

SCIENCE AND MEDICINE IN SOCIETY

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The Science and Medicine in Society minor provides students with historical, sociological, and anthropological perspectives on science and medicine. Students will demonstrate an understanding of science and medicine as social and political enterprises, which change over time not simply due to new discoveries and insights, but more fundamentally because of evolving conceptions of what constitutes reliable knowledge about human health and the natural world. Students will learn the necessary analytic skills to make critical assessments about the social production of knowledge. Students will acquire the tools needed to construct compelling arguments about the role, place, and impact of science and medicine in society.

Science and Medicine in Society Minor requirements (18 credits)

Code	Title	Credits
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Disciplinary background (2 courses)

Choose one course from:		3
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HIS 176	Controversies in Science and Medicine (1900-1990)
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HIS 273	Global Perspectives in History: History of Science and Medicine
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HIS 277	Medicine in Africa and the African Diaspora
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Choose an additional course from the following:		3
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ANT 112	Introduction to Anthropology: Culture, Ecology and Sustainability
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ANT 113	Introduction to Anthropology: Social and Cultural Determinants of Health
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HIS 176	Controversies in Science and Medicine (1900-1990)
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HIS 273	Global Perspectives in History: History of Science and Medicine
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HIS 277	Medicine in Africa and the African Diaspora
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HIS 285	The Stuff of History: Materials That Have Shaped Our World
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PHL 112	Philosophical Ideas: Foundations of the Sciences
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SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology: Self and Society
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Upper-level, critical analysis (4 courses)

Required of all students:

HIS 477	Science and Medicine in Social Context	3
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Choose at least two courses from the following:		6
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HIS 307	Introduction to American Studies
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HIS 317	Mapping History: Cartography from the Early Modern to Digital Age
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HIS 345	History and the Holocaust
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HIS 374	The Politics of Heredity: Eugenics in America
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HIS 398	History of Sexuality
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HIS 402	Intersections: History of Disability
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HIS 411	The Renaissance
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HIS 420	Selected Topics In Ancient History
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HIS 435	Digital Cultures	
HIS 488	Global Environmental History	
An additional course chosen from the list above or from the following:		3
ANT 211	Medical Anthropology	
ANT 340	Native American Cultures and Health	
ANT 383	Cultural Epidemiology: Global Perspectives	
COM 390	Health Communication	
HRS 314	Sources and Methods: This View of Life - Evolutionary Biology	
HRS 320	Sources and Methods: Cosmology and our Evolving Understanding of the Universe	
HRS 324	Sources and Methods: Classics of Social Theory: Positivism and its Discontents	
PHL 354	Environmental Ethics	
PHL 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical and Theological Approaches	
SOC 418	Healthcare, Society and Culture	
Total Credits		18