Medical Humanities and Bioethics

Overview

Medical humanities is an interdisciplinary program that explores the historical, literary, philosophical, ethical, and spiritual dimensions of medicine and health. It includes instruction in the visual arts, social sciences, narrative medicine, cultural studies, and clinical practice. There is a common focus on creative and compassionate approaches to professional relationships and patient care.

Bioethics focuses on the ethical dimensions of medical practice and research. It includes instruction in applying philosophical ethics, policy analysis, and decision theory to real-world issues in healthcare. Topics include end of life care, disability, resource allocation, organ transplantation, research on human and animal subjects, reproduction and fertility, health care justice, and other topics relevant to clinical practice.

Combining approaches from the medical humanities and bioethics, students are encouraged to take a humanistic perspective on the practice of medicine, using methods from philosophy, the social sciences, and the arts. This program provides students with an opportunity to earn a Certificate in Medical Humanities (12 hours) or a Minor in Medical Humanities and Bioethics (18 hours) and is relevant to a wide range of fields including healthcare, disability studies, public health, social work, and biomedical engineering.

Minor

The Minor in Medical Humanities and Bioethics requires 18 hours. There are three required courses: HUMA 3300, PHIL 3319, and the student's choice from the listed Disability Studies courses. This minor offers independent study and internship opportunities.

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**Certificate**

To receive the certificate, a student must complete HUMA 3300 and three courses from the following list. Students can count toward the certificate no more than two courses from a single department. At least three courses must be from the College of Liberal Arts.

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