

HEALTH AND SOCIETY

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Health and Society is an interdisciplinary cross-college program that brings together an array of social science and humanities approaches to address critical questions concerning health, illness, healing, and health care in human populations. Focusing on interactions between societal issues and health, program faculty and students examine the ways in which societies affect, are affected by, and respond to health and illness. The program explores the many ways in which health, healing, and health care are defined, perceived, and enacted in different sociocultural settings, and in which access to health and health care are distributed, within and across populations. The program investigates how social, cultural, political, economic, psychological, geographic, and environmental contexts shape human experiences of illness and healing and health-related knowledge and practices.

Housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Health and Society major and minor draw on courses from a range of academic disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, public health, psychology, political science, economics, geography, philosophy, religion, literature, and environmental studies, among others. See the major and minor requirements pages for a list of regularly applicable courses and the See Also list in the Schedule of Courses (Classic Version) for semester-specific offerings.

MAJORS

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Health and Society B.A.

MINORS

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Courses

HSOC 1010. Topics In: First-Year Seminar. 3 Credits.

Intensive first-year seminar focused on specific themes and/or disciplinary perspectives. Emphasis on developing critical reading and writing skills, substantive revision, information literacy, and analytical thinking. First-year seminars are frequently organized to meet one of the disciplinary Catamount Core requirements. Topics vary by offering; periodic offering at intervals that may exceed four years. Catamount Core: WIL1.

HSOC 1600. Health Care in America. 3 Credits.

Examination of the organization and financing of the U.S. health care system. Focus on health disparities, health care policy, and cross-national comparisons. Cross-listed with: SOC 1300. Catamount Core: S1.

HSOC 1700. Global Health Devel & Diversit. 3 Credits.

An anthropological exploration of connections between global health, economic development, and cultural diversity in contemporary times. Considers ways in which informed global citizens can make a positive difference in human health, taking socioeconomic and cultural diversity into account. Cross-listed with: ANTH 1190. Catamount Core: D2, GC1, SU.

HSOC 1990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

HSOC 2990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

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HSOC 2991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 2994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 3990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

HSOC 3993. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 3994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 3995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 4990. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

HSOC 4991. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 4994. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded.

HSOC 4995. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

HSOC 4996. Honors. 1-6 Credits.

College honors thesis or other department/program honors, under the supervision of a faculty member. Offered at department discretion.