

The Department of

Health Humanities and the Medical Arts Minor

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The minor in Health Humanities and the Medical Arts is founded on the understanding that medicine, and health care more broadly, aims to restore and promote flourishing and well-being of the whole human person. The humanities and the social sciences offer unique opportunities to explore the meaning of health and illness that provide valuable knowledge and insight for future healthcare professionals and caregivers. Moreover, research shows significant and high rates of correlation between the study of health humanities and the provision of excellent healthcare as well as high levels of sustained professional satisfaction.

The minor is designed to focus on knowledge acquisition as well as cognitive and interpersonal skills development aimed at supporting the goals of whole person-centered healthcare. Skills based learning includes a focus on critical thinking, effective communication, empathetic imagination, and compassionate care. The minor in Health Humanities and the Medical Arts is available to all students in the University and is particularly valuable for those students planning to pursue graduate studies or employment in the medical field or the healthcare industry more broadly.

Minor: Health Humanities and the Medical Arts (15 credits)

The Health Humanities and the Medical Arts Minor consists of 15 credits and 5 courses. Students also have the optional opportunity for independent study with a faculty member and clinical affiliate of the program.

Program Notes:

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).

Course	Title	Credits
HHMA 2050	Intro to Health Humanities	3
PHI 2115	Ethics for Health Care Prof	3
	HHMA Electives	9