**Medicine & the Liberal Arts (MLA)**

The program in Medicine & the Liberal Arts analyzes healthcare issues from a variety of disciplines. Students will be exposed to a broad humanistic viewpoint of the medical situations that present themselves to individuals over the course of a lifetime. Pre-med students will gain a fuller understanding of the art of healing and of relating to patients than what can be obtained solely through the study of the sciences. Students planning careers in government, ministry, and healthcare administration which deal explicitly with medical issues will also benefit. Additionally, all will have the opportunity to gain a deeper knowledge of the ethical, religious, and social implications of the medical perplexities each of us face as citizens, family members, and individuals.

While it is not a major, courses applied toward requirements for Medicine & the Liberal Arts may also be counted toward requirements in other programs, majors, or minors.

**Coordinators**

Christine S. Dinkins, Philosophy  
Anne B. Rodrick, History

Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours consisting of four courses from at least three different disciplines (subject codes) and MLA 475 Medicine & the Liberal Arts Seminar. Other course offerings may be approved by the Program Coordinators on a case-by-case basis, including classes taken while studying abroad. Students interested in pursuing a medical or healthcare internship as part of the program should consult with the coordinator well in advance to secure approval.

**Program Requirements**

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Select four courses (from three different disciplines) from the following:

- ANTH 312 Medical Anthropology
- ANTH 412 Global Health
- BIO 303 Introduction to Public Health
- ECO 340 Economics of Medical Care
- ENVS 341 Health & the Environment
- GOV 345 Health Care Policy & Administration
- MLA 470 Independent Study in Medicine & the Liberal Arts
- PHIL 210 Bio-Medical Ethics
- PHIL 302 Philosophy of Science
- PHIL 340 Philosophy of Medicine
- PSY 270 Health Psychology
- REL 264 Religion & Medicine
- REL 332 Spirituality & Traditional Chinese Medicine

**Seminar**  
MLA 475 Medicine & the Liberal Arts Seminar

**Total Hours**  
15