

Medical Anthropology

Bachelor of Science

Honors



What is Medical Anthropology?

Medical Anthropology combines knowledge of human culture and biology to tackle national and global health challenges

Medical Anthropologists:

- Examine how health and illness are shaped, experienced, and understood across cultures and in light of global, historical, and political forces
- Study healthcare systems and healing practices across human societies
- Apply knowledge to improve the health and healing of individuals, communities, and societies and the delivery of medical care around the world

Declaration Requirements

In order to declare the major, students must meet with Anthropology Honors Adviser

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The Medical Anthropology Major (BS)

I. Prerequisites

Majors must complete the following **courses** (10 credit hours):

- ANTHROP 2200(H) Introduction to Physical Anthropology
- ANTHROP 2202(H) Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- STATS 1450 Introduction to Practice of Statistics
- **OR** STATS 2450, 2480 Introduction to Statistical Analysis
OR Equivalent as approved by the Department of Anthropology

II. Introductory Course work

Majors must complete the following 2 courses (6 hours)

- ANTHROP 3302 Introduction to Medical Anthropology
- PUBHEPI 2410 Introduction to Epidemiology

III. Core Courses

Majors must complete the following 3 courses (9 hours)

- ANTHROP 3301 Modern Human Physical Variation
- ANTHROP 4525 History of Anthropological Theory
- ANTHROP 5650 Research Design and Ethnographic Methods

IV. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Health

Majors must complete 2 courses from the following list (6 hours). Courses with an * have pre-requisites

- COMPSTD 3645(H) Cultures of Medicine
- EEOB 4240* Plants and People
- HISTORY 3307* History of African Health and Healing
- HISTORY 3798.05* HIV in Context: East Africa (study abroad)
- HISTORY/MICRBIO 3704* HIV: From Microbiology to Macrohistory
- PHR/HISTORY3708 Vaccines: A Global History
- PUBHEHS 4530* Food Safety and Public Health
- PUBHEHS 5320 Climate Change and Human Health
- PUBHEPI 4410* Social Epidemiology
- PUBHEPI 5412 Infectious Diseases in the Developing World
- PUBHEPI 5420* Infectious Disease Modeling in Humans and Animals
- SXLTYST 5620* Sexuality and Violence
- SOCIOL 3630 Medical Sociology
- SOCIOL 5450* Sociology of Global Health and Illness
- SOCWORK 3597* Adolescent Parenthood and Sexuality: An International Perspective
- SOCWORK 5026* Exploring Community Food Security Strategies
- WGSST 4189.01S* Reproductive Rights and Justice
- WGSST 4404 Regulating Bodies: Global Sexual Economies

V. Foundations in Human Evolution and it's Application to Health

Majors must complete the following 2 courses (6 hours)

- ANTHROP 3300(H) Human Origins
- ANTHROP 5600 Evolutionary Medicine

VI. Evolutionary Perspective on Health

Majors must complete 2 courses (6 hours) from the following list

- ANTHROP 3504 Introduction to Anatomy
- ANTHROP 5615 Evolutionary Perspectives on Human Behavior
- ANTHROP 5621 Anthropology of Women
- ANTHROP 5642 Growth and Development
- ANTHROP 5645 Biology of Senescence

VI. Biocultural Perspectives on Health

Majors must complete 1 course from the following list (3 hours)

- ANTHROP 3340 Anthropology of Mental Health and Addiction
- ANTHROP 4597.05H Global Food Crisis
- ANTHROP 5601 Anthropology of Sex, Drugs and HIV
- ANTHROP 5602 Women's Health in Global Perspective
- ANTHROP 5624 The Anthropology of Food: Culture, Society and Eating
- ANTHROP 5700 Anthropology, Public Health and Human Rights
- ANTHROP 5701 Health and Healing in Latin America and the Caribbean

Important information about the Medical Anthropology (BS) degree

Students must meet with an adviser to officially declare the Medical Anthropology (BS) degree

Majors will follow the Bachelor of Science curriculum for GE and other degree requirements

For courses to apply to the major you must earn at least a "C"

To earn your degree you will need a an overall GPA of at least a 2.0 with in the major curriculum

Students are encouraged to focus on completion of the core requirements before beginning their specialization coursework

Research experience is strongly encouraged for students considering graduate and professional training. Please contact Dr. Barbara Piperata (piperata.1@osu.edu) to explore options

Generally speaking, courses cannot count for both a minor and a major, although there are exceptions. Please speak to Dr. Karen Royce (royce.6@osu.edu) if you have questions about credit

If you have questions about graduate school, need to have transfer credit evaluated, or want to discuss any departmental grievances, please contact Dr. Scott McGraw to set up an appointment (mcgraw.43@osu.edu)

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