

Health & Society Program

CAPSTONE COURSE

Each Health & Society undergraduate career will culminate in a Capstone experience requiring the student to synthesize and integrate a body of work within this major, and in conjunction with an upper-level course that emphasizes an inter- or multi-disciplinary way of knowing. The two normal options for this capstone are ANTH 5336 “Health in Cross-Cultural Perspective” or ANTH 4343 “Biomedicine, Culture & Power”. Providing undergraduates with an opportunity for reflection and sustained focus, this experience will employ skills, knowledge and methodologies taught throughout the undergraduate major. The Capstone experience ends with an essay, proctored late in the term by either the course professor or the Program Director.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will be able to apply a cumulative understanding of interdisciplinary/disciplinary practice.
2. Students will be able to produce a record or artifact showing some original achievement in research, synthesis, creative endeavor, exploration, or other production.

Capstone Requirements

1. The Capstone project and essay must occur in the student’s last full semester, or the last semester in which they complete their H&S Major requirements. Capstones may not be completed during Summer terms or terms in which the student is enrolled in less than a full load.
2. Students must take either ANTH 4343 or ANTH 5336, or may request permission to utilize a 4000 or 5000 level course in ANTH, PSYC, or SOCI which applies a cumulative understanding of interdisciplinary practice and meets all other Health & Society Program capstone requirements. Such requests must be submitted in the semester prior to the proposed course offering (not in Summer) to the H&S Program Director, and must include:
 - a. A draft syllabus including bibliography of assigned readings, and schedule of assignments, as well as the supervising faculty member.
 - b. A brief description of the student’s capstone project parameters and requirements.
3. Students must produce an original achievement (project or essay) in research, synthesis, creative endeavor, exploration, or other production that clearly utilizes course-based instruction from a diversity of Major courses, Program Lectures, internship or field work. Inter-disciplinarity is an essential element of this Capstone.
4. The Capstone project must be submitted for evaluation by the course instructor at least 2 weeks, and no more than 4 weeks prior to the end of the term.
5. Students may revise the graded project in response to the supervising faculty member’s critique, prior to submitting the project to the H&S Program Director for Program evaluation. A committee of two additional faculty will be called upon to evaluate the work for capstone credit.