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- School of Communication Studies
- Department of English
- Department of Health Sciences
- Department of History
- School of Integrated Sciences
- Program in Interprofessional Education
- Department of Philosophy and Religion
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- School of Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

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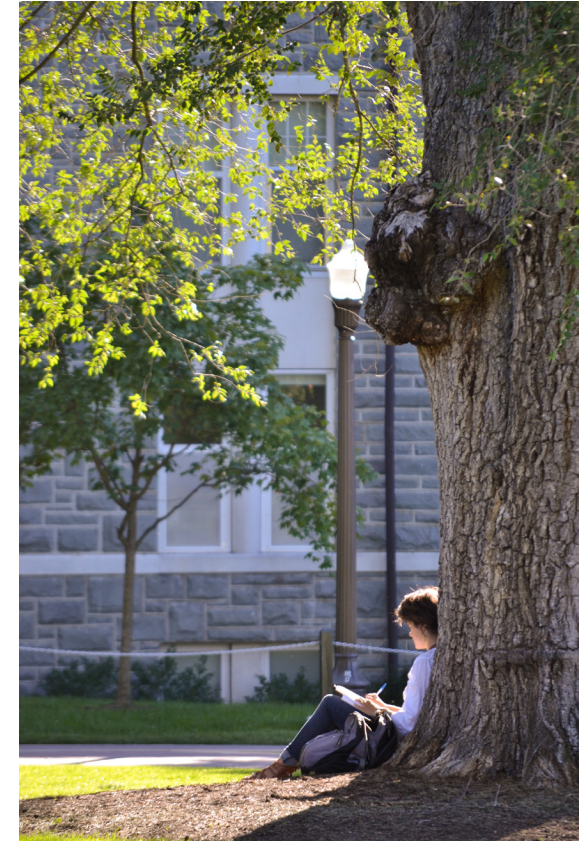
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College of Arts and Letters
Minor in Medical Humanities



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The Program

Typically, we approach the human body from a medical, diagnostic model. But physicians have long recognized that this approach to health and well-being is not sufficient for understanding our somatic life. The cross disciplinary minor in medical humanities provides students with a humanistic and social study of illness, health and the body.

Drawing upon concepts found in the disciplines contributing to the minor, courses in the curriculum share the common focus of examining how individuals and institutions articulate and disseminate conceptions of the body, including constituent issues such as race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender.

Designed to complement any major, the goals of the medical humanities minor include helping students:

- Think critically about ways in which conceptions of illness, health and the human body are shaped through disciplinary perspectives.
- Articulate the ways in which race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender are socially constructed.

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Minor Requirements

Choose six courses (18 credit hours) from the following courses. No more than two courses (six credit hours) from a single subject (e.g. ANTH, ENG, SCOM, SOCI, etc.) can count toward the minor.

ANTH/SOCI 352. Birth, Death, Sex: Exploring Demography
ANTH 360. Medical Anthropology
ANTH 376. Anthropology of Reproduction
ENG 360. Introduction to Ethnic American Literature
ENG/WGSS 368. Women's Literature
ENG/WGSS 369. Feminist Literary Theory
ENG/WGSS 370. Queer Literature
ENG 423. Advanced Studies in Gender and Sexuality in Literature
ENG/WGSS 466. Advanced Studies in Women's Literature
GEOG 323. The Geography of Human Genetics, Infectious Diseases and Diet
HTH 372. Human Sexuality
HIST 306. A History of the Body in the West
HIST 319. Women at Work in U.S. History
HIST 320. Women in U.S. History
HIST 321. European Women's History
HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia
HIST 448. Gender in Latin America and the Iberian World
ISAT 456. Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Biotechnology

ISAT/WGSS 485. Gender Issues in Science
IPE 415. Ethical Decision-Making in Healthcare (1 credit only)
PHIL 262. Problems in Applied Ethics
PHIL/WGSS 350. The Philosophy of Feminism
PSYC 308. Health Psychology
REL 280. Religion and Science
REL 315. Women and Religion
REL 371. Religion and Disability
REL 372. Religion and Medicine
REL 425. Religion and Medicine, East and West
SCOM 303. Special Topics in Health Communication
SCOM/WGSS 348. Communication and Gender
SCOM/WGSS/WRTC 420. Feminist Rhetorics
SCOM 468. Patient-Provider Communication
SCOM 471. Culture and Health Communication
SOCI 336. Race and Ethnicity
SOCI/WGSS 337. Sociology of Gender
SOCI 375. Medical Sociology
SOCI 385. Madness and Society: Sociology of Mental Health and Illness
WRTC 458. Scientific and Medical Communication
WRTC 488. Writing in the Health Sciences