

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY CONCENTRATION

ANTHROPOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS



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What is Medical Anthropology?

The concentration in medical anthropology offers a holistic, biocultural approach to health and disease. The program is taught by anthropology faculty who specialize in state-of-the-art research and teaching within the field of medical anthropology.

Through a cross-cultural approach, students become knowledgeable about sociocultural, biological, psychological, linguistic, and historical processes which shape illness experience, patterns of disease and health behavior, access to health care services, and professional medical constructions of disease and medical care. The health science concentration also trains students in ethnographic and statistical methods for analyzing and conducting clinically-relevant research.

Why Emphasize in Medical Anthropology?

The medical anthropology concentration provides students with the necessary background and skills for further study in medicine, nursing, public health, and the social sciences. By learning about the experience of health and illness from patients' points of view, students develop valuable clinical and cultural skills of direct relevance to practice in the health sciences.

This area of study also helps students develop their skills for critical thinking, essential to the analysis and interpretation of biomedical knowledge. With the rapid increase of cultural diversity among patient populations, the cross-cultural perspective which students gain through this anthropology program may be crucial to knowledge and clinical practice in the twenty-first century.

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MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Minimum requirements of 10 courses / 30 credits

| COURSE: | COURSE DESCRIPTION: | CREDITS: |
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| Required core courses | | 12 |
| Anth 102 | Being Human: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| Anth 103 | Introduction to Human Evolution | 3 |
| Anth 215 | Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology | 3 |
| Anth 319 | Introduction to Statistical Analysis in the Social Sciences | 3 |
| At least one course dealing with a geographic area, such as | | 3 |
| Anth 312 | Ethnography of Southeast Asia | 3 |
| Anth 314 | Cultures of the United States | 3 |
| Anth 331 | The Most Ancient Near East | 3 |
| Anth 333 | Roots of Ancient India: Archaeology of South Asia | 3 |
| Anth 349 | Cultures of Latin America | 3 |
| Anth 353 | Chinese Culture of Society | 3 |
| At least three health-related courses, such as | | 9 |
| Anth 302 | Darwinian Medicine | 3 |
| Anth 306 | The Anthropology of Childhood and the Family | 3 |
| Anth 316 | Current Global Health Events | 3 |
| Anth 323 | AIDS: Epidemiology, Biology, and Culture | 3 |
| Anth 326 | Power, Illness, and Inequality: The Political Economy of Health | 3 |
| Anth 328 | Medical Anthropology of Public Health | 3 |
| Anth 335 | Illegal Drugs and Society | 3 |
| Anth 337 | Comparative Medical Systems | 3 |
| Anth 338 | Maternal Health: Anthropological Perspectives on Reproductive Practices and Health Policy | 3 |
| Anth 350 | Culture, Science and Identity | 3 |
| Anth 359 | Introduction to Global Health | 3 |
| Anth 360 | Global Politics of Fertility, Family Planning and Population Control | 3 |
| Anth 361 | Urban Health | 3 |
| Anth 365 | Gender and Sex Differences: Cross-cultural Perspective | 3 |
| Anth 366 | Population Change: Problems and Solutions | 3 |
| Anth 371 | Culture, Behavior, and Person: Psychological Anthropology | 3 |
| Anth 376 | Topics in the Anthropology of Health and Medicine | 3 |
| Anth 378 | Reproductive Health: An Evolutionary Perspective | 3 |
| Approved anthropology electives (Minimum two courses) | | 6 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR REQUIREMENTS

Minimum requirements of 5 courses / 15 credits

| COURSE: | COURSE DESCRIPTION: | CREDITS: |
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| Required core courses | | 9 |
| Anth 102 | Being Human: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| Anth 103 | Introduction to Human Evolution | 3 |
| Anth 215 | Health, Culture, and Disease: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology | 3 |
| At least one geographic area course | | 3 |
| At least one approved health-related course | | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 15 |