

## Cover Sheet: Request 12347

modification to Health Disparities in Society (HDS) minor

### Info

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### Responses

**Name** Health Disparities in Society

**Code** HDS

**Effective Term** Earliest Available

**Effective Year** Earliest Available

**Proposed Changes** At present, students take 15 credits to complete the Health Disparities in Society (HDS) minor. Six of these credits come from WST 2322 - Introduction to Health Disparities in Society and WST 4941C - Practicum in Health Disparities, both of which are required courses; the current proposal does not affect these required classes. The other nine required credits must be filled by electives offered in three different categories related to the minor: Category 1 - Health or Social Science of Minority/Cultural Groups in US, Category 2 - Social Inequality and Related Theory, and Category 3 - International or Global Studies. Students currently take one elective course in each of these categories. We propose to refine the elective offerings to two pedagogically cohesive categories reflective of advances in the field: Category A - Theories of Social Inequality, Difference, and Power, and Category B - Health Systems and Social Justice Mission. We propose to require one elective course for the proposed Category A and two elective courses for Category B. Thus, the minor would remain at 15 credits, with WST 2322 and WST 4941C as bookend courses. There would still be nine credits of electives, but they would be differently distributed.

**Pedagogical Rationale/Justification** At the time this minor was created, there were few courses that could satisfy the minor's mission of critically examining the health disparities that exist at multiple levels of society (global, national, institutional, local, and personal) and among people of diverse geographic locations, linguistic groups, socioeconomic status, and sociocultural groups. This led to the creation of 3 categories: Category 1 - Health or Social Science of Minority/Cultural Groups in US, Category 2 - Social Inequality and Related Theory, and Category 3 - International or Global Studies. When the minor was created, few courses could meet both the requirements of what are presently Category 1 and 3 and continue to focus on health. We were required to count courses that were about the social science of minority groups generally (i.e., without a health focus) or that were about international culture, again often lacking emphasis on medicine, health, or health disparities. However, through growth in our unit and others in CLAS, there are now a sufficient number of courses that focus on both knowledge about diversity, minority groups, and power structures and health or medical outcomes. As there is a sufficient number of courses being offered that are more inherently related to the mission of the HDS minor, we find it logical to combine what are presently Category 1 - Health or Social Science of Minority/Cultural Groups in US, and Category 3 - International or Global Studies into Category B - Health Systems and Social Justice Mission. Having Category B instead of Categories 1 and 3 will allow students to take courses that are more specifically related to health systems and social justice missions on local, national, and transnational levels. As proposed Category B is essentially the combination of what are currently Categories 1 and 3, we also find it logical to require 6 credits from this proposed Category to give students the opportunity to learn in depth about health disparities faced by often-marginalized groups of people at local, national, and transnational levels.

**Impact on Other Programs** The proposed modifications for this minor all concern elective courses. To satisfy the requirements for the HDS minor, students will be required to take 9 credits of electives (as is the current requirement). As listed in the proposed changes in the course catalog, there are many courses available for students to take to complete the HDS elective minor requirement, but no specific course is required. Thus, there should be no impact on other programs or departments.

## Health Disparities in Society

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*Health disparities describe the disproportionate burden of disease, lack of access to health care, and poorer health outcomes found among members of socially disenfranchised populations. Health disparities exist at multiple levels of society (global, national, institutional, local, and personal) and among people of diverse geographic locations, linguistic groups, socioeconomic status, and sociocultural groups. Housed in the Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research (CGSWSR), the Health Disparities in Society (HDS) minor provides an interdisciplinary, intersectional framework to examine how multiple social identities (e.g., race, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status) intersect to reveal interlocking inequalities and preventable disparities in health. Housed in the Center for Gender, Sexualities, and Women's Studies Research (CGSWSR), the health disparities minor examines the ways in which ethnicity, national identity, race, class, ability, gender, sexual orientation, geography, education, and other factors create differential access to and quality of healthcare, producing disparate health outcomes.*

About this Minor

**College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences

**Credits:** 15, completed with minimum grades of C and no optional S-U; nine must be at the 3000-level or above

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### Overview

Coursework will raise awareness among students about health disparities and establish a foundation for skill development and critical thinking about the assumptions that shape life science, medical research, and clinical practice. The minor will provide a framework that teaches students to integrate concepts of culture and health disparities into their personal and professional development.

#### Eligibility for the Minor

Due to the potential for significant overlap in coursework, Women's Studies majors must appeal to the CGSWSR for approval for the minor. Appeal forms are available in the department office in Ustler Hall.

#### Requirements for the Minor

No more than three credits of independent study may count toward the minor.

Students must complete a minimum of six credits of coursework exclusive to the minor that cannot count toward the major(s) or other minors.

Sometimes, and with the approval of the undergraduate coordinator for Women's Studies, students may petition to have other, relevant classes approved as substitutes within each category of electives within the minor. Such courses could include department *special topics* offerings with numbers like 3930, 4930.

Each semester, courses offered for this minor are listed on the Women's Studies [courses](#) website.

### Required Courses

Courses	Credits
WST 2322 Introduction to Health Disparities	← 3
WST 4941C Practicum in Health Disparities	3
<a href="#">Category A1 elective</a> *	3
<a href="#">Category B2 elective</a> *	63
<a href="#">Category 3 elective</a> *	3
Total	15

\* WST 4905 Independent Study, 3 credits, may apply to one category approved by the center

### Category 1: Theories of Social Inequality, Difference, and Power ~~Health or Social Science of Minority/Cultural Groups in US~~

Courses	Credits
ANT 4462 Culture and Medicine	← 3
ASL 2510 Deaf Culture	3
HSA 3111 U.S. Health Care System	3
HSC 3502 Survey of Diseases and Disabilities 1	3
HSC 4558 Survey of Diseases and Disabilities 2	3
ISS 2160 Cultural Diversity in the U.S.	3
PHC 3603 Critical Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 4101 Public Health Concepts	3

<a href="#">SYD 3700 Minorities in American Society</a>	3
<a href="#">SYD 3805 Gender and Health</a>	3
<a href="#">SYO 4400 Medical Sociology</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3323 Gender, Bodies, and Health</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 4704 Discrimination and Health</a>	3
<a href="#">AFA 3332 Black Feminist and Womanist Theory</a>	3
<a href="#">AFA 4430 Black Lives Matter</a>	3
<a href="#">AMH 3340 History of Disability in America</a>	3
<a href="#">ANT 3451 Race and Racism</a>	3
<a href="#">ENG 4844 Queer Theory</a>	3
<a href="#">HIS 3454 Racial Theories in Europe and the U.S.</a>	3
<a href="#">SYD 3700 Minorities in American Society</a>	3
<a href="#">SYO 4530 Social Inequality</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3015 Interdisciplinary Perspectives in WMS</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3415 Transnational Feminism</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3603 Sexualities Studies</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 4641 Lesbian and Gay Studies</a>	3

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**Category 2: Health Systems and Social Justice Mission ~~Social Inequality and Related Theory~~**

Courses	Credits
<a href="#">AMH 3340 History of Disability in America</a>	3
<a href="#">ANT 3451 Race and Racism</a>	3
<a href="#">HIS 3454 Racial Theories in Europe and the U.S.</a>	3
<a href="#">SYO 4530 Social Inequality</a>	3

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WST 3603 Sexualities Studies	3
WST 4641 Lesbian and Gay Studies	3
<a href="#">ANT 3478 Global Health Culture</a>	3
<a href="#">ANT 4462 Culture and Medicine</a>	3
<a href="#">GEO 3430 Population Geography</a>	3
<a href="#">GEO 3452 Introduction to Medical Geography</a>	3
<a href="#">GEO 3454 People and Plagues</a>	3
<a href="#">HIS 3495 Evolution of Infectious Diseases</a>	3
<a href="#">PHC 3440 Global Public Health</a>	3
<a href="#">PHC 4101 Public Health Concepts</a>	3
<a href="#">PHI 3459 Medicine and Philosophy</a>	3
<a href="#">PHI 3633 Bioethics</a>	3
<a href="#">SYO 4400 Medical Sociology</a>	3
<a href="#">REL 3908 Religion, Medicine, and Healing</a>	3
<a href="#">SYP 4730 Sociology of Aging and Life Course</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3323 Gender, Bodies, and Health</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 3703 History of American Medicine</a>	3
<a href="#">WST 4704 Discrimination and Health</a>	3

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### Category 3: International or Global Studies

Courses	Credits
ABT 3500 Arabic Culture	3
AFA 2000 Introduction to African American Studies	3
AFS 4260 Africans Abroad	3
ANT 2402 Anthropology of Sustainability	3

CHT 3500 Chinese Culture	3
GEO 2500 Global and Regional Economies	3
HAT 3564 Haitian Culture and Society	3
HIS 3495 Evolution of Infectious Diseases	3
HSC 4624 Trends in International Health	3
PHC 3440 Global Public Health	3
SPT 3511 U.S. Hispanic/Latino Culture	3
SYD 3630 Latin American Societies	3
WST 3415 Transnational Feminism	3