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, four of the six courses (12 of the 18 credits) can overlap between the Major and the Minor and only 2 extra courses (6 extra credits) are required.

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 361     Human Variation
ANTH 361W    Human Variation (W)
ANTH 363     Interpreting the Human Skeleton
ANTH 368     Evolution & Human Behavior
ANTH 369     Primate Behavior & Ecology

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