

Program Review Report

Program under Review:

Health and Illness Minor

Program Advisory Board:

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Purpose:

The program review panel has been assembled to provide a review of the Health and Illness Minor program within the college of Arts and Sciences. This review is a continuation of the continuous improvement procedures implemented in order to provide the most relevant program for students and other stakeholders.

Learning outcomes:

Knowledge:

Student who complete health and illness minor will have

- insights into social science approaches to comprehend human health, illness and healing around the world
- knowledge of the social forces and cultural context of decision making that impact health and to identify factors influencing those decisions.
- knowledge of different perspectives and experiences of illness and disease around the world
- knowledge of theoretical approaches used to understand the general political, economic and environmental factors controlling health and disease around the world
- come to appreciate the analytical benefits of a bio-socio-cultural perspective to understanding health and illness.
- understand the relevance of social scientific approaches to contemporary health issues and career paths.

Skills:

Student who complete health and illness minor will have

- ability to critically investigate aspects of health beliefs, practices and policies
- capability to utilize social scientific methods and approaches of inquiry and analysis.

Competencies:

Student who complete health and illness minor will have

- capability to orally and in writing engage with social scientific discussions of health and Illness

Why the minor is valuable at Ferris?

This minor gives students a broad, interdisciplinary understanding of the many cultural influences and social forces affecting diagnosis, treatment decisions, and the health care system, both in the U.S. and in other countries around the world. This minor includes courses in anthropology, sociology, and cultural geography, with elective course work in medical history,

ethics, psychology, and health services. This minor will be a valuable complement to many programs of study at Ferris. This interdisciplinary minor is designed to expand your understanding of health and illness in societies. This approach will facilitate your ability to effectively analyze health and illness at a variety of levels.

The American Health Care system is one of the largest employers today. This is a valuable minor for students planning to enter any health-related occupations and/or professions. It also provides valuable background for students majoring in human and social service-related programs. Employers today expect personnel who have a broad-based educational background. This minor will enhance your employment potential. This minor is particularly relevant for those students interested in getting a well-rounded education in their preparation for a career in medicine, public health, or other health sciences.

What does it add to student education?

This minor provides a comprehensive education related to the study of human beings. A number of medical related fields (Nursing, medical schools, Pharmacy, Health Care Administration, Public Health and community Health, Physical Therapy) and schools encourages students to select classes on medical anthropology, medical sociology, medical geography, medical ethics, reproductive health as elective classes to get a well-rounded education related to the study of human beings from a holistic, global and interdisciplinary perspective.

(For example; look under subject Requirements at <http://medicine.umich.edu/medschool/education/md-program/md-admissions/requirements>)

Is the minor supported with these courses?

Yes.

Do we need to change anything in the curriculum?

We should add a class on demography and epidemiology

Do other universities in Michigan have this minor?

Yes. Eastern Michigan University has a Health and Illness Studies Interdisciplinary Minor which has very similar curriculum.

Survey of students:

Currently, there are 10 students in the minor. They were asked these questions:

1. Why did you choose to have Health and Illness Minor?
2. Would you recommend this minor to other students?
3. Has the minor helped you so far?
4. Is there any problems with the minor?

Two students answered the survey. They have very favorable opinion about the minor. Most of the students are in Allied Health programs and they are very happy with the value that the minor add to their studies. They did not report any problems with the minor and they

recommend it to other students.

Future activities:

The advisory board will meet yearly and:

1. review the program goals and asses student learning
2. review the curriculum and make appropriate changes if needed
3. review new courses that may be included in the curriculum
4. survey students, faculty and alumni

Sources of Information:

Current student perceptions
Alumni perceptions
Advisory board perceptions
Faculty perceptions
Fact book data

Activity:	Leader:	Target Date:
Current Student Survey	All	April 1
Alumni Survey	All	April 1
Advisory Board Survey	All	April 1
Faculty survey	All	February 1
Fact Book Data Collection	All	March 1
Review / Analysis of Collected Data	All	April 15
Initial Final Draft of the PRP	All	May 1
Comments to PRP Chair	All	June 1
Initial Submission of PRP to APRC Chair	All	June 15
Final Submission of PRP to APRC Chair	All	August 15

HEALTH, ILLNESS AND SOCIETY MINOR

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Why Choose the Health, Illness and Society Minor?

The new Health, Illness, and Society minor gives students a broad, interdisciplinary understanding of the many cultural influences and social forces affecting diagnosis, treatment decisions, and the health care system, both in the U.S. and in other countries around the world. This minor includes courses in anthropology, sociology, and cultural geography, with elective course work in medical history, ethics, psychology, and health services. This minor will be a valuable complement to many programs of study at Ferris.

This interdisciplinary minor is designed to expand your understanding of health and illness in societies. This approach will facilitate your ability to effectively analyze health and illness at a variety of levels. The American Health Care system is one of the largest employers today. This is a valuable minor for students planning to enter any health-related occupations and/or professions.

It also provides valuable background for students majoring in human and social service-related programs. Employers today expect personnel who have a broad-based educational background. This minor will enhance your employment potential.

Admission Requirements

This Health, Illness and Society minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State and pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The minor is designed to complement any Ferris major program. Students should choose courses carefully to avoid excessive overlap with their major or second minor. Students may use only one-third of the credits in a minor that overlap with the student's major. For example: If a minor is 18 credits, 6 credits may be applied to the minor that are also used in the major. Students may apply 6 credit hours of overlap between minors.

Graduation Requirements

An academic minor may only be awarded upon completion of a baccalaureate degree at Ferris State. This minor requires a minimum of 18 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade average in these courses. Also, 50% of the credits for a minor must be taught by Ferris State University.

Required Courses

ANTH371 Medical Anthropology
GEOG 372 World Medical Geography
SOCY 373 Health and Illness in Society

Choose one:

ANTH 122 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
GEOG 112 Cultural Geography
SOCY 121 Introductory Sociology

Electives – choose two

ANTH 374 Reproductive Health and Sexuality
HIST 280 History of Medicine and Health Care
PHIL 220 Ethics in Health Care
PHIL 320 Biomedical Ethics
PSYC 422 Abnormal Psychology
SCWK 262 Health Related Social Services
SOCY 345 Field of Aging

MINOR IN HEALTH, ILLNESS AND SOCIETY

NAME _____ STUDENT NUMBER _____

STUDENT'S COLLEGE: _____ B.S./B.A. PROGRAM: _____

Procedures for declaring a minor: The student will meet with the minor advisor to create a plan for completion of the minor, sign Section A and receive a copy of the form. The minor advisor will route the form through the department office and the Dean's Office. The student is not enrolled in the minor until the Dean's Office submits the form to Records.

Procedures upon completion of a minor: The student will notify the minor advisor when requirements are complete. The department and the advisor will verify that the student has completed the minor, sign Section B and forward the form with copies of any approved substitutions or exceptions forms to the Dean's Office for signature. The Dean's Office will send a copy to Records for posting the completion of the minor.

SECTION A DECLARATION OF MINOR	General Requirements:			
	1)	At least 50% of the credits of the minor must be numbered 300 or higher		
	2)	At least 50% of the credits of the minor must be Ferris State University credits		
	3)	This minor requires a minimum of <u>18</u> credits		
	4)	This minor requires a minimum GPA of <u>2.0</u> in these courses.		
	5)	Minor requirements must be completed prior to or at the time of the awarding of a baccalaureate or higher degree.		
	6)	A maximum of 1/3 of the minor credits may overlap the student's major*.		
	7)	Students may apply 6 credit hours of overlap between minors**.		
		Required Courses	Credit Hours	Grade
		Choose one: ANTH 122, GEOG 112, or SOCY 121	3	
	ANTH 371	3		
	GEOG 372	3		
	SOCY 373	3		
	Choose two: ANTH374, HIST280, PHIL220, PHIL320, PSYC422, SCWK262, SOCY345	3		
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	Signatures		Date	
	Student			
	Advisor			
	Department			

SECTION B MINOR COMPLETE	Routing (FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE MINOR)		Date
	Department		
	CAS Dean	<input type="checkbox"/> MyDegree Verified	
	Registrar		

DECLARATION SENT TO RECORDS _____

COMPLETION SENT TO RECORDS _____

*Approved by the Academic Senate, March 13, 2001
 ** Approved by the Academic Senate, April 19, 2001