

# MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY COGNATE

<https://cola.unh.edu/sociology/program/cognate/medical-sociology>

## Description

The medical sociology cognate provides students with an understanding of how social structure shapes the etiology of health and illness as well as the availability, effectiveness and choices around health care on micro and macro levels. It develops students' sociological imagination, fosters their application of a sociological perspective to the study of health, and allows them to gain the skills needed to be informed consumers of empirical health research. The focus on empirical literacy that is central to courses in sociology facilitates students' ability to communicate and apply research findings in their respective professional fields.

Although the sociological perspective will benefit students from all backgrounds, a cognate in medical sociology may be especially relevant for students majoring in biomedical science, neuroscience and behavior, psychology, gerontology, health and physical education, nursing, health policy and administration, business, human development and others.

## Requirements

- Any three courses in medical/health focused sociology courses (12 credits) with a grade of C- or better
- Submission of a completed "Certification of Completion of Cognate" form
- Courses taken pass/fail may NOT be used for the cognate.
- Sociology majors may count cognate classes as major electives.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
Select three courses from the following:		12
SOC 555	Death and Dying in America	
SOC 570	Sexual Behavior	
SOC 620	Drugs and Society	
SOC 625	Mental Health and Society	
SOC 635W	Medical Sociology	
SOC 647	Sociology of Work and Well-Being	
SOC 697	Special Topics (Topic: Work and Well-Being)	
SOC 740	Sociology of Mental Health	
SOC 788	Advanced Medical Sociology	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>