

Interdisciplinary Health Humanities, **Certificate**

LAIHHUCERT

Are you thinking about a career in health care? Gain an edge by learning to understand the complex and interdisciplinary facets of health, including how empathy, mindfulness, resilience and compassion intersect with research and care.

Description

The interdisciplinary health humanities certificate program brings humanities methodologies to analyses of health and medicine to address challenges in health policy and health care practice and to advance understandings of the cultural formations of health, illness and the body.

The curriculum includes courses in history of medicine, bioethics, disability studies, sociocultural aspects of health and narrative medicine. It includes critical analyses of representations of health and illness in literature and other media, as well as training in narrative and structural competency for health care professionals. A capstone course, internship or applied project offers experiential or project-based learning in this field.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#), [West Valley](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Certificate Map](#)

[Certificate Map \(Archives\)](#)

The interdisciplinary health humanities certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours. A minimum of 12 upper-division credit hours are required, with at least nine of those credit hours taken in courses offered

by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for students on the Tempe campus, or by the School of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences on the West Valley campus.

All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher.

Interdisciplinary Health Humanities Core -- 6 credit hours

ENG 203: Introduction to Health Humanities (HU) (3)

Notes: available on the Tempe and West Valley campuses

ENG 484: Internship or ENG 498: Pro-Seminar (L) or ENG 499: Individualized Instruction (3)

Electives (select three) -- 9 credit hours

AFR 383: Blacks in Science, Medicine and Public Health (3)

ASB 301: Global History of Health (HUAD OR SB & G & H) (3)

ASB 305: Poverty and Global Health (CIVI OR (L or SB) & C) (3)

ASB 353 / SOC 353: Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective (GCSI OR (HU or SB) & G) (3)

ASB 355: Traditional Medicine and Healing (HU or SB) (3)

BIO 312 / IAS 340 / PHI 320: Bioethics (HUAD OR HU) (3)

BIO 315 / ENG 370: Science, Values, and the Public (3)

ENG 469: Science and Literature (3)

FIS 498: Stem Cell Policy Research (3)

FOR 406 / IAS 406 / PHI 406: Moral Dilemmas (L or HU) (3)

HCI 313: Philosophy of Science in Health Care: Understanding Paradigms of Health and Healing (3)

HPS 314 / PHI 314: Philosophy of Science (HUAD OR HU) (3)

HPS 331 / BIO 318: History of Medicine (HUAD OR HU & H) (3)

LSC 363: Genes, Race, Gender, and Society (3)

MED 300: Historical and Contemporary Issues in Health (L) (3)

PHI 306: Applied Ethics (CIVI OR HU) (3)

REL 381: Religion and Moral Issues (HUAD OR L or HU) (3)

SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging (SB) (3)

SOC 448: Epidemics and Society (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)

TCL 323: Latina/o Health Issues (SOBE OR SB & C) (3)

TCL 410: Race, Medicine, and the Body (3)

WST 444: Gender, Health, and Bodies (SB) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Some elective courses may be available only on the Tempe campus or the West Valley campus.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student

already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students become more marketable and can advance their career options when they have complemented their major with this methodological specialization in interdisciplinary health humanities.

Students who complete this undergraduate certificate often decide to pursue employment in the health professions. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

Contact information

[Schedule an advisor appointment](#)

[Department of English](#) | RBHL 170

englishadvising@asu.edu | 480-965-3168