

HEALTH AND SOCIETY, BA

As of Fall 2025 this major has been discontinued.

The Health and Society majors combine coursework in Biology, Psychology, Sociology, and other disciplines, to give students an interdisciplinary perspective on human health, and the social and psychological ramifications of wellness, disease, and health care. Students completing a Health and Society major explore topics relating to healthcare from the perspective of the human body, the human mind, and human society. The division of electives into three areas ensures that students will have exposure to all three areas.

Health and Society majors who are interested in becoming physicians, and who are not already enrolled in a B.S./M.D. or B.S./D.O. degree program through the Franciscan Health Care Professions program, must apply to and be accepted by a medical school in the traditional manner. If you have questions about this, be sure to speak with the Director of the Health and Society Program, with your advisor, or with one of the university's PreProfessional Advisors.

Requirements for B.A. in Health and Society

Code	Title	Credits
Foundational Courses		28-33
BIO-101 & BIOL-101	FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY and FUNDAMENTALS OF BIOLOGY LAB	
BIO-211	HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	
BIO-212	HUMAN ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	
PSYC-101	INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC-102	AN INTRO TO BIOPSYCHOLOGY	
HSOC-401	HEALTH & SOCIETY SEMINAR	
Statistics ⁴		
Select two of the following Body Electives:		6-8
BIO-291	GENETICS ¹	
BIO-292	CELL BIOLOGY ¹	
BIO-321	GEN. MICROBIOLOGY ¹	
BIO-350 & BIOL-350	NEUROBIOLOGY and NEUROBIOLOGY LAB ¹	
BIO-371 & BIOL-371	BIOCHEMISTRY and BIOCHEMISTRY LAB ²	
BIO-472 & BIOL-472	IMMUNOLOGY and IMMUNOLOGY LAB ²	
HS-309	NUTRITION	
PHED-312	BIO-KINESIOLOGY	
HS-314	EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY ²	
PSYC-343	PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY	
Select two of the following Mind Electives:		6
PSYC-210	LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC-213	CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC-214	ADULT DEVELP & AGING	
PSYC-215	MALADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR	
PSYC-230	COGNITION	
PSYC-232	PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING	
PSYC-240	HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY	

PSYC-312	CHILD DEVELOPMENT	
PSYC-316	HUMAN SEXUALITY	
PSYC-345	HEALTH ANALYTICS	
PSYC-348	DISPARITIES IN HEALTHCARE	
PSYC-355	SPORT & EXERCISE PSYCH	
PSYC-469	INTR CLNIC/METH-HUM.SERV	
Select four of the following Society Electives: ³		12
PHIL-335	PHIL. OF SCIENCE & MEDICINE	
PHIL-338	HEALTH CARE ETHICS	
PHIL-345	VALUES AT THE END OF LIFE	
SOC-205	SOCIOLOGY OF INEQUALITY	
SOC-320	SOCIAL PSYCH.OF ADDICTIONS	
SOC-402	FAMILY VIOLENCE	
SOC-408	HEALTH AND ILLNESS	
Foreign Language Requirement ⁵		3
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.sbu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/)		37
General Electives, enough to reach 120 credits minimum		21-32
Total Credits		113-131

¹ The prerequisite for this course is BIO-105/BIOL-105 & BIO-106/BIOL-106.

² This course has one or more prerequisites that are not required courses in the Health and Society major. Students who want to take this course for their Health and Society major will first have to take the prerequisite course(s).

³ At least one course must be taken in at least two different departments.

⁴ This requirement can be fulfilled with MATH-107, MATH-117, QMX-211, or PSYC-201 and PSYC-202.

⁵ The foreign language must be at the level of 202 or higher.

The electives in the Health and Society major are grouped in three areas: Body, Mind, and Society. Students are required to take a minimum number of electives in each area, to ensure that they have an interdisciplinary background in ideas and issues relating to health care in modern society.

New courses relevant to health and society may be offered from time to time, often as Special Topics courses in different departments and programs. Such courses may fulfill Health and Society elective requirements with the approval on the Director of the Health and Society Program and relevant academic administrators.

First Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIO-101 & BIOL-101	4	ENG-102	3
ENG-101	3	PSYC-102	3
BONA-101	3	General Elective	3
PSYC-101	3	Foreign Language (202 level)	3
General Education Requirement	3	MATH-107 or 117	3
		16	15
Second Year			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIO-211 & BIOL-211	4	BIO-212 & BIOL-212	4
Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3	Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3
General Education Requirements	3	General Education Requirement	3
General Education Requirements	3	General Elective	3

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General Elective	3	
	16	13

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3	Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3
Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3	Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3
General Education Requirement	3	General Education Requirement	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3	HSOC-401	3
Health & Society Elective (HSOC)	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
	15		15

Total Credits 120