Medical Humanities is a transdisciplinary minor that examines medicine through humanistic disciplines such as history, ethics, religion, literature, cultural anthropology, media studies, and the visual and dramatic arts.

- Learn about medical systems and practices using methodologies such as close reading, cultural comparison, historical contextualization, creative expression, and critical thinking.
- Engage in interpretive and qualitative work that explores the human dimensions of experiences of health and illness, for doctors and for patients.
- Develop humanistic and social scientific skills tested in recently revised MCAT.
- Impress: Admissions committees have recognized that students with strong humanistic training are better equipped to deal with the complex human dimensions of medical practice in the 21st century.

Core Course:
HURC 201 – Introduction to Medical Humanities

** Students who would like to seek approval for coursework completed prior to the existence of the minor should contact the Director.**

Electives (Choose from at least two different departments or other campus units):
ENGL 272 – Literature and Medicine
ENGL 273 - Medicine and Media
HURC 306/506 – Health and Humanities Master Class
HURC 361/RELI 361 – The Humanities of Care
SOCI 344 – Sociology of Mental Health
SOCI 377 – Health Disparities in the United States
SOCI 422 – Social Autopsies: How Society Kills Us
NSCI 399 – Medical Professionalism
ANTH 477/677 – Disability Inside out
ANTH 582 – Body, Technology, Enhancement

At A Glance:
To earn minor, complete at least 6 courses:
- Core course (3 credits)
- At least four electives (total 12 credits)
- One practicum (3 credits)

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Practicum for advanced students (Choose one):
HURC430 – Practicum in Health Humanities
HUMA 401 – Medical Humanities Research Internship
ENGL 386 – Medical Media Arts Lab (May be taken as elective, but cannot fulfill both elective and practicum requirements)