

WHY A MINOR IN HEALTH DISPARITIES?

Not everyone in the United States enjoys the same health opportunities. Studies show that minority Americans experience poorer than average health outcomes from cradle to the grave.... The experience of racial and ethnic minorities under our current health care system is a strong indication that improving opportunities for good health – and minimizing inequities in health care access and outcomes – may well be good for the nation’s fiscal health, as well.... There is no time like the present to begin focusing on the goal of health equity – a goal that is not only consistent with the American promise of opportunity, but is in our long-term economic interest as well.

--Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies “The Economic Burden of Health Inequalities in the United States” (2009)

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In the Health Disparities in Society minor, students look at the ways that gender, race, class, ability, sexual orientation, geographic location, and educational levels (among other factors) result in differential access to and quality of healthcare. Drawing from courses across the university, the minor aims to establish a foundation for skills development and critical thinking about the assumptions that shape life science, medical research and clinical practice. By looking at the social, economic, and political structures that underpin healthcare research and delivery in the U.S. and around the world, students will be challenged to consider the social context within which health care is delivered. This emphasis is particularly timely, given the anticipated new emphasis on the social sciences in the MCAT and the need for increased diversity and cultural competence in the healthcare workforce.

THE MINOR

The Health Disparities minor is open to all UF undergraduate students. It entails fifteen hours of course work, including **WST 2322**, Introduction to Health Disparities in Society, **WST 4941c**, Practicum in Health Disparities, and one class from each of the three tiers below:*

Tier I: Health or social science of minority/cultural groups in the U. S.

ANT 4462 Culture and Medicine
ASL 2510 Deaf Culture
HSC 3502 Survey of Diseases & Disabilities 1
HSC 4558 Survey of Diseases & Disabilities 2
HAS 3111 U.S. Health Care System
ISS 2160 Cultural Diversity in the US
PHC 3603 Critical Issues in Public Health
PHC 4101 Public Health Concepts
SYD 3805 Gender and Health
SYD 3700 Minorities in American Society
SYO 4400 Medical Sociology

Tier II: Social Inequality and related theory

AMH 3340 History of Disability in America
ANT 3451 Racial and Cultural Minorities
ANT 3930 Race and Racism
HIS 3454 Racial Theories in Europe & the US
SYO 4530 Social Inequality
WST 3603 Sexualities Studies
WST 4641 Lesbian and Gay Studies

Tier III: International or Global Studies

ABT 3500 Arabic Culture
AFA 2000 Intro to African American Studies
AFH 3200 Africa Since 1800
AFS 4260 Africans Abroad
AMH 4585 Latino/a Culture
ANT 2402 Anthropology of Sustainability
ANT 4930 Evolutionary Medicine
ANT 4930 Islam in the West
GEO 2500 Global and Regional Economies
HAT 3564 Haitian Culture and Society
HIS 3495 Evolution of Infectious Diseases
HSC 4624 Trends in International Health
PHC 3440 Global Public Health
LAH 4433 Modern Mexico
SYD 3630 Latin American Societies
WST 3415 Transnational Feminism

*For a semester specific listing of courses available, please visit our website.

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