

MEDICAL HUMANITIES MAJOR (B.A.)

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The Medical Humanities major offers a broad and flexible curriculum, drawing on the humanities, social sciences, the arts, biomedical sciences, and the caregiving disciplines. Majors take core courses in Bioethics, Medical Anthropology, and Literature and Illness and fulfill further requirements through a choice of offerings in psychology, history, sociology, religious studies, child advocacy, and biology. Majors also pursue personal academic and career goals through coursework in 4 tracks of electives. In their final year, all Medical Humanities majors work one-on-one with a faculty supervisor to create a capstone experiential learning project, one that may involve placement in healthcare institutions or health-related organizations in New Jersey and New York City.

The Medical Humanities major gives students a competitive edge in the healthcare industries, the fastest growing sector in the economy today. Medical Humanities majors acquire a knowledge base in diverse healthcare fields as well as the transferable job skills that employees value highly: writing, oral communication, critical thinking, and ethical decision-making. Medical Humanities graduates find employment opportunities in hospitals, insurance carriers, universities, pharmaceutical companies, nursing facilities, physicians' offices, retirement communities, and outpatient centers. They also continue their studies at the postgraduate level, from medical and law school to a range of interdisciplinary PhD programs in the humanities and social sciences.

Program Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
	General Education Requirements	29
	World Languages and Cultures Requirements	3-9
	Major Requirements	40
	Free Electives	48-42
	Total Credits	120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
MEDH 101	Introduction to the Medical Humanities	3
ANTH 180	Health and Healing in Cross Cultural Perspective	3
PHIL 204	Philosophical Issues in Biomedical Ethics	3
MEDH 301	Medicine, Literature and Illness	3
MEDH 491	Capstone Project in the Medical Humanities	3
Human Biology Requirement		
Complete 1 course from the following:		4
ANTH 101	Physical Anthropology	
BIOL 110	The Biology of Human Life	
BIOL 112	Principles of Biology I	
Social Sciences Requirement		
Complete 1 course from the following:		3
CHAD 210	Child Abuse and Neglect	
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	

SOCI 104	Sociology of the Family	
Humanities Requirement		
Complete 1 course from the following:		3
HIST 241	History of Public Health in the United States	
RELG 218	Death, Dying and Afterlife	
WRIT 351	Language, Power, and Medicine: The Spectrum of Health	
Electives		
Complete 15 credits from the list below.		15
Total Credits		40

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Caregiving, Aging Studies and Disability Studies</i>		
ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights, and Culture	3
ANTH 205	Disability in US Popular Culture	3
ANTH 350	Anthropology of Aging and the Aged	3
ARTH 280	Introduction to Art Therapy	3
MUTH 100	Introduction to Music Therapy	2
NURS 330	Nursing Care and the Aging Patient	3
RELG 218	Death, Dying and Afterlife	3
RELG 232	Body and Soul	3
PSYC 268	Psychological Aspects of Aging	3
<i>Communication and Advocacy</i>		
CHAD 201	Literacy in Child Advocacy and Policy	3
CMST 160	Introduction to Health Communication	3
CMST 367	Health Communication Theory	3
FREN 121	Intermediate French	3
NURS 420	Transprofessional Communication Collaboration	3
NURS 450	Nursing Scholarship	3
SPAN 101	Spanish I	3
WRIT 351	Language, Power, and Medicine: The Spectrum of Health	3
<i>Human Biological and Psychological Well-Being</i>		
ANTH 101	Physical Anthropology	4
BIOL 110	The Biology of Human Life	4
BIOL 111	Emerging Diseases	3
BIOL 112	Principles of Biology I	4
BIOL 113	Principles of Biology II	4
PSYC 227	Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality	3
PSYC 302	Health Psychology	3
PSYC 320	Developmental Psychology I	3
PSYC 332	Psychological Foundations of Personality	3
PSYC 354	Clinical Psychology	3
PSYC 402	Systems of Psychotherapy	3
<i>Community and Public Health</i>		
ANTH 330	The Anthropology of Food and Nutrition	3
ANTH 423	Community and Health	3-4
ANTH 440	Medical Anthropology	3
CHAD 202	Cultural Competencies in Child Welfare	3
CHAD 210	Child Abuse and Neglect	3
HLTH 102	Introduction to Public Health	3

HLTH 204	Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health	3
NURS 430		3
SOCI 104	Sociology of the Family	3
SOCI 240	Statistics for Social Research	4
SOCI 309	Sociology of Health and Illness	3

General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill General Education categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/general-ed-ba-bs/>)

Code	Title	Credits
A. New Student Seminar		
Complete a 1 credit New Student Seminar course.		1
C. Communication		
1. <i>Writing</i>		3
2. <i>Literature</i>		3
3. <i>Communication</i>		3
D. Fine and Performing Arts		
Complete a 3 credit Fine and Performing Arts course.		3
F. Humanities		
1. <i>Great Works and Their Influences</i>		3
2. <i>Philosophical and Religious Perspectives</i>		3
G. Computer Science		
Complete a 3 credit Computer Science course.		3
H. Mathematics		
Complete a 3 credit Mathematics course.		3
I. Natural Science Laboratory		
Fulfilled in the major.		
ANTH 101	Physical Anthropology	
	or BIOL 110 The Biology of Human Life	
	or BIOL 112 Principles of Biology I	
J. Physical Education		
Complete a 1 credit Physical Education course.		1
K. Social Science		
1. <i>American and European History</i>		3
2. <i>Global Cultural Perspectives</i>		
ANTH 180	Health and Healing in Cross Cultural Perspective (Fulfilled in the major.)	
3. <i>Social Science Perspectives</i>		
Fulfilled in the major.		
CHAD 210	Child Abuse and Neglect	
	or PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	
	or SOCI 104 Sociology of the Family	
L. Interdisciplinary Studies		
MEDH 101	Introduction to the Medical Humanities (Fulfilled in the major.)	
Total Credits		29

World Languages and Cultures Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill World Languages and Cultures categories. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/undergraduate-graduate-degree-requirements/world-languages-cultures-requirement/>)

Code	Title	Credits
World Languages		
Based on language placement exam, complete one or two sequential courses in the same language.		3-6
World Cultures		
Requirement may be fulfilled by course selected in General Education - Social Science: Global Cultural Perspectives.		0-3
Total Credits		3-9

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended four-year plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years. This plan is a recommendation and students should only use it in consultation with their academic advisor.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (A) New Student Seminar		1
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C1) Writing		3
		Credits
		4
Spring		
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C2) Literature		3
GENERAL EDUCATION: (C3) Communication		3
		Credits
		6
Total		10
Credits		