Minor in Health and Culture
Department of Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, Queens College

Anthropology plays a crucial role in fostering a holistic understanding of the human condition that can serve to enhance traditional medical training. The Anthropology Minor in Health & Culture includes courses focusing on the human condition from both biological and cultural perspectives. These courses will collectively facilitate an understanding of the evolutionary and biological underpinnings of health, cultural beliefs about disease and the body, and the social, political, and economic roots of health disparities. This Minor helps prepare students to pursue careers related to human health, including social work, public health, nursing, medical insurance consulting, dentistry, physiotherapy, orthopedics, and medical or veterinary schools.

The Minor in Health & Culture consists of six courses totaling 18 credits. The three required courses are designed to give students a solid background in both the biological and cultural factors that together shape human health. In addition, students will be required to choose one elective from a list of offerings focusing on cultural diversity and two electives from a list of offerings focusing on the biology of human and nonhuman primates. The full list of Anthropology courses with descriptions can be found on the Anthropology Department website:

https://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/ANTHRO/Web_Pages/Courses.html

The Minor in Health & Culture can be easily combined with Majors in other departments. If combined with a Major in Anthropology, only 9 credits are required, as long as (a) all requirements for both the Major and the Minor are met; (b) no required courses for either the Major or the Minor are used as an elective for the other; and (c) no elective courses are used for both the Major and the Minor.

Requirements for the Minor in Health and Culture

Three required courses:
- ANTH 101 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 102 Introduction to Human Evolution
- ANTH 260 Essentials of Biological Anthropology

Three elective courses in total, one from list A and two from list B:

List A. Choose one elective from this list:
- ANTH 205 Peoples of Mexico & Central America
- ANTH 206 Peoples of South America
- ANTH 207 Native North Americans
- ANTH 208 Peoples of South Asia
- ANTH 208W Peoples of South Asia (W)
- ANTH 210 Peoples of East Asia
- ANTH 211 Peoples of Africa
- ANTH 212 Peoples of the Middle East
- ANTH 215W Peoples of the Caribbean (W)
- ANTH 216 Peoples of Southeast Asia
- ANTH 219 Topics in Cultural Area Studies
- ANTH 222 Sex, Gender, & Culture
- ANTH 225 Medical Anthropology
- ANTH 280 Language & Social Identity
- ANTH 309 Psychological Anthropology
- ANTH 330 Seminar in Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 354 Time

List B. Choose two electives from this list:
- ANTH 262 The Nonhuman Primates
- ANTH 270 Evolutionary Medicine
- ANTH 272 The Human Skeleton
- ANTH 275 Disease in the Past
- ANTH 276 Human Growth & Development
- ANTH 276W Human Growth & Development (W)
- ANTH 278 Human Variation
- ANTH 278W Human Variation (W)
- ANTH 361 Interpreting the Human Skeleton
- ANTH 361W Evolution & Human Behavior
- ANTH 363 Primate Behavior & Ecology
- ANTH 369 Primate Behavior & Ecology

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