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MHU 2013. Introduction to Medical Humanities. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of the human aspects of medical practice as addressed through the social sciences, arts, and humanities. Examines concepts of illness and wellness as influenced by the study of history, psychology, cross-cultural variation, ethics, and aesthetics. Emphasis on systems of meaning, representation, reflective practice, and the dynamics of patient-provider interactions. Provides a history of the field of medical humanities and outlines current and future career paths.

MHU 4813. Seminar in Medical Humanities. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Examines current theories, critiques, and applied approaches in medical humanities. Reviews case studies exemplifying contrasting or competing definitions of health, wellness, illness, embodiment, disease, and disability. Sample topics include body image, diagnosis, narrative medicine, and professionalization. May be taught from different perspectives depending upon faculty expertise and interests.

MHU 4913. Independent Study. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.
Prerequisites: MHU 2013, Medical Humanities major, and permission in writing (form available) of the instructor, the student’s advisor, the Department Chair, and the Dean of the College in which the course is offered. Independent reading, research, discussion, and/or writing under the direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit, but not more than 6 semester credit hours of independent study, regardless of discipline, will apply to a bachelor’s degree.