

Health, Medicine, and Society Major

The Bachelor of Arts in Health, Medicine and Society requires a minimum of 32 credits **and a second major**. A maximum of three courses may apply to both BA majors.

CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 credits)

Humanities (4 credits) one of the following courses:

HMS 170 Medical Humanities
HMS/PHIL/REL 116 Bioethics

Social Science (4 credits) one of the following courses:

HMS/SOC 160 Medicine and Society
HMS 180 Intro to Public Health

Research Methods (4 credits) one of the following courses:

HMS 375 Community Based Participatory Research Methodology
HMS/PSYCH 349 Participatory Action Research
HMS/SOAN 120 Ethics & Values of Community-Engaged Research
SOAN 111 Research Methods and Data Analysis
SOC 391 Evaluation Research
PSYCH 210 Exp. Research Methods

CONCENTRATIONS (12 credits)

Students must take a minimum of 3 courses outside of the core requirements in either Humanities or Social Sciences concentration.

Health Humanities (12 HU credits) *or*

Social Science Approaches to Health (12 SS credits)

ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS

Students must also take 8 elective credits. At least one elective course (4 credits) must be taken outside concentration area.

A minimum of 3 courses overall must be taken at the 300-level (not including the research methods core options).

No more than 2 courses outside of the core courses can come from cross-listed courses within second major.

FAQS

Can I pair HMS with any major?

Yes, HMS can be paired with any major within any college. Students who wish to obtain a second bachelor's degree or declare a second degree in another college outside of the College of Arts and Sciences, or both a B.A. and a B.S. degree within the College of Arts and Sciences, must qualify for a dual degree program. This involves a minimum of 30 additional credit hours beyond the first degree credit-hour requirements in order to qualify for the second degree. For dual degree programs, there is no limit to the number of overlapping courses between two degrees, but there must be at least 30 credits of non-overlapping coursework in each degree program. Students must petition the standing of students committee for permission to pursue the second degree. All of the 30 additional credit hours must be taken at Lehigh or in Lehigh residency programs.



Which major do I need to declare first?

Either major can be declared first. The same basic requirements must be met for both degree programs, including the minimum number of 120 hours for graduation (150 for dual degree) and the minimum average in the major of 2.0.

What majors pair well with HMS?

Based on the 3-course double count rule and the typical course offerings that have cross-listings with HMS, second majors with higher overlap may include (but are not limited to): Psychology; Sociology/Anthropology; Political Science; English; Environmental Studies; Religion Studies; History; Global Studies; Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies; and Science, Technology & Society.

What happens if I do not fulfill the requirements for both HMS and my other major?

In the event that a student is unable to complete the requirements of both the HMS major and the second major, the student's major will be recorded as "Interdisciplinary" as described in the course catalog. Or, if the student has met all requirements for graduation with the non-HMS major, they may graduate with only that major/degree (and may qualify for a minor in HMS).



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