of Bioethics
- HISC 174—History of Localization of Brain Function

Philosophy

- 147—Philosophy of Biology
- 148—Philosophy and the Environment
- 151—Philosophy of Neuroscience
- 162—Contemporary Moral Issues
- 164—Technology and Human Values

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
- 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—Essentials of Global Health

Sociology

- Soc 60—The Practice of Social Research

- Soc 120T—Special Topics in Culture, Language, and Social Interaction (topic approval required)

- Soc 134E—The Making of Modern Medicine

- Soc 135—Medical Sociology

- Soc 136E—Sociology of Mental Illness: A Historical Approach

- Soc 136F—Sociology of Mental Illness in Contemporary Society

- Soc 138—Genetics and Society

- Soc 143—Suicide

- Soc 159—Special Topics in Social Organizations and Institutions (topic approval 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
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Students may petition to substitute courses in the minor that have substantial content related to health care and society. Petitions should be submitted to the Warren College Interdisciplinary Programs Office.

RECOMMENDED INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

A health care related internship (AIP 197) is recommended and should be arranged at least one quarter in advance through the Academic Internship Program, Literature Building, Second Floor, <http://aip.ucsd.edu/>. Clinical and research placements are available.

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