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HEALTH & SOCIETY MAJOR



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# What is the Health & Society Major?

Housed in the Department of Anthropology, the Health & Society Major is an inter-disciplinary program for students interested in the practice and study of health in global and cultural contexts.

The major includes courses spanning lab, behavioral, and social sciences, an ethics component, as well as a capstone course or project. The foundation courses include introductory, intermediate and advanced level classes where students in this major come together in shared experience.

## Benefits of the Major

- Exposes students in broad and diverse ways to the problems of illness and health care in human societies through speaker series, course projects and experienced faculty.
- Assists students to 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 and others.
- Prepares graduates to perform and collaborate in health care occupations by viewing health as part of dynamic systems with symbolic, material, ethical and historical factors.



## Foundations in Health & Society

*(15-16 hours including Capstone)*

SOC/BEHL SCIENCE: PSYC 1300 or SOC 1300 or ANTH 2301

LAB SCIENCE: for Track 1: BIOL 1401 or CHEM 1303 (with 1113)  
for Track 2: BIOL 1303 or 1401, or CHEM 1301 OR  
1303 (with 1113)

ETHICS COURSE (Health, Healing & Ethics OR Bioethics)

ANTH 3306 Intro. to Medical Anthropology

### 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):*

*MATH 1337 OR STAT 2331  
PSYC 2314 DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY*

*ELECTIVES: (22 HOURS; NO MORE THAN 12  
FROM ANY DEPT. AT LEAST 15 AT  
3000-LEVEL OR HIGHER)*

### Track 2: Social & Cultural Emphasis

*TRACK 2 MAY BE TAKEN  
FOR THE B.A. (35-36 CREDITS)  
OR THE B.S. (43-44 CREDITS)*

*CORE COURSES: (7 HOURS)*

*METHODS (PSYC 2301 OR SOC 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)*

## Health & Society Capstone

Capstone courses are senior level offerings drawn from any of the departments represented in the Foundations (ANTH, BIOL, CHEM, PSYC, SOCI) and pre-approved by both the Department Chair and the Health & Society Director for capstone credit. Prerequisites for those courses will apply.

*\*This program does not satisfy requirements for the MCAT or medical school applications. Students preparing for admission to health-related graduate schools must also work with SMU's Pre-Health Professions Advisor toward these goals.*

Membership in the Health & Society Major is determined through a competitive application process and is capped at 50 students spanning sophomore, junior, and senior years. Applicants must have a 2.0 GPA, 24 credit hours and have completed the Lab Science course requirement with a minimum grade of C-.

## To Apply

Send one copy of the following materials to  
Dr. Carolyn Smith-Morris, Health & Society Director  
SMU Anthropology, Campus Box 0336,  
Heroy Building Room 415

\*Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, and are reviewed every September and February.

- One-page cover letter explaining your interest in the Program, your GPA, relevant personal experience, and your career goals both at SMU and post-baccalaureate.
- Complete Interest Form (available from the Program Director).
- Degree Progress Report, not more than 30 days old.
- Essay, not to exceed two, single-spaced, typed pages (MLA/ APA/AAA format) responding to the application prompt (available from the Program Director). Applicants are encouraged to draw upon literature (scholarly or popular) or news media, citing properly. Bibliography will not be counted in the two-page limit.

## LEARN MORE

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