

The Sociology of Health & Medicine (SHM) minor offers students a coherent curriculum that emphasizes the socio-demographic, cultural, political, and ethical contexts that underlie health behavior and health policy. The minor responds to a growing demand from pre-health undergraduates for a minor in LSA that emphasizes the study of health and society. In addition, there is a growing recognition on the part of health educators that sociology should be a part of a well-rounded premedical curriculum.

For students interested in the following career paths:

- Medicine
- Public Policy
- Public Health
- Health Advocacy
- Research on health & health inequality
- Social Work

Classes in the minor cover topics such as:

- Health politics & policy
- Health inequality
- Population dynamics & problems
- Gender & health
- Aging, death and dying
- Bioethics
- Medical sociology

PREREQUISITE COURSE

Prospective minors must complete one prerequisite course with a C- grade or better in order to declare. First and second year students should enroll in either SOC 100 or SOC 102. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either SOC 300 or SOC 302. Students may also transfer in an approved Introduction to Sociology course from another institution. Prerequisite course credits DO NOT count toward the 15 required minor credits. Students should only take ONE prerequisite course; no credit will be granted for the second prerequisite course taken.

COURSES

A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with C- grades or better from the following list of approved courses.

- A minimum of 9 credits of which must be elected in the SHM minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

- SOC 225: Project Community - Public Health
- SOC 230: Health & Population in South Africa
- SOC 330: Population Problems
- SOC 345: Sociology of Sexuality
- SOC 346: Sociology of the Body
- SOC 347: Drugs and Society
- SOC 430: World Population Dynamics
- SOC 445: Diagnosis, Sex, & Society
- SOC 465: Sociology of Deviance: Sin to Sickness
- SOC 474: Social Inequalities in Health
- SOC 473: Reproductive Health and Justice
- SOC 475: Health, Medicine, & Society
- SOC 476: Sociology of Bioethics
- SOC 477: Death & Dying
- Approved topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), 495

CREDIT/PLAN EXCLUSIONS

A maximum of 6 credits in the minor may come from SOC 394 SURO, SOC 395, and SOC 396.

The department will allow up to one course with significant sociological content related to Sociology of Health & Medicine from other LSA departments to be included in the minor plan. Students interested in petitioning to include a non-SOC course in their minor plan should complete the course petition process, which includes submitting a petition form and the course syllabus.

At least 9 out of the 15 credits must be taken in-residence at U-M.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Prerequisite Course

Check ONE of the following: SOC 100 SOC 102 SOC 300 SOC 302

Minor Elective Credits

A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with a C- or better from the following list of courses

- A minimum of 9 credits of which must be elected in the SHM minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 225 – Project Community: Public Health section | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 230 – Health & Population in South Africa | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 330 – Population Problems | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 345 – Sociology of Sexuality | _____ | credits |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 476 – Sociology of Bioethics | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SOC 477 – Death & Dying | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approved Topics in 295, 394, 395, 396, 495 | _____ | credits |

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