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MHUM 108 Introduction to Medical Humanities: The Human Condition (4)

This course examines disease and healing through readings and discussion concerning the pragmatic and moral challenges faced by individuals and societies. Material is drawn from the *Journal of Medical Humanities* and books authored by those in the medical and public health fields. Focus extends to how we think about suffering, chronic disease, mental illness, and their impact on medical practice and policy.

MHUM 110 Introduction to Sociology and Human Health (4)

A survey of major theoretical and empirical approaches to the impact of social structures, culture, and group identities on individual and group attitudes and behavior. Emphasis is placed on physical and mental health issues, medical science and health care provisions, and patient/care provider dynamics. Topics include the social construction and behavioral implications of sex and gender, race and ethnicity, and social class, as well as behavioral, social, and ethical implications of differential access to legal, educational, and health care systems.

Prerequisite: BIOL 133 and CHEM 120.