The Health, Medicine, and Society Major

The HMS major is a 32-credit Bachelor of Arts program. To complete the major, students take breadth core courses, courses in a depth concentration, and additional electives as follows.

Foundational Core Courses (12 credits)
Students choose one course from each of the three core categories.

| Core course in Health Humanities | Choose 1 | HMS 116: Bioethics  
|                                 |          | HMS 170: Medical Humanities |
| Core course in Social Science Approaches to Health | Choose 1 | HMS 130: Introduction to Health Psychology  
|                                                         |          | HMS 160: Medicine and Society  
|                                                         |          | HMS 180: Introduction to Public Health |
| Core course in Research Methods in Health | Choose 1 | HMS 120: Ethics & Values of Community-Engaged Research  
|                                                         |          | HMS 349: Participatory Action Research  
|                                                         |          | HMS 375: Community-Based Participatory Research |

Depth Concentration (12 credits)
Students choose one of the following concentrations.

Health Humanities
Students choosing a Health Humanities concentration take 12 credits of HMS courses that have a Humanities (HU) designation. Possible courses that fit this concentration are found in departments such as English, Religion Studies, Philosophy, and History.

Social Science Approaches to Health
Students choosing a Social Science concentration take 12 credits of HMS courses that have a Social Science (SS) designation. Possible courses that fit this concentration are found in departments such as Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, Journalism, and Economics.

Additional HMS Coursework (8 credits)
Students take 4 credits of HMS coursework that has an attribution (HU, SS, or NS) that does not match their concentration. For example, a student doing the Health Humanities concentration must take 4 HMS credits that have either a SS or a NS (Natural Science) designation.

Students take 4 more credits of HMS coursework in any designation.

Additional Requirements for Completing the HMS Major
- The HMS major requires students to declare a second major outside of HMS. The second major can be from any department or program at Lehigh.
- No more than 2 courses in the Depth Concentration and Additional HMS Coursework can be cross-listed with the home department/program of a student’s second major.
- At least 3 courses in the Depth Concentration and Additional HMS Coursework must be taken at the 300-level.
- There is no sequencing in the HMS major, meaning students can take the needed coursework in any order.
The Health, Medicine, and Society Minor

The HMS minor is a 16-credit minor program. To complete the minor, students take 1 core course, and 12 credits of additional HMS coursework as follows.

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Health, Medicine, and Society Courses

The following is a list of representative courses taught recently in the HMS program.

**Social Science Designated Courses**
- HMS/POLS/ES 110: Environmental Planning for Healthy Cities
- HMS/JOUR/ES 117: Environmental Health Risks & the Media
- HMS/SOAN 120: Values & Ethics of Community-Engaged Research
- HMS/PSYC 138: Abnormal Psychology
- HMS/SOC 160: Medicine & Society
- HMS/SOC 162: AIDS & Society
- HMS 180: Introduction to Public Health
- HMS/COMM 197: Health Communication
- HMS/PSYC 198: Introduction to Health Psychology
- HMS/PSYC 302: Stress & Coping
- HMS/ES 306: Food Justice in Urban Environments
- HMS/POLS 307: The Politics of Mental Health Policy
- HMS/AAS/GS/SOC 314: Infections & Inequalities
- HMS/SOC 316: Social Epidemiology
- HMS/PSYC 319: The Psychology of Trauma
- HMS/SOC/GS 322: Global Health Issues
- HMS/JOUR/STS/ES 323: Health & Environmental Controversies
- HMS/PSYC/WGSS 334: Psychology of Body Image & Eating Disorders
- HMS/SOC/WGSS 341: Women & Health
- HMS/SOC 343: Race, Ethnicity, & Health
- HMS/PSYC 344: Health Care Reasoning & Decision-Making
- HMS/PSYC 348: Drugs & Behavior
- HMS/PSYC 349: Participatory Action Research
- HMS/POLS 354: U.S. Health Care Politics
- HMS/EDUC 375: Community-Based Participatory Research Methodology

**Humanities Designated Courses**
- HMS/REL 002: Death & Dying: Religious & Ethical Perspectives
- HMS/ENGL 115: Topics in Literature, Medicine & Health
- HMS/PHIL/REL 116: Bioethics
- HMS/STS/HIST 118: History of Modern Medicine
- HMS 170: Medical Humanities
- HMS/PHIL/REL 195: Bioethics and the Law
- HMS/REL 195: Judaism, Medicine, & Bioethics
- HMS/REL 195: Public Health Ethics
- HMS/AAS/GS/HIST: Keeping Africa and Africans Healthy: A History of Illness and Wellness
- HMS/REL 226: From Black Death to AIDS
- HMS/ENGL 315: Topics in Literature, Medicine & Health

**Natural Science Designated Courses**
- BIOS 010/090: Bioscience in the 21st Century
- EES 029: Human Health and the Environment
- HMS/SDEV 123: Oceans & Human Health

**Additional Courses**
- HMS 221: Peer Health Adviser Training
- HMS 291: Independent Study
- HMS 292: Supervised Research
- HMS 293: Internship

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