Health & Society Major
Southern Methodist University

Information Sheet

The Health & Society Major at SMU is an inter-disciplinary program for students interested in the practice and study of health in global and cultural contexts. Through this plan of study, students engage in broad and diverse ways with the problems of illness and health care in human societies. With its major emphasis on inter-disciplinarity, the major fosters graduates who are well prepared to perform and collaborate in health care occupations by viewing health as part of dynamic systems with symbolic, material, ethical, and historical factors. The program will help students meet a greater variety of post-baccalaureate goals, including employment or graduate admission to schools and programs of medicine, dentistry, public health, nursing, health care administration, psychology, medical anthropology, medical sociology, law, policy and others.

In the core course work, students will develop a foundation for the interdisciplinary study of human health in social context. Next they will complete training in the theory, research methods, and case studies from one of two programmatic tracks: a physiological science track oriented to students pursuing graduate study in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, and other clinical fields; and a behavioral and social science track, oriented to students pursuing applied work, research, and graduate study in the allied health professions including public health, health care administration, psychology, and medical anthropology or sociology. Students reunite in a senior capstone course through which they prepare a paper or project reflective of their multi-disciplinary approach to human health problems.

To apply for the H&S Major, please e-mail one copy of the following materials to Dr. Caroline Brettell, SMU Anthropology (cbrettel@smu.edu). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and reviewed every September 15 and February 15 for admission. Please also state the Track (1: Physiological or 2: Social/Cultural) to which you are applying.

- Cover letter, not to exceed two, single-spaced pages, explaining your interest in the Program, your GPA, relevant personal experience, and your related goals both at SMU and post-baccalaureate. Also include a brief discussion of why you think an interdisciplinary perspective on health and healing is of value.
- Completed Interest Form (attached), detailing coursework in the Major already completed.
- Degree Progress Report, not more than 30 days old.

For further information, please contact:
Prof. Caroline Brettell,
Co-Director, Health and Society Major
Cbrettell@smu.edu
Form Revised: 4 April 2017
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Applicants to the Health & Society Major are required to submit a completed Interest Form and application materials, have a 2.0 GPA and 24 credit hours, and have completed the Lab Science course requirement with a minimum grade of C-. The number of students who can declare this Major is capped. Applications are reviewed twice annually, September 15 and February 15.

## Foundation & Capstone Courses: (15-16 hours)

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**Ethics Course – choose one:**
- SOCI/ANTH 3301 Health, Healing & Ethics
- PHIL 3376 Bioethics
- RELI 3309 Bioethics from a Christian Perspective

ANTH 3306 Intro. to Medical Anthropology

**Capstone Course – choose one, see H&S Director for capstone requirements**
- ANTH 4343 Biomedicine, Culture and Power
- ANTH 5336 Health in Cross-Cultural Perspective
- Others with approval of Program Director/Professor

## Track 1: Physiological Emphasis

**Track 1 is a B.S. Track only, 44 total credit hours; there is no B.A. option in this Track.**

### Core Courses: (6 hours required)

- MATH 1337 or STAT 2331
- PSYC 332 Developmental Psychology

### Electives: (22 hours; no more than 12 from any dept; at least 15 at 3000-level or higher)

- ANTH 2415 Human Evolution
- ANTH 3303 Psychological Anthropology
- ANTH 3350 Good Eats, Forbidden Flesh
- ANTH 3351 Forensic Anthropology
- ANTH 4307 Global and Public Health
- ANTH 4343 Biomedicine, Culture & Power
- ANTH 4345 Creating Global & Public Health Impact
- ANTH 5336 Health in Cross-Cultural Persp.
- ANTH 5310 Human Osteology
- APSM 2441 Anatomy and Physiology I
- APSM 2442 Anatomy and Physiology II
- APSM 4349 Health Policy
- BIOL 1302 Biology II
- BIOL 1102 Biology II Lab
- BIOL 3304 Genetics
- BIOL 3350 Cellular Biology
- CHEM 1304 General Chemistry II
- CHEM 1114 General Chemistry II Lab
- CHEM 3371 Organic Chemistry
- CHEM 3117 Organic Chemistry Lab
- KNW 2303 Under the Influence
- PSYC 2351 Abnormal Psychology
- PSYC 3360 Health Psychology
- PSYC 4321 Behavioral Action of Drugs
- PSYC 4320 Biological Psychology
- WGST 3380 Human Sexuality

**Students on either track may substitute one elective from the other track.**

## Track 2: Social and Cultural Emphasis

**The second track may be taken for the B.A. (35-36 credits) or the B.S. (43-44 credits).**

### Core Courses: (7 hours)

- Methods (ANTH 3345, PSYC 2301, or SOCI 3311)
- APSM 2441 Anatomy and Physiology I

### Electives (13 hrs for the B.A., 21 hrs for the B.S.; no more than 12 from any dept; at least 9 at 3000-level or higher)

- ANTH 3303 Psychological Anthropology
- ANTH 3328 Gender Violence
- ANTH 3345 Ethnographic Methods
- ANTH 3348 Health as a Human Right
- ANTH 3350 Good Eats, Forbidden Flesh
- ANTH 4303 Political Economy of Health
- ANTH 4307 Global and Public Health
- ANTH 4343 Biomedicine, Culture & Power
- ANTH 4345 Creating Global & Public Health Impact
- ANTH 5336 Health in Cross-Cultural Persp.
- APSM 2442 Anatomy and Physiology II
- APSM 4349 Health Policy
- ENGL 3379 Disability – Gender, Care, Justice
- ENGL 3384 Literature and Medicine
- KNW 2303 Under the Influence
- PHIL 3376 Bioethics
- PHIL 3364 Philosophy of Biology
- PSYC 3341 Social Psychology
- PSYC 3360 Health Psychology
- PSYC 4320 Biological Psychology
- PSYC 4321 Behavioral Action of Drugs
- SOCI/ANTH 3301 Health, Healing and Ethics
- STAT 2331 Intro. to Statistical Methods
- WGST 3310 Gender and Human Rights
- WGST 3380 Human Sexuality

This program of study does not satisfy requirements for the MCAT or medical school applications. Students preparing for admission to health-related graduate school must consult with the Pre-Health Professions Advisor.
**Interest Form**  
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Post-Graduation Goals: (If graduate school, please specify which discipline/s.)

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Indicate courses that you have already completed or are currently taking:

**FOUNDATION COURSES:**

- PSYC 1300 or SOCI 1300 or ANTH 2301 (circle one)
- BIO/CHEM course/lab (please indicate which course/lab ______________)
- Ethics course (please indicate which course ________________)
- ANTH 3306 Intro. to Medical Anthropology
- Capstone courses: ANTH 4343 or ANTH 5336 or other (please indicate______)

- TRACK 1 CORE COURSES:
  - MATH 1337 or STAT 2331
  - PSYC 2332/3332 Devel. Psych
- TRACK 2 CORE COURSES:
  - Methods (PSYC 2301/3301; SOCI 3311; ANTH 3345)
  - APSM 2441 Anat and Phys I

**ELECTIVES:** *(Please list. See attached Major description for Electives in the H&S Major.)*

- ________________________________
- ________________________________

Comments or questions on the Health & Society Major: