

Social Inequality, Health, and Policy Bridging Disciplines Program Certificate

This program introduces students to the causes and consequences of the huge disparities in health, life expectancy, and medical care delivery that exist in the world today. Through the lenses of multiple disciplines, the program focuses on what national and local governments, as well as non-governmental organizations, can and should do to effectively reduce the most glaring health vulnerabilities. As part of the program, students learn to investigate how large-scale demographic and social developments—including international migration, the growing numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons, changes in marriage and family patterns, and aging populations—affect nations’ population structures, the overall quality of life of their populations, and the evolution of their health care delivery systems. The program allows students to consider these issues through a variety of fields, such as Anthropology, Demography, Economics, Education, Geography, Government, Human Ecology, Psychology, Public Affairs, Religious Studies, Social Work, and Sociology, among others.

Total Hours Required: 19

Requirements

Requirements are listed in the table below. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#). Students should also review the [University's Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from: Forum Seminars		1
BDP 101.13	Social Inequality, Health, and Policy	
BDP 101.4	Health Inequality in Childhood and Adolescence	
Hours chosen from: Population and Other Macro Approaches		3
GRG 322D	Human Health and the Environment	
GRG 334E	Children's Environmental Health	
N 309	Global Health	
H S 301	Introduction to Health and Society	
SOC 319	Introduction to Social Demography	
SOC 341C	Medical Sociology	
SOC 342N	Social Inequality and Health in the United States	
SOC 369K	Population and Society	
Hours chosen from: Methods		3
EDP 371	Introduction to Statistics	
HED 343	Foundations of Epidemiology	
PSY 420M	Psychological Methods and Statistics	
S W 313	Social Work Research Methods	
S W 318	Social Work Statistics	
SDS 301	Elementary Statistical Methods	
SDS 302F	Foundations of Data Analysis	
SDS 320E	Elements of Statistics	
SOC 317L	Introduction to Social Statistics	
Hours chosen from: One Strand below (requires at least one upper-division course)		6

Social Inequality	
H S 340.5	Health Disparities
Hours chosen from: Approved list	
Public Health	
HED 350	Theories of Health Promotion Behavioral Science
Hours chosen from: Approved list	
Family, Fertility, and the Life Course	
SOC 307K	Fertility and Reproduction
Hours chosen from: Approved list	
Migration and Diaspora	
LAS 322E	Latino Migrations and Asylum
Hours chosen from: Approved list	
Approved Hours chosen from: Research or internship Connecting Experiences (see advisor)	
BDP 320K	Connecting Research Experience
BDP 320L	Connecting Research Experience
BDP X25K	Connecting Internship Experience
<u>Undergraduate Minor and Certificate Requirements and Policies</u>	
Total Hours	

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Additional Requirements and Policy

- A three to four page essay in which students reflect on what they have learned and accomplished through their experience is required. The essay is reviewed and must be approved by a member of the faculty panel in order to complete the certificate requirements
- To create an interdisciplinary experience, students must choose courses from a variety of disciplines. Only one of the strand courses may come from the student’s major department(s) or from same as with the student’s major department(s). The certificate as a whole must represent a variety of disciplines; the advisor can help ensure that the coursework will meet the certificate requirements for interdisciplinarity.
- In courses taken for a letter grade, the student must obtain a grade of at least C- .
- A cumulative certificate GPA of at least 2.0 is required.
- Only one BDP course, including connecting experience, may be taken pass/fail. Any exceptions will be considered by the faculty panel on an individual basis.
- The student may be able to count courses toward the certificate that are not listed, if enough of the course content relates to the BDP topic. Consult with the advisor to petition a course to count towards the certificate.