

Minor in Health and Culture

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Anthropology plays a crucial role in fostering a holistic understanding of the human condition that can serve to enhance traditional medical training. The Anthropology Minor in Health & Culture includes courses focusing on the human condition from both biological and cultural perspectives. These courses will collectively facilitate an understanding of the **evolutionary and biological underpinnings of health, cultural beliefs about disease and the body, and the social, political, and economic roots of health disparities**. This Minor helps prepare students to pursue careers related to human health, including social work, public health, nursing, medical insurance consulting, dentistry, physiotherapy, orthopedics, and medical or veterinary schools.

The Minor in Health & Culture consists of **six courses** totaling **18 credits**. The three required courses are designed to give students a solid background in both the biological and cultural factors that together shape human health. In addition, students will be required to choose one elective from a list of offerings focusing on cultural diversity and two electives from a list of offerings focusing on the biology of human and nonhuman primates. The full list of Anthropology courses with descriptions can be found on the Anthropology Department website:

qc.cuny.edu/academics/anthropology/courses

The Minor in Health & Culture can be easily combined with Majors in other departments. If combined with a Major in Anthropology, four of the six courses (12 of the 18 credits) can overlap between the Major and the Minor and *only 2 extra courses (6 extra credits) are required*.

Requirements for the Minor in Health and Culture

Three required courses:

ANTH 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ANTH 102	Introduction to Human Evolution
ANTH 260	Essentials of Biological Anthropology

Three elective courses in total, one from list A and two from list B:

List A. Choose one elective from this list:

ANTH 205	Peoples of Mexico & Central America
ANTH 206	Peoples of South America
ANTH 207	Native North Americans
ANTH 208	Peoples of South Asia
ANTH 208W	Peoples of South Asia (W)
ANTH 210	Peoples of East Asia
ANTH 211	Peoples of Africa
ANTH 212	Peoples of the Middle East
ANTH 215W	Peoples of the Caribbean (W)
ANTH 216	Peoples of Southeast Asia
ANTH 219	Topics in Cultural Area Studies
ANTH 222	Sex, Gender, & Culture
ANTH 225	Medical Anthropology
ANTH 280	Language & Social Identity
ANTH 309	Psychological Anthropology
ANTH 354	Time

List B. Choose two electives from this list:

ANTH 262	The Nonhuman Primates
ANTH 270	Evolutionary Medicine
ANTH 271	Human Biology
ANTH 272	The Human Skeleton
ANTH 275	Disease in the Past
ANTH 276	Human Growth & Development
ANTH 276W	Human Growth & Development (W)
ANTH 279	Topics in Biological Anthropology
ANTH 361	Human Variation
ANTH 361W	Human Variation (W)
ANTH 363	Interpreting the Human Skeleton
ANTH 368	Evolution & Human Behavior
ANTH 369	Primate Behavior & Ecology

Questions? Go to: qc.cuny.edu/academics/anthropology/program-overview

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