Health & Human Sciences

This major integrates all of the necessary science, social science, humanities, and critical thinking concepts, as well as field experience, needed in order to educate a broadly thinking and 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) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

Five Lower Division Core Requirements
- 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
- Scientific Inquiry and Reasoning
- Sociology, Human Behavior and Health

Modules allow students to tailor coursework to their specific interests. 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

Choose one experiential learning component, see a few examples below:
- Leadership in the Community, Practicum in Geriatric Care, Non-Governmental Organization/Non-profits Field Practicum

Two Upper Division Elective Courses

EXPERIENTIAL 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.
- Ethnographics Lab: The Ethnographics Laboratory is a part of the Center for Visual Anthropology which provides archival and computer facilities for students and faculty who work with nonlinear editing systems and interactive media in anthropology.
- Study Abroad: 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.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or https://dornsife.usc.edu/health-and-human-sciences/