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TO: Administrative Boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences
FROM: Ritchie Kendall, Assistant Dean for Honors and Advisor for the Medicine, Literature, and Culture Minor
Beverly Taylor, Chair, Department of English and Comparative Literature
DATE: September 22, 2015
RE: Revisions to the Medicine, Literature, and Culture Minor

We are requesting approval to add new courses to the list of courses that satisfy the requirements for the Medicine, Literature, and Culture minor. Additionally, we are requesting approval to un-list some special topics courses officially listed for the minor. Given the variable nature of the subjects of these courses, we would like students to seek approval from the Advisor for the minor to ensure these courses fit with the themes and goals of the minor.

Dean Kendall has reviewed the descriptions of the courses affected by these revisions and Beverly Taylor, Chair of the home department for the minor, approves of these changes.

We propose adding the following courses to the Medicine, Literature, and Culture minor:

- AAAD 300, Cultures of Health and Healing in Africa (3)
- ANTH 147, Comparative Healing Systems (3)
- ANTH 270, Living Medicine (3)
- ANTH 319, Global Health (3)
- ANTH 442, Health and Gender after Socialism (3)
- ANTH 443, Cultures and Politics of Reproduction (3)
- ANTH 474, The Anthropology of Disability (3)
- ENGL 269, Introduction to Disability Studies (3)
- ENGL 370, Race, Health, and Narrative (3)
- ENGL 610, Science as Literature: Rhetorics of Science & Medicine (3)
- ENGL 611, Narrative, Literature, and Medicine: Advanced Interdisciplinary Seminar (3)
- GEOG 445, Medical Geography (3)

- HIST 329, An Introduction to the History of Medicine (3)
- HIST 472, Medicine and Health in Early Modern Europe (3)
- HIST 622, Medicine and Society in America (3)
- PLCY 361, Health Policy and Politics (3)
- PLCY 565, Global Health Policy (3)
- PLCY 570, Health and Human Rights (3)
- RELI 665, Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism (3)
- SOCI 422, Sociology of Health and Mental Illness (3)
- SOCI 431, Aging (3)

We propose un-listing the following courses from the minor:

- ENGL 390, Studies in Literary Topics (3)
- ENGL 489, Cultural Studies—Contemporary Issues (3)

Copy of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* text, reflecting these revisions, is attached.

We appreciate the Administrative Boards' review of these changes in the Medicine, Literature, and Culture minor and hope you will let us know if we can answer any questions about them.



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Revision to Medicine, Literature, and Culture: Undergraduate Bulletin Text

Medicine, Literature, and Culture Minor

The interdisciplinary honors minor in medicine, literature, and culture was developed in collaboration with Honors Carolina and the Department of Social Medicine in the UNC School of Medicine. It encourages students to explore the cultural and historical dimensions of medical practice by viewing the practice of medicine not simply as an application of chemical and biological analyses of and interventions in the functioning of the human body but also as a cultural practice embedded in changing ideas of disease, health, doctors, patients, medical institutions, and ethics. The minor is available to students accepted into Honors Carolina and to any undergraduate student who has achieved and maintains a grade point average of 3.00 or better. Requirements for the minor include five courses representing at least three different subject codes. ENGL 268H Medicine, Literature, and Culture is required and is considered one of the three subject codes. Options for additional courses include, but are not limited to, the following courses:

- AAAD 300, Cultures of Health and Healing in Africa
- ANTH 147, Comparative Healing Systems
- ANTH 270, Living Medicine
- ANTH 319, Global Health
- ANTH 442, Health and Gender after Socialism
- ANTH 443, Cultures and Politics of Reproduction
- ANTH 444 Medicine, Politics, and Justice
- ANTH 470 Medicine and Anthropology
- ANTH 473 Anthropology of the Body and the Subject
- ANTH 474, The Anthropology of Disability
- CMPL 383 Literature and Medicine
- ENGL 266 Science and Literature
- ENGL 269, Introduction to Disability Studies
- ENGL 370, Race, Health, and Narrative

- ~~ENGL 390H Studies in Literary Topics: Representing Medicine~~
- ~~ENGL 489H Cultural Studies Contemporary Issues: Literature, Medicine, and Disability~~
- ENGL 610, Science as Literature: Rhetorics of Science & Medicine
- ENGL 611, Narrative, Literature, and Medicine: Advanced Interdisciplinary Seminar
- GEOG 445, Medical Geography
- HIST 329, An Introduction to the History of Medicine
- HIST 472, Medicine and Health in Early Modern Europe
- HIST 622, Medicine and Society in America
- HNRS 650 Topics in Medicine and the Humanities
- JOMC 560 Medical and Science Journalism
- PLCY 361, Health Policy and Politics
- PLCY 565, Global Health Policy
- PLCY 570, Health and Human Rights
- RELI 665, Body and Suffering in Christian Mysticism
- SOCI 422, Sociology of Health and Mental Illness
- SOCI 431, Aging

Additional courses can be applied to the requirements for this minor with the approval of the advisor for the minor.

At least three courses used to fulfill requirements for the minor must be counted exclusively in the minor and cannot be double-counted with a major or second minor. A minimum of 12 hours of C (not C-) or better is required in the minor. All courses must be taken for a standard letter grade, with the exception of one course (three to four credit hours) of By-Examination (BE) credit.

All department chairs signed off on the addition of their courses to the minor. The Honors Carolina office has e-mail responses archived.