

HEALTH AND SOCIETY DEGREE PROGRAM

If 4 a, b, c, or d was answered with yes, please answer the following questions:

If the proposal has potential budgetary impacts for another college/school, such as requiring new sections or a non-negligible increase in the number of seats offered, at least one contact must be at the college-level.

How many students do you expect to be impacted?

Impacted schools must be contacted and their response(s) included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? **No**. If yes, explain: **N/A**

If yes, Undergraduate Studies must be informed of the proposed changes and their response included:

Person communicated with:

Date of communication:

Response:

- f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion?

Note: THECB Semester Credit Hour Change Form required, download from URL:

<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/reports/DocFetch.cfm?DocID=2419&format=doc>

If yes, explain: No

5. COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS

Department approval date: April 19, 2017

Approved by whom: Alex Weinreb, Director Health & Society

College approval date: May 4, 2017

Approved by whom: COLA Curriculum Development and Assessment Committee

Dean approval date: June 5, 2017

Approved by whom: COLA Faculty

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:⁴

Major

Thirty semester credit hours, including at least 15 hour of upper-division coursework, consisting of

1. Health and Society 301, *Introduction to Health and Society*
2. Three semester hours in each of the following:
 - a. Biology: three semester hours, chosen from Biology 301D, *Biology for Business, Law, and Liberal Arts*, Biology 301L, *Molecules to Organisms*, Biology 311C, *Introductory Biology I*, Biology 309D, *The Human Body*
 - b. Social/behavioral epidemiology: three semester hours, ~~chosen from~~ in Health Education 343, *Foundations of Epidemiology*, Sociology 368D/*Public Health 368D*, *Social Context of Public Health*
 - c. Methods and statistics: three semester hours, chosen from an approved list
 - d. Social justice and health: three semester hours, chosen from an approved list
3. Nine semester hours, chosen from an approved list, in one of the following tracks:
 - a. Health and behavior
 - b. Cultural aspects of health
 - c. Health care and the economy
 - d. Population health
4. Three additional semester hours, chosen from any course offered from any of the tracks listed above.
5. Health and Society 378, *Seminar in Health and Society*; or, for students seeking special honors, H S 679HA and HS 679HB, *Honors Tutorial Course*

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Health and Society Honors Program

For the Health and Society Honors Program, students complete a two-semester (six hours) honors thesis under the supervision of a faculty member. Students interested in writing an honors thesis should contact the honors adviser, preferably in the first semester of their junior year, in order to discuss plans for the thesis and begin to lay the groundwork for their project. Students applying for the honors program must have a University grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00, must have completed Health and Society 301 with a B- or better, and must have a GPA of at least 3.50 in their core health and society courses at the time of the application. Students are also expected to identify a thesis supervisor at the time of application. The requirements for graduation with special honors are

1. Completion of liberal arts and health and society requirements, except for Health and Society 378.
2. A University grade point average of at least 3.00
3. A health and society grade point average of at least 3.50
4. Health and Society 679H, Honors Thesis

¹ See <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/degree-program-changes> for detailed explanations.

² Submit required Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board forms to the provost's office (lydia.cornell@austin.utexas.edu); downloadable from URL <https://facultycouncil.utexas.edu/theccb-forms>

³ **EXCLUSIVE:** of *exclusive* application and of primary interest only to a single college or school ("no protest" period is *seven calendar days*); **GENERAL:** of *general* interest to more than one college or school (but not for submission to the General Faculty) ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*); *major* legislation must be submitted to the General Faculty for adoption ("no protest" period is *fourteen calendar days*).

⁴ The proposed text should be based on the text of the current catalog available at:

<http://catalog.utexas.edu/undergraduate/>

Strike through and replace (with underlines) only the specific language to be changed. Do NOT use track changes, and do not include hyperlinks in the catalog copy. Submit form electronically to the Office of the General Faculty and Faculty Council at fc@austin.utexas.edu. For questions on completing this section, please contact Victoria Cervantes, vc@austin.utexas.edu, 471-5934 or Brenda Schumann, brenda.schumann@austin.utexas.edu, 475-7654.