Medical Anthropology Minor

The medical anthropology minor develops an understanding of health from the perspective of human cultural and biological diversity. Students learn to use cross-cultural perspectives with highly contextualized data to study health trajectories, preparing them for careers in global health. Using ethnographic research methods, medical anthropology investigates the ways that political, social and environmental factors shape health, illness and disease.

Available to all non-anthropology majors, courses in our minor are part of the Carolina Core and may fulfill cultural competency requirements that pre-med students will need for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The methodological training and field work experience that students gain in our minor are easily transferable to careers in community engagement, law, health policy, environmental justice, social work and many other public and global health professions.

Admission Requirements

- The minor is not open to Anthropology majors
- At least 15 hours used in the minor must be earned at UofSC within the Department of Anthropology

Requirements

The minor in Medical Anthropology consists of 18 credit hours or 6 classes.

Departmental or Honors College special topics courses or field schools related to medical anthropology may fulfill the restricted electives requirement, provided that the course substitutions are pre-approved by the office of the Dean of Undergraduate Student Affairs and Advising in Flinn Hall in consultation with faculty content experts in the Department of Anthropology; bring a syllabus to Flinn Hall for the course you want pre-approved. Appeals to register in pre-approved honors college courses should be directed to the Honors College.

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Restricted Electives

Select one of the following: 3

- ANTH 210 Human Life Cycles in Different Cultures
- ANTH 212 Food and Culture
- ANTH 262 Basic Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH 263 Medical Experimentation and the Black Body
- ANTH 280 Humans Going Nuclear: Atomic Bombs, Cold War, and the Fallout
- ANTH 561 Human Osteology

Total Credit Hours: 18

¹ ANTH 102 may not also fulfill the Carolina Core GSS component