

HEALTH DISPARITIES IN SOCIETY MINOR

Health disparities describe the disproportionate burden of disease, differential access to health care, and poorer health outcomes that affect minoritized populations. Health disparities can exist at multiple levels of society (global, national, institutional, local, and personal) and affect people of diverse geographic locations, linguistic groups, socioeconomic statuses, and sociocultural groups. Housed in the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, the Health Disparities in Society (HDS) minor provides a framework to examine how multiple social inequalities (e.g., along class, gender, geography, race/ethnicity, sexuality) intersect to produce disparities in health and how to work toward preventing and mitigating such disparities.

About this Program

- **College:** Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/colleges-schools/UGLAS/>)
- **Credits:** 15 | Completed with minimum grades of C and no optional S/U | 9 must be at the 3000-level or above

Department Information

The Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies offers academic programs, grants graduate and undergraduate degrees, and advances research in the discipline. Faculty in the department successfully compete for national fellowships and grants, win research and teaching awards, and produce rigorous and transformative research.

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Curriculum

- Combination Degrees
- Health Disparities in Society Minor
- Theories and Politics of Sexuality Minor
- Women's Studies
- Women's Studies Minor

Requirements

- No more than three credits of independent study may count toward the minor.
- Students must complete a minimum of six credits of coursework exclusive to the minor that cannot count toward the major(s) or other minors.
- Students must complete at least three courses at the 3000-level or higher and each must be at least three credits.
- Although students must complete WST 2322 before enrolling in WST 4941C, they may take the elective courses in any order at any time (i.e., before, during, or after taking the two required courses).
- Students are encouraged to indicate their intention to enroll in WST 4941C as soon as they commit to the minor, by completing this survey (https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cHzSYoPAjclK7f8/).
- Sometimes, and with the approval of the undergraduate coordinator for Women's Studies, students may petition to have other, relevant courses approved as substitutes within each category of electives within the minor. Such courses could include department *special topics* offering with numbers like 3930, 4930.

Each semester, courses offered for this minor are listed on the Women's Studies courses website.

More Info (<https://wst.ufl.edu/courses/electives-for-womens-studies-major-and-minor/>)

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
WST 2322	Introduction to Health Disparities	3
WST 4941C	Practicum in Health Disparities ¹	3
Category A elective ²		3
Category B electives ²		6
Total Credits		15

¹ Students should indicate their intent to enroll in this course as early as possible using this survey (https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cHzSYoPAjck7f8/). The course fills to capacity in advance of each semester.

² WST 4905 may apply to one category approved by the department.

Approved Electives

Category A | Theories of Social Inequality, Difference, and Power

Code	Title	Credits
AFA 3332	Black Feminist and Womanist Theory	3
AFA 4430	Black Lives Matter	3
AMH 3340	History of Disability in America	3
ANT 3451	Race and Racism	3
ENG 4844	Queer Theory	3
HIS 3454	Racial Theories in Europe and the US	3
SYD 3700	Sociology of Race and Racism in the US	3
SYO 4530	Social Inequality	3
WST 3015	Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Women's Studies	3
WST 3415	Transnational Feminism	3
WST 3603	Sexualities Studies	3
WST 3610	Gender, Race and Science	3
WST 3800	Sexual Ethics	3
WST 4002	Data Feminisms	3
WST 4349	Ecofeminism	3
WST 4383	Latinx Sexualities	3
WST 4384	LGBTQ+ Movements and Critiques	3
WST 4630	Gender, Culture, and Place	3
WST 4641	Lesbian and Gay Studies	3

Category B | Health Systems and Social Justice Mission

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 3478	Global Health Culture	3
ANT 4462	Culture and Medicine	3
GEO 3430	Population Geography	3
GEO 3452	Introduction to Medical Geography	3
GEO 3454	Peoples and Plagues	3
HIS 3495	Evolution of Infectious Diseases	3
PCO 4272	Advanced Seminar in Psychology of Women	3
PHC 3440	Global Public Health	3
PHC 3603	Critical Issues in Public Health	3
PHC 4101	Public Health Concepts	3
PHI 3459	Medicine and Philosophy	3
PHI 3633	Bioethics	3
SOP 4777	Psychology of Human Sexuality	3
SYO 4400	Medical Sociology	3
SYP 4730	Sociology of Aging and Life Course	3
WST 3323	Gender, Bodies, and Health	3
WST 3325	Violence Against Women	3
WST 3703	History of American Medicine: Race, Class, Gender, and Science	3
WST 4326	Women and Therapy	3
WST 4704	Discrimination and Health	3