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Graduate Minor

The graduate minor in anthropology and health is an integrated field of 12 credit hours of study designed to supplement the graduate training of students with an interest in careers in the health field. The program has three goals: to provide students with a holistic perspective on the anthropology of health, which integrates human biology, ecology, and culture in a systems model of health; to develop students' anthropological inquiry skills in understanding health in human groups; and to develop students' abilities to apply anthropological concepts and skills to health interventions in the areas of their career focus. The graduate minor in anthropology and health will provide students with training that will add greater depth and breadth to their qualifications in their major field. They will be able to use the cross-cultural and biocultural perspectives of anthropology to supplement their primary graduate training to better

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prepare them for a career in the health fields. This focused training will enable students to use anthropological concepts and skills to identify biocultural factors in the occurrence of disease, to understand ethnic behavior related to illness, and to identify where health programs across social and ethnic lines can be made more effective.

Course Requirements

Twelve hours of credit approved for the minor in anthropology and health with a grade point average of at least 3.25, including E445; A594; one course selected from B521, B523, B525, E404, E606, and L605; and one elective.

Courses

E445 Medical Anthropology (3 cr.) A cross-cultural examination of human biocultural adaptation in health and disease, including biocultural epidemiology; ethnomedical systems in the presentation, diagnosis, and treatment of disease; and sociocultural change and health.

A594 Independent Learning in Applied Anthropology (3 cr.) P: Authorization of instructor. Independent research/training using anthropological perspectives/methods in addressing social issues. The project must be a discrete activity with a concrete product, conducted in conjunction with the student's anthropology advisor and the member of the organization where he or she will be located. (May be repeated for no more than 6 credit hours total.)

Research Methods in the Anthropology of Health

B521 Bioanthropology Research Methods (3 cr.)

B523 Anthropometry (3 cr.)

B525 Genetic Methods in Anthropology (3 cr.)

E404 Field Methods in Ethnography (3 cr.)

E606 Research Methods in Cultural Anthropology (3 cr.)

L605 Field Methods in Anthropological Linguistics (3 cr.)

Electives

Electives in the anthropology of health (3 cr.). Electives will be selected from approved anthropology courses offered at Indianapolis and Bloomington, in consultation with the minor advisor.