

The Sociology of Health & Medicine 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
- 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

Before declaring the minor in Sociology of Health & Medicine, students must complete a pre-requisite course with a C- or better. First and second year students should enroll in either SOC 100: Intro to Soc, SOC 102: Intro to Soc: Special Topics, or SOC 195: Honors Intro to Soc. Third and fourth year students should enroll in either SOC 300: Principles and Problems of Sociology or SOC 302: Health & Society- Intro to Soc.

The credits from the prerequisite course cannot be included in the 15 credits required to complete the minor plan.

### COURSES

- A student must complete at least 15 credit hours with a C- or better from the following list of approved courses.
  - A minimum of 9 credits must be elected in the SHM minor at the 300-level or above (excluding prerequisite).
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| - <u>SOC 207</u> : Sociology of Suffering                   | - <u>SOC 445</u> : Diagnosis, Sex, & Society     |
| - <u>SOC 225</u> : Project Community- Public Health section | - <u>SOC 474</u> : Social Inequalities in Health |
| - <u>SOC 230</u> : Health & Population in South Africa      | - <u>SOC 475</u> : Health, Medicine, & Society   |
| - <u>SOC 330</u> : Population Problems                      | - <u>SOC 476</u> : Sociology of Bioethics        |
| - <u>SOC 345</u> : Sociology of Sexuality                   | - <u>SOC 477</u> : Death & Dying                 |
| - <u>SOC 346</u> : Sociology of the Body                    | - appropriate topics in SOC 295, 394 (SURO), 395 |
| - <u>SOC 430</u> : World Population Dynamics                | (Independent Study), 396 (Internship), 495       |

### CREDIT/PLAN EXCLUSIONS

A maximum of six credits for the SHM minor may come from Experiential Learning or Independent Study style courses. This includes but is not limited to SOC 225, 394, 395, 468, and 396.

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

Students majoring in Sociology with a subplan in Sociology of Health & Medicine are not permitted to elect a minor in Sociology of Health & Medicine.

**ADVISING**

A department advisor is available to students for one-on-one appointments to discuss the choice of Sociology of Health & Medicine, assist in course selection, and advise on co-curricular opportunities and career preparation. Students can schedule a major advising appointment by calling the department at (734) 764-6324 or using the online appointment scheduler at [www.lsa.umich.edu/soc](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/soc). Students can also email [socadvisor@umich.edu](mailto:socadvisor@umich.edu) with questions.

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**Prerequisite Course**

Check one of the following:      SOC 100       SOC 102       SOC 195       SOC 300       SOC 302

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**Elective Credits**

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 207 – Sociology of Suffering                   | _____ | credits |
| <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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 476 – Sociology of Bioethics                   | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOC 477 – Death & Dying                            | _____ | credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Topics in 295, 394, 395, 396, 495      | _____ | credits |

**Notes:**