

Humanities, Health, and Medicine (MA)

The field of Humanities, Health, and Medicine (HHM) explores and promotes relationships among the humanities on the one hand and health and health care on the other. The methods and substance of humanistic disciplines have the power to transform health care for all by enhancing human connections, deepening the capacity for empathy, and improving our understanding of the cultural and social contexts in which health, illness, and care occur. At the same time, focusing on health and health care reinvigorates and reveals new relevance for humanistic scholarship and teaching in a society increasingly dominated by STEM fields. The transdisciplinary nature of Humanities, Health, and Medicine and the flexible design of the Master of Arts program allow students to take courses and study with faculty across campus, including in the College of Liberal Arts, the Moody College of Communications, the School of Social Work, the College of Education, the School of Nursing, and the School of Information, among other campus units. Faculty from the Dell Medical School are also available to help advise student research. The Humanities, Health, and Medicine program is housed in the Department of English. We regularly sponsor speaker and other [events](#).

Both the conceptual capaciousness of the field and the significant inventory of relevant graduate and upper-division undergraduate courses that the University offers gives students the ability to design, in collaboration with the graduate advisor, a coherent program of study that matches their interests, desires, and post-degree goals. Students also have the option of complementing their MA degrees with Graduate Portfolios in, for example, Disability Studies and Health Communications.

Total Hours Required: 30

Requirements

The Master of Arts degree in Humanities, Health, and Medicine requires a total of 30 semester-credit-hours (SCH). Students have the option of four different degree plans for completing the required 30 hours: (A) coursework only; (B) coursework that includes three-hour departmental report or capstone; (C) 27 hours of coursework plus a three-hour Master's Report; and (D) 24 hours of coursework plus a six-hour Master's Thesis (the six thesis hours must be spread over two terms). Students may complete the degree over the course of 9, 12, or 18 months, depending on which degree plan they opt for and how intensively they are able to devote themselves to their academic work. *Important information and details about all four degree plans may be found online [here](#).*

Students enrolled in the Dual Degree Program with Dell Medical School must complete all of the same requirements to receive their Master of Arts degree in HHM as students in the free-standing MA program.

A total of 30 semester credit hours of coursework is required. Note that a limited amount of upper-division coursework may be counted toward degree requirements. Further details are available from the graduate advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
All students must also follow the following requirements and policies:		
Graduate Liberal Arts Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		