

# Participating Units

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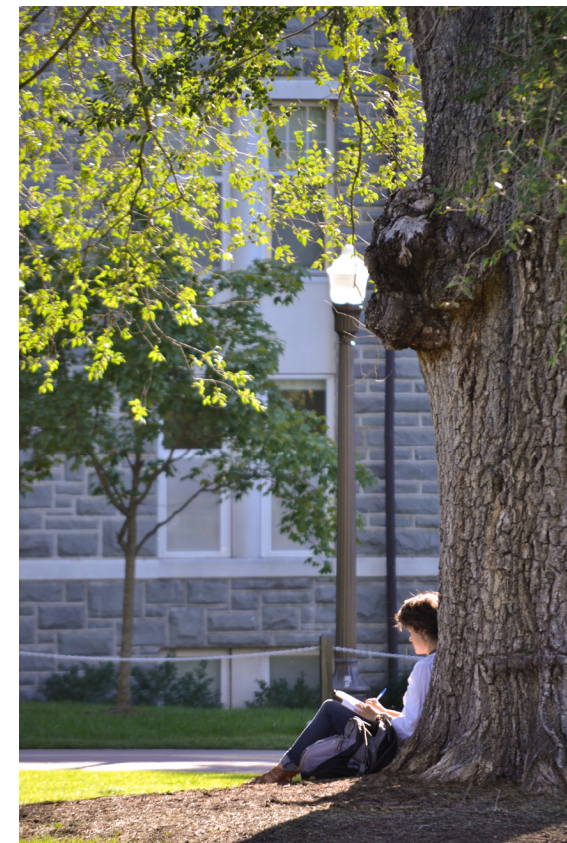
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# The Program

Typically, we approach the human body from a medical, diagnostic model. But physicians have long recognized that this approach to health and well-being is not sufficient for understanding our somatic life. The cross disciplinary minor in medical humanities provides students with a humanistic and social study of illness, health and the body. Drawing upon concepts found in the disciplines contributing to the minor, courses in the curriculum share the common focus of examining how individuals and institutions articulate and disseminate conceptions of the body, including constituent issues such as race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender.

Designed to complement any major, the goals of the medical humanities minor include helping students:

- Think critically about ways in which conceptions of illness, health and the human body are shaped through disciplinary perspectives.
- Articulate the ways in which race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender are socially constructed.

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# Minor Requirements

Choose six courses (18 credit hours) from the following courses. No more than two courses (six credit hours) from a single subject (e.g. ANTH, ENG, SCOM, SOCI, etc.) can count toward the minor.

ANTH/SOCI 352. Birth, Death, Sex: Exploring Demography

ANTH 360. Medical Anthropology

ANTH 376. Anthropology of Reproduction

ENG 360. Introduction to Ethnic American Literature

ENG/WGSS 368. Women's Literature

ENG/WGSS 369. Feminist Literary Theory

ENG/WGSS 370. Queer Literature

ENG 423. Advanced Studies in Gender and Sexuality in Literature

ENG/WGSS 466. Advanced Studies in Women's Literature

GEOG 323. The Geography of Human Genetics, Infectious Diseases and Diet

HTH 372. Human Sexuality

HIST 306. A History of the Body in the West

HIST 319. Women at Work in U.S. History

HIST 320. Women in U.S. History

HIST 321. European Women's History

HIST 379. Family and Gender in East Asia

HIST 448. Gender in Latin America and the Iberian World

ISAT 456. Ethical, Legal and Social Implications of Biotechnology

ISAT/WGSS 485. Gender Issues in Science

IPE 415. Ethical Decision-Making in Healthcare  
**(1 credit only)**

PHIL 262. Problems in Applied Ethics

PHIL/WGSS 350. The Philosophy of Feminism

PSYC 308. Health Psychology

REL 280. Religion and Science

REL 315. Women and Religion

REL 371. Religion and Disability

REL 425. Religion and Medicine, East and West

SCOM 303. Special Topics in Health Communication

SCOM/WGSS 348. Communication and Gender

SCOM/WGSS/WRTC 420. Feminist Rhetorics

SCOM 468. Patient-Provider Communication

SCOM 471. Culture and Health Communication

SOCI 336. Race and Ethnicity

SOCI/WGSS 337. Sociology of Gender

SOCI 375. Medical Sociology

SOCI 385. Madness and Society: Sociology of Mental Health and Illness

WRTC 458. Scientific and Medical Communication

WRTC 488. Writing in the Health Sciences