

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

This major integrates science, social science, and humanities coursework along with the critical thinking concepts and field experience needed to educate a broadly-thinking and well-prepared medical student. Students in this major will understand how psychological, cultural, social, economic, ethical, and biological factors influence our lives and, most importantly, our health.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Four lower-division courses:

- The Nature of Human Health and Disease *or* General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology
- General Chemistry
- Calculus I *or* Elementary Probability and Statistics *or* Foundations of Statistics
- Sociology, Demography, and Health

Select one module among the six below, and choose four courses within each module. See course catalogue for specific module requirements:

- Health, Gender, and Ethnicity
- Health and the Mind
- International Health
- Sociology of Health
- Health and Aging
- Biology of Health

One experiential learning course.

Examples include:

- Leadership in the Community
- Practicum in Geriatric Care
- Non-Governmental Organizations/Non-Profits Field Practicum
- Directed Governmental and Political Leadership Internship

Two upper-division elective courses.

Examples include:

- Principles of Psychobiology
- Drugs: A Global Cultural History
- Race Relations
- Global Ethics: Poverty, Health and the Human Condition

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Medical Internship Requirement: All students must participate in a medical internship during their time at USC to better understand how health issues relate to different fields.

Supplemental Instruction: This academic support program provides regularly scheduled, peer-led study sessions for common Biology, Chemistry, Math, and Physics courses.

Capstone Course: Understand how health affects people around the globe by spending a semester in countries including Brazil, Chile, South Africa, or Ireland. You can also participate in our shorter summer Problems Without Passports courses in England or Guatemala.