

HENDRIX

PROPOSED REVISION FOR MAJOR OR MINOR

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Aleksandra Pfau

Date: 9/28/11

Department/Program: Medical Humanities

Area: Social Sciences and Humanities

Check appropriate boxes:

☒ New major/minor/related changes

☐ Change in major

☐ Change in minor

Proposed change--one sentence summary:

Create a Medical Humanities Minor

Proposed subject code:

Proposed catalog copy for requirements: Medical Humanities

Professors Capek and Schmidt

Associate Professors Campolo and Resinski

Assistant Professors Kennedy, Pfau (chair), Stuber and Whelan

Six courses distributed as follows:

At least two from the Humanities:

CLAS 255: Medical Etymology

ENGL 2xx: Literature and Illness

PHIL 225: Ethics and Medicine

PHIL 350: Philosophy of Science

RELI 262: Science and Religion

At least two from the Social Sciences:

HIST 227: Medicine and Disease in Pre-Modern Europe

HIST 3xx: Epidemics and Society

POLI 100: Topics in Politics: Global HIV/AIDS

PSYC 351: Health Psychology

SOCI 380: Medicine and Culture

Rationale within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

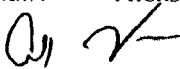
The Medical Humanities Minor was inspired in part because we already have a number of courses in the catalog that fit directly into this field of study, and many of our pre-meds are already taking these courses to fulfill their learning domains. With the MCAT moving towards a stronger focus on reading comprehension not only in the natural sciences but also in the humanities and social sciences, this minor would be very popular with our pre-meds, as well as with majors in other fields who are interested in medicine.

The choice of the name "Medical Humanities" for a minor that includes courses from the Humanities and the Social Sciences comes from the larger tradition of Medical Humanities institutes and departments at other institutions, including the University of Arkansas Medical School. The name will thus carry recognition outside of Hendrix.

Medical Humanities departments have become more common at Medical Schools in the past decade, and some small, liberal arts colleges have begun to add Medical Humanities majors and minors. The addition of a Medical Humanities minor would help in our college's goal of making our excellence in the Sciences visible. *Proposers are welcome to attach additional documentation for more complex proposals, such as the addition of a major or minor.*

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Aleksandra Pfau 10/5/11

Area chair:  10-11-11