MEDICINE, LITERATURE, AND CULTURE MINOR

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The interdisciplinary honors minor in medicine, literature, and culture was developed in collaboration with Honors Carolina and the Department of Social Medicine in the UNC School of Medicine. It encourages students to explore the cultural and historical dimensions of medical practice by viewing the practice of medicine not simply as an application of chemical and biological analyses of and interventions in the functioning of the human body but also as a cultural practice embedded in changing ideas of disease, health, doctors, patients, medical institutions, and ethics. The minor is available to students accepted into Honors Carolina and to any undergraduate student who has achieved and maintains a grade point average of 3.00 or better.

Department Programs

Majors

• Comparative Literature Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/comparative-literature-major-ba)
• English Major, B.A. (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/english-major-ba)

Minors

• Comparative Literature Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/comparative-literature-minor)
• Composition, Rhetoric, and Digital Literacy Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/composition-rhetoric-digital-literacy-minor)
• Creative Writing Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/creative-writing-minor)
• English Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/english-minor)
• Global Cinema Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/global-cinema-minor)
• Latina/o Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/latina-latino-studies-minor)
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Graduate Programs

• M.A. in English (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/english-comparative-literature)
• Ph.D. in English (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/english-comparative-literature)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

• take at least 9 credits of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
• earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degree requirementstext).

Core Requirements

Five courses representing at least three different subject codes: 15
ENGL 268H Medicine, Literature, and Culture

Four additional courses in at least two additional subject codes
Total Hours 15

Options for additional courses include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

AAAD 300 Cultures of Health and Healing in Africa 3
ANTH 147 Comparative Healing Systems 3
ANTH 270 Living Medicine 3
ANTH 319 Global Health 3
ANTH 442 Health and Gender after Socialism 3
ANTH 443 Cultures and Politics of Reproduction 3
ANTH 444 Medicine, Politics, and Justice 3
ANTH 470 Medicine and Anthropology 3
ANTH 473 Anthropology of the Body and the Subject 3
ANTH 474 The Anthropology of Disability 3
CMPL 383 Literature and Medicine H 3
ENGL 266 Science and Literature H 3
ENGL 269 Introduction to Disability Studies 3
ENGL 370 Race, Health, and Narrative H 3
ENGL 610 Science as Literature: Rhetorics of Science and Medicine 3
ENGL 611 Narrative, Literature, and Medicine: Advanced Interdisciplinary Seminar 3
GEOG 445 Medical Geography 3
HIST 329 An Introduction to the History of Medicine H 3
HIST 472 Medicine and Health in Early Modern Europe 3
HIST 622 Medicine and Society in America 3
HNRS 650 1-6
MEJO 560 Medical and Science Journalism 3
PLCY 361 Health Policy and Politics 3
PLCY 565 Global Health Policy 3
PLCY 570 Health and Human Rights 3
RELI 665 Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism 3
SOCI 422 Sociology of Health and Mental Illness 3
Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Additional courses can be applied to the requirements for this minor with the approval of the advisor for the minor.

At least three courses used to fulfill requirements for the minor must be counted exclusively in the minor and cannot be double-counted with a major or second minor. A minimum of 12 hours of C (not C-) or better is required in the minor. All courses must be taken for a standard letter grade, with the exception of one course (three to four credit hours) of By-Examination (BE) credit.

See program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/english-major-ba/#opportunitiestext) for special opportunities.