

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND SAMPLE CURRICULA FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

I. CORE COURSE (REQUIRED)

- English 6410 Introduction to Medical Humanities and Social Sciences

II. SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODS COURSES (CHOOSE ONE)

A. Anthropology

- 5650 Research Design and Ethnographic Methods
- 8891.05 Study Design and Data Analysis

B. Communication

- 6701 Working with Communication Data
- 6760 Communication Research Methods
- 7789 Survey Research Practicum

C. Sociology

- 6649 Introduction to Quantitative Research / Multiple Regression
- 6650 Categorical Data Analysis
- 6608 Qualitative Methods in Sociology
- 6655 Sociological Research Methods

III. ELECTIVE COURSES (CHOOSE TWO FROM ENGLISH, TWO FROM SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND ANY THREE OTHERS)

A. English (N.B. These course numbers have variable topics; this list indicates topics that would fit with the M.A.)

- 5664 Studies in Graphic Narrative: Graphic Medicine
- 7850 American Literature to 1900: Outbreak Narratives
- 7861 Narrative and Narrative Theory: The Narrative Medicine Movement
- 7872 English Language: Oral Narratives at the End of Life
- 7879 Rhetoric: The Rhetoric of Medicine
- 7889 Digital Media: WebMD and Beyond – the Internet’s Role in Contemporary Medicine
- 7891 Disability Studies: The Medical Model of Disability v. the Cultural Model
- 8858 Folklore: The Folklore of Illness
- 8904 Writing for Publication: Grant Writing for Medical Studies
- 7884 English/History: History of Literacy

B. Anthropology

- 5600 Evolutionary Medicine
- 5601 Anthropology of Sex, Drugs, and HIV
- 5602 Women’s Health in Global Perspective
- 5615 Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior

- 5621 Anthropology of Women
- 5624 The Anthropology of Food: Culture, Society, and Eating
- 5642 Growth and Development
- 5645 Biology of Senescence
- 5700 Anthropology, Public Health, and Human Rights
- 5701 Health and Healing in Latin America and the Caribbean

C. Communication

- 7870 Media, Campaigns, and Health Communication
- 7871 Health Communication in Interpersonal Settings

D. Comparative Studies

- 8842 Seminar in Science and Medicine
- 8865 Seminar in Critical Trauma Theory

E. FRIT

- 8602 Comparative French and Italian Studies: Holocaust Cinema and Trauma Theory

F. History

- 7711 Readings in the History of Medicine and Health
- 7550 The Body in Modern Warfare
- 7630 Studies in the History of Sexuality
- 7700 Readings in Environmental History

G. Psychology

- 5610 Emotion Regulation: From Basic Science to Clinical Application
- 5681 Development and Psychopathology
- 6853 Lifespan Developmental Psychopathology I
- 6854 Lifespan Developmental Psychopathology II
- 6860 Personality and Its Disorders

H. Public Health

- 6189.01 Field Experience in Public Health
- 7000 Public Health in Developing Countries

I. Sociology

- 5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness
- 5629 Health Disparities in Social Context
- 7755 The Social Context of Human Fertility
- 7758 Population, Health, and the Life Course

SAMPLE CURRICULA: THREE POSSIBLE PATHS TO THE DEGREE

Each of these paths focuses on a particular area around which you can add electives, which would orient you toward your thesis project.

NARRATIVE MEDICINE EMPHASIS	
YEAR ONE	
AUTUMN SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 6410 Introduction to Medical Humanities and Social Sciences• English 7761 Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory• Sociology 6608 Qualitative Methods in Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 7861 Studies in Narrative and Narrative Theory• FRIT 8602 Holocaust Cinema and Trauma Theory• Sociology 7758 Population, Health, and the Life Course
YEAR TWO	
AUTUMN SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 7891 Disability Studies• History 7711 Readings in the History of Medicine and Health• History 7700 Readings in Environmental History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English 5664 Graphic Narrative• Comparative Studies 8865 Seminar in Critical Trauma Theory• Thesis Hours

RHETORIC AND COMMUNICATION EMPHASIS

YEAR ONE

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- English 6410 Introduction to Medical Humanities and Social Sciences
- English 7879 Studies in Rhetoric: The Rhetoric of Medicine
- Communication 6701 Working with Communication Data

SPRING SEMESTER

- English 7889 Digital Media
- Communication 7871 Health Communication in Interpersonal Settings
- Anthropology 5615 Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior

YEAR TWO

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- English 8904 Writing for Publication
- English/History 7884 History of Literacy
- Sociology 5450 Sociology of Global Health and Illness

SPRING SEMESTER

- Psychology 6860 Personality and Its Disorders
- English 7872 Studies in English Language
- Thesis Hours

SOCIAL SCIENCE EMPHASIS

YEAR ONE

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- English 6410 Introduction to Medical Humanities and Social Sciences
- Anthropology 5700 Anthropology, Public Health, and Human Rights
- Communication 7870 Media, Campaigns, and Health

SPRING SEMESTER

- English 6761 Introduction to Narrative and Narrative Theory
- Psychology 5681 Development and Psychopathology
- Anthropology 8891.05: Study Design and Data Analysis

YEAR TWO

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- English 7879 The Rhetoric of Medicine
- Sociology 7758 Population, Health, and the Life Course
- Public Health 7891 Field Experience in Public Health

SPRING SEMESTER

- English 8858 The Folklore of Illness
- Psychology 6860 Personality and Its Disorders
- Thesis Hours