

SOCIETY, HEALTH AND MEDICINE - MINOR

College of Sciences and Humanities
 Department of Sociology and Criminology
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About This Program

Explore the sociocultural, political and organizational dimensions of health and medicine with the Society, Health and Medicine minor. Tailor your electives to your academic and career goals while building insight into health, medicine and health disparities and preparing for careers in the health professions. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus
 - Stark Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor’s degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare the Society, Health and Medicine minor, students must have a minimum 2.000 overall Kent State University GPA. No Kent State University GPA is required if the student is a first-semester freshman or transfer student admitted in good standing.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements		
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (KSS)	3
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING	3
or SOC 42562	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS	
or SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY	
SOC 42563	SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE	3
Minor Elective, choose from the following:		3
SOC 32565	SOCIOLOGY OF SEXUALITIES	
SOC 32569	MINORITIES IN THE UNITED STATES	
SOC 42010	DEATH AND DYING	

SOC 42421	CHILDHOOD IN SOCIETY	
SOC 42478	ADOLESCENCE IN SOCIETY	
SOC 42560	SOCIOLOGY OF FOOD (ELR)	
SOC 42562	SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS	
SOC 42879	AGING IN SOCIETY	
Interdisciplinary Electives, choose from the following: ¹		6
AFS 33171	AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES	
ANTH 48250	MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY	
BSCI 40020	BIOLOGY OF AGING	
BSCI 40157	NEUROBIOLOGY OF DRUG ADDICTION	
BSCI 40463	MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY	
CES 44084	BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS	
COMM 36500	HEALTH COMMUNICATION	
COMM 46507	COMMUNICATION FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	
CRIM 36800	LGBTQ POPULATIONS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRIM 37311	MINORITIES IN CRIME AND JUSTICE	
CRIM 37411	WOMEN IN CRIME AND JUSTICE	
CRIM 46701	CRIME, JUSTICE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
CRIM 46708	TREATMENT METHODS	
CULT 26001	INTRODUCTION TO DISABILITY STUDIES	
ECON 42086	ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE	
EXSC 15003	CAREERS IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES	
or IHS 15003	CAREERS IN HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES	
EXSC 40612	EXERCISE LEADERSHIP FOR THE OLDER ADULT	
GEOG 42052	HEALTH GEOGRAPHY	
GERO 14029	INTRODUCTION TO GERONTOLOGY (KSS)	
GERO 40656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING	
HDF 44039	BEREAVEMENT AND LOSS	
HED 11570	PERSONAL HEALTH	
HED 21030	INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH EDUCATION	
HED 21050	HEALTH EDUCATION THEORIES	
HED 30000	TEACHING HEALTH TO YOUNG LEARNERS	
HED 32530	DRUG USE AND MISUSE	
HED 34050	PROGRAM PLANNING AND EVALUATION IN HEALTH EDUCATION	
HIST 31075	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES	
or WMST 30100	HISTORY OF WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES	
HIST 31550	MEDICINE IN THE MODERN WORLD SINCE 1500	
IHS 14020	MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	
IHS 32544	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
LGBT 20020	INTRODUCTION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER STUDIES	
LGBT 40201	TRANSGENDER STUDIES	
NURS 10060	INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE	
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	
NURS 32060	TRANSCULTURAL NURSING ADVANCING CULTURAL HUMILITY	
NURS 35041	COMPLEMENTARY AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH	
NURS 35070	NURSING ETHICS IN CLINICAL PRACTICE	
NURS 35080	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN NURSING PRACTICE AND HEALTH CARE	

NURS 40089	INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE POLICIES (ELR)
NURS 45010	HEALTHCARE POLICY AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS
NURS 45080	INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
PEHS 15010	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION, FITNESS AND SPORT
PH 10001	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH
PH 10002	INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL HEALTH
PH 20001	ESSENTIALS OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
PH 20015	ZOMBIE OUTBREAK
PH 22001	PLAGUES AND PANDEMICS: HOW INFECTION SHAPED CULTURE AND HISTORY
PH 30005	SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE THEORIES IN PUBLIC HEALTH
PH 30006	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
PH 30007	PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASES
PH 30012	COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
PH 30015	UNITED STATES HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
PH 30033	PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY AND DECISION MAKING
PH 32005	EMERGING ISSUES IN COMMUNITY HEALTH
PH 35005	ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM IN PUBLIC HEALTH
PH 43014	PUBLIC HEALTH AND MASS INCARCERATION
PH 43089	PLAGUES THAT SHAPED THE WORLD (ELR)
PH 44000	HEALTH DISPARITIES (WIC)
PH 44003	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES
PH 44020	PUBLIC HEALTH ETHICS IN PRACTICE, POLICY AND RESEARCH
PHIL 30015	MEDICINE AND MORALITY
PHIL 40005	HEALTH CARE ETHICS
POL 40450	HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL POLICY
PSYC 30656	PSYCHOLOGY OF AGING
PSYC 41581	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
PSYC 41584	THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EXERCISE

Minimum Total Credit Hours:

18

¹ Some courses may have prerequisites for registration.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Understand how health and wellness are shaped by factors such as race, gender and socioeconomic status.

2. Understand how medical care is organized in the United States and other countries.
3. Understand who receives health care and who does not.
4. Understand how medical providers are socialized into their roles.
5. Understand how patients navigate illness and treatment.

Full Description

The Society, Health and Medicine minor exposes students to the sociocultural, political and organizational dimensions of health and medicine while also promoting an understanding of the social determinants of health.

Students combine core courses from medical sociology with a series of electives of their choosing. Electives cut across many disciplines and content areas, allowing students to design a minor that aligns with their academic and career goals. The minor is well suited to students with an academic interest in health, medicine or health disparities, as well as those pursuing careers in the health professions.