Health communication, one of the fastest growing fields in the broader communication discipline, addresses how communication intersects with all aspects of health (social, mental, and physical).

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must earn a minimum grade of 2.00 in all courses applied to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

Required Courses

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One Additional Communication Course

Select 3 credits from the following: ^1

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^1 Other COMM courses may be substituted with approval of the minor director.

Electives

Students should confer with the health communication minor program director when making choices among these courses. Other courses may be substituted with approval of the minor director.

Select 6 credits from the following: ^6

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^6 Requires approval of the minor director.

HAP 310  Healthcare Ethics
HAP 395  Health Care Finance
HAP 425  Health Economics and Policy
HAP 442  Introduction to Health Care Politics and Policy
HAP 445  Introduction to Health Services Research
HEAL 230 Introduction to Health Behavior (Mason Core)
HEAL 310 Drugs and Health
HEAL 325 Health Aspects of Human Sexuality
HEAL 327 Women's Health
HEAL 331 Men's Health
HEAL 350 Interventions for Populations and Communities at Risk
HEAL 351 Relationship Health
HEAL 372 Health Communication
HHS 432 Healthy Aging
GCH 205 Global Health (Mason Core)
GCH 300 Introduction to Public Health
GCH 310 Health Behavior Theories
GCH 350 Health Promotion and Education
GCH 360 Health and Environment
GCH 412 Fundamentals of Epidemiology
GCH 445 Social Determinants of Health
GCH 480 Health Maintenance and Health Aspects of Aging
INTS 310 Violence and Gender
INTS 314 Conflict, Trauma and Healing
INTS 410 Contemporary Health Issues
INTS 440 Death, Dying, and Decision Making
NUTR 295 Introduction to Nutrition (Mason Core)
NUTR 422 Nutrition throughout the Life Cycle
PSYC 211 Developmental Psychology (Mason Core)
PSYC 313 Child Development
PSYC 314 Adolescent Development
PSYC 321 Clinical Psychology
PSYC 322 Behavior Modification
PSYC 325 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 326 Therapeutic Communication Skills
PSYC 415 Psychological Factors in Aging
PSYC 417 Science of Well Being
PSYC 418 Death, Dying, and Grieving
PSYC 466 Psychology of Intimate Relationships
SOCI 390 Sociology of Health, Illness, and Disability
SOCW 410 Alcohol and Substance Abuse: Policies and Programs
SOCW 415 Child and Family Welfare
SOCW 435 Introduction to Gerontology
SOCW 445 Social Determinants of Health

Total Credits

6