

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.

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

- 120S—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. 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.