UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

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Action: Revision to Minor in Medical Humanities

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term 07F

(Use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of:

(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name:

Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit

(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration:

(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor:

Medical Humanities (Revision to minor)

(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change:

(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study:

(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration:

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.
List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations? (Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

None

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes: (Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s): (Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

This proposal makes some administrative changes, one substitution and one addition to the old Medical Humanities Minor. The new minor will be more in line with other UD minors in requiring a minimum total of 16 credits (up from 13 credits):

1. **Administrative changes**: The old minor’s core of required classes has been updated and re-grouped. These changes reflect altered class availability since the minor was first offered. The updated groupings improve timetabling flexibility, while continuing to ensure that students discover a range of humanistic approaches to medicine.

2. **Substitution**: The old one credit of independent study has been re-cast as a more structured capstone experience. This will (a) encourage students to consider a broader view of the program than can be achieved class by class, and (b) provide the minor’s faculty advisor with helpful, outcome-based information about the success of the program and its components.

3. **Addition**: A grounding requirement has been added to the minor. This will ensure that students have the basis necessary to engage in productive dialogue with those in medicine and related disciplines. Such grounding is essential to credible humanistic commentary on medicine.
Program Requirements:
(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and include a side-by-side comparison of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

Revised Medical Humanities Minor:
The undergraduate minor in medical humanities explores how different kinds of humanistic inquiry inform and are informed by the science and practice of medicine. Class substitutions: Relevant alternative classes, or 3 credit independent study, may be substituted within each group if approved by the minor’s faculty advisor.

Grounding 3-4 credits
- BISC103 or 104  Principles of Biology
- BISC106  Elementary Human Physiology
- BISC276  Human Physiology
- BISC306  General Physiology
- HESC220  Anatomy and Physiology

Humanistic approaches 12 credits
One three credit class from each of the following three disciplinary groups (9 credits), plus one additional class from any one of the groups (3 credits).

Ethics & Policy
- PHIL241  Ethical Issues in Health Care
- PHIL313  Killing and Letting Die
- PHIL444  Medical Ethics

Art, Literature & History
- HIST382  History of Western Medicine

Human Sciences
- POSC/SOCI343  Society Politics and Healthcare
- SOCI311  Sociology of Healthcare
- WOMS389  Topics: Women and Health Issues

Capstone 1 credit independent study (pass/fail)
A short (~1000 word) discussion of how humanistic studies can inform and improve the practice of healthcare, with specific reference to the content of one or more classes taken (must include specific reference to any classes substituted for a listed class).
Restriction: must be in senior year or have completed 12 units of the minor to enroll.

EXISTING VERSION OF MINOR (to be replaced with copy above for Revised Medical Humanities Minor):

The Old Medical Humanities Minor
The undergraduate minor in medical humanities is an organized curriculum of study with an emphasis on the relationship between various humanistic inquiries and the practice of medicine.
All of…
PHIL246  Philosophical Perspectives of Medicine  3
HIST382  History of Western Medicine  3
CSCC366  Independent Study  1

Two from among…  6
WOMS233  Women, Biology and Medicine
PHIL241  Ethical Issues in Health Care
SCOI311  Sociology of Health Care
PHIL444  Medical Ethics

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:  (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson __________________________ Date __________________
Dean of College __________________________ Date __________________
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee __________________________ Date __________________
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies __________________________ Date __________________
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. __________________________ Date __________________
Secretary, Faculty Senate __________________________ Date __________________
Date of Senate Resolution __________________________ Date to be Effective ______________
Registrar __________________________ Program Code ______________ Date __________________
Vice Provost for Academic Programs & Planning __________________________ Date __________________
Provost __________________________ Date __________________
Board of Trustee Notification __________________________ Date __________________

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