

BA in Health Humanities

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Degree Program Description

Societies are increasingly confronted with an array of complex issues related to health, including medical privacy, rural healthcare, addiction, aging, disability access, and the ethics of new technologies and treatments. Health Humanities explores the cultural, historical, economic, and demographic factors that impact health, healthcare, and health policy. A broad, interdisciplinary field, Health Humanities unites practicing health professionals, traditional humanities scholars, artists, writers, and humanities and social science students, as well as pre-health and health professions students. This major focuses on health and healthcare delivery in their cultural, historical, aesthetic, and political contexts with the aim of developing clinical empathy skills necessary for patient-centered care; a holistic understanding of health issues and ethics; and culturally informed communication skills.

Health Humanities prepares students for health-oriented postgraduate programs as well as for diverse careers in healthcare delivery and leadership. This program prepares students for an array of roles in government, the healthcare industry (including marketing, sales, medical research, consulting, and insurance), civic engagement, and administration in the private and public sectors. The curriculum is designed to train students to meet emerging challenges in our healthcare system as well as changes in medical education. This program is dedicated to training the next generation of national and international health leaders—from doctors and health professionals to economists, technological designers, health journalists, and policymakers.

Major Program Requirements

In addition to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated. Students must take 21 of the required 30 credits in the College of Arts & Science.

Foundation Courses:	18
Required Courses	12
HLTH_HUM 1000	Introduction to Health Humanities 3
COMMUN 4530	Health Communication 3
ENGLSH 2000	Studies in English (Literature & Medicine) 3
or PHIL 2440	Medical Ethics
P_HLTH 2200	Introduction to Public Health and Health Promotion 3
Creative Practice (choose one course for 3 credit hours)	3
ART_VS 1020	Introduction to Visual Studies 3
ART_VS 1050	Drawing Materials and Methods 3

ART_VS 1100	Ceramics for Non-Majors	3
ART_VS 2030	Context and Culture	3
ART_VS 2600	Digital Photography	3
ENGLSH 1500	Creative Writing: Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGLSH 2100	Writing About Literature	3
THEATR 1400	Acting for Non-Majors	3
THEATR 2220	Immersive Theatre	3
or DST_VS 2820	Immersive Storytelling	
3000/4000-level approved writing intensive course		3
Capstone:		3
A 4000-level capstone experiential course requiring an academic or creative project or an experience that allows to integrate knowledge gained through prior coursework and learn professional skills (e.g. study abroad, service learning, or internship for a minimum of 3 credits.) Must be approved by the program director.		
Concentration Areas:		6
Choose at least 6 credit hours within one of the following four concentration areas.		
Community Health and Society		
ANTHRO 3560	Plagues and Peoples	3
GN_HON 2311H	The American Way of Death	3
GEOG 4450	Health, Healthcare Access, and Geography	3
HLTH_SCI 2400	Contemporary Health Issues	3
HLTH_SCI 3700	Health Care in the United States	3
HIST 3550	Science and Medicine in Ancient and Medieval Europe	3
H_D_FS 2300	Multicultural Study of Children and Families	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
PUB_AF 4175	Early Childhood Policy	3
P_HLTH 3910W	Public Health Communication - Writing Intensive	3
P_HLTH 3310	Social and Behavioral Health Theory and Practice	3
P_HLTH 3460	Introduction to Public Health and Emergency Preparedness	3
P_HLTH 3560	Public Health and Environmental Justice	3
P_HLTH 3620	Public Health Promotion and Program Planning	3
P_HLTH 3960	Public Health, Drugs and Policy	3
P_HLTH 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics: Gender in the Heartland	3
or WGST 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics	
P_HLTH 4620	Climate Change and Human Health	3
P_HLTH 4630	Health and Human Migration	3
SOCIOL 3440	Sociology of Health	3
SOCIOL 4450	Research Practicum in Health, Place, and Community	3
WGST 3850	Gender and the Politics of Representation	3
WGST 3960	Strategies for Effective Peer Education	1
or P_HLTH 3965	Strategies for Effective Peer Education in Public Health	
Global Health		
ANTHRO 3560	Plagues and Peoples	3
ANTHRO 4360	Medical Anthropology	3

HLTH_SCI 2400	Contemporary Health Issues	3
HLTH_SCI 3400	Global Health Care Systems *	3
or P_HLTH 3400	Global Public Health and Health Care Systems	
HIST 2590	Epidemics and Society	3
P_HLTH 3960	Public Health, Drugs and Policy	3
P_HLTH 4620	Climate Change and Human Health	3
WGST 2050	Gender and Public Health	3
or P_HLTH 2050	Gender and Public Health	
WGST 3960	Strategies for Effective Peer Education (Gender in the Heartland)	3
or P_HLTH 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics: Gender in the Heartland	
WGST 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics	3
or P_HLTH 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics: Gender in the Heartland	

History, Narrative and Ethics

ANTHRO 4580	Evolutionary Medicine	3
GN_HON 2239H	How Do I Feel? Emotions and Health	3
HLTH_SCI 2850	Inclusion and Equity in Health Care	3
HLTH_SCI 2900	Health Care In Missouri	3
HLTH_SCI 4410	Humanism and Health Literacy	3
HLTH_SCI 4420	Health Literacy, Decision Making and Behavior Changes	3
HLTH_SCI 4480	Clinical Ethics	3
PHIL 1150	Introductory Bioethics	3
PHIL 4400	The Nature of Scientific Inquiry: An Introduction to Philosophy of Science	3
POL_SC 4390	United States Health Politics and Policy	3
SOC_WK 4395	Death, Grief and Loss (Disability and Sexuality in U.S. Culture)	3
WGST 3850	Gender and the Politics of Representation	3

Identity and Health

ANTHRO 2580	Evolution of Human Sexuality	3
GEOG 4450	Health, Healthcare Access, and Geography	3
HLTH_SCI 2850	Inclusion and Equity in Health Care	3
HLTH_SCI 3400	Global Health Care Systems *	3
or P_HLTH 3400	Global Public Health and Health Care Systems	
HLTH_SCI 4430	Health Care Across the Lifespan	3
P_HLTH 3860	Autism Spectrum Disorder and Public Health	3
P_HLTH 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics: Gender in the Heartland	3
or WGST 4420	Gender, Culture, and Politics	
SOCIOL 3440	Sociology of Health	3
SOCIOL 4450	Research Practicum in Health, Place, and Community	3
WGST 2050	Gender and Public Health	3
WGST 2960	Sexual Health Education and Advocacy	3
or P_HLTH 2050	Gender and Public Health	
WGST 3850	Gender and the Politics of Representation (Disability and Sexuality in U.S. Culture)	3
WGST 3960	Strategies for Effective Peer Education	1
WGST 4600	Women and Health	1

or P_HLTH 3965	Strategies for Effective Peer Education in Public Health	
WGST 4610	Race, Gender, and Health: An Intersectional Examination of Health Inequalities	3
or P_HLTH 4610	Race, Ethnicity, and Health: An Intersectional Examination of Health Inequalities	

Electives: 6
Choose 6 additional credit hours from any of the above concentration areas.

* Between HLTH_SCI 3400 and P_HLTH 3400, only one may count in the concentration area and elective major requirements.

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLISH 1000		3 Behavioral Science	3
HLTH_HUM 1000		3 Creative Practice from Arts and Science	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
Humanities from Arts and Science		3 Missouri State Law Requirement: Social Science from Arts and Science	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
PHIL 2440		3 Biological or Physical Science lab	3
P_HLTH 2200		3 First Writing Intensive	3
Biological, Physical, or Mathematical Science		3 Health Humanities Concentration, 3000+ level	3
Social Science		3 Second Language	4
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
COMMUN 4530		3 Health Humanities Elective, 3000+ level	3
Behavioral Science from Arts and Science, 3000+ level		3 Humanities	3
Health Humanities Concentration from Arts and Science, 3000+ level		3 Second Language	4
Second Language		4 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Health Humanities Elective from Arts and Science		3 Health Humanities Capstone from Arts and Science, 3000+ level	3
Humanities, 3000+ level		3 Humanities	3
Social Science		3 Social Science, 2000+ level	3
Writing Intensive in major, 3000+ level		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+ level	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective, 3000+ level		3	
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Total Credits: 120

Degree Audit

The degree audit is an automated report reflecting a student's academic progress toward the completion of a degree.

MU students can request a degree audit by logging in to myDegreePlanner (<https://mydegreeplanner.missouri.edu>). Students may also access myDegreePlanner via myZou, in the Student Center, click on the Academic Progress Tile, then select Request Degree Audit. The audit automatically pulls in the student's MU course work, transfer courses and courses in progress. This is available to current students, admitted students, and those who last attended less than three terms ago.

Past MU students can request a degree audit by contacting the Academic Advising Unit of the division in which they were last enrolled at MU. For contact information, go to <https://advising.missouri.edu/contact/>.

Prospective students, can access a preliminary MU degree audit via <https://www.transferology.com> (<https://www.transferology.com/>). Information on the college credits already earned will have to be manually entered before it can be evaluated against current degree requirements.

For additional details on degree audits, go to <https://registrar.missouri.edu/degrees-audits/degree-audits/>.

Major and Career Exploration

The University of Missouri has many resources to assist you in exploring majors and career possibilities. For guidance, visit the Majors and Careers (<https://career.missouri.edu/majors-careers/>) website or view specific resources below.

- If you are considering a change of major or are exploring multiple majors, schedule an appointment with an advisor in the Discovery Center (<https://discoverycenter.missouri.edu/>) by calling (573)884-9700 or through MU Connect (<https://mizzou.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=service/3761489>) Discovery Center service in you success network.
- If you have decided on a major, visit an academic advisor in the School or College that you are interested in to discuss the process of declaring the major (<https://advising.missouri.edu/majors-minors/changing-major/>).
- If you would like to learn more about your career interests, abilities, values and talents, visit the MU Career Center (<https://career.missouri.edu/connect/>). No Appointment is necessary to explore career options with one of our staff members.

- If you would like information about MU majors and degree programs, visit:
 - the Degrees, Majors (Degree Programs), Emphasis Areas, Minors and Certificates (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms/>) page in the catalog,
 - the MU Majors (<https://majors.missouri.edu>) website.

For additional major and career exploration resources, visit Major & Career Exploration (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/majorcareereexploration/>) in the catalog.