MEDICINE, SCIENCE, AND THE HUMANITIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

Medicine, Science, and the Humanities Requirements
(Also see Requirements for a Bachelor’s Degree. (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/arts-sciences/full-time-residential-programs/undergraduate-policies/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree/))

Introductory Level
- An introduction to the medical humanities course (usually AS.145.101 Death and Dying in Art, Literature, and Philosophy: Introduction to Medical Humanities)
- One course focusing on classic scientific and medical texts
  - Examples: History of Medicine, History of Modern Medicine, Introduction to Bioethics, or Great Books at Hopkins II: The Sciences
  - Other courses may apply with approval from the director of undergraduate studies

Required Core Humanities Courses
- At least 4 courses totaling at least 12 credits in one, pre-approved humanities department
- 6 credits must be at the 300-level or higher
- Approved humanities departments: Anthropology, Classics, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, History, History of Art, History of Science and Technology, Comparative Thought and Literature, Near Eastern Studies, Philosophy, and the Writing Seminars

Foreign Language
- Through the intermediate level (second year at the college-level)

Additional Courses in the Sciences and the Humanities
- At least 6 courses totaling 18 credits in sciences and humanities; at least 2 of these courses must be in the humanities and at least 2 must be science courses. Of the 6 courses, 4 must be at the 200-level or higher.

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<td>Death and Dying in Art, Literature, and Philosophy: Introduction to Medical Humanities</td>
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<td>or AS.145.103</td>
<td>Men, Women, and Melancholy: Premodern Physiologies of Madness</td>
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1 Anthropology, Classics, English, Modern Languages and Literatures, History, History of Art, History of Science and Technology, Comparative Thought and Literature, Near Eastern Studies, Philosophy, and the Writing Seminar. Six credits must be at the 300-level or higher.

2 Four must be at the 200-level or higher.

Sample Program of Study
A typical program might include the following sequence of courses (note, this example plan emphasizes science):

First Year
**First Semester**
- AS.145.101 (Or other approved 100 level course) 3
- Foreign language 4

**Second Semester**
- Foreign language 3
- Natural science course at the 100 level 3

Third Year
**First Semester**
- One course focusing on classic scientific and medical texts 1
- Foreign language 3
- Natural science course at the 200 level 3

Fourth Year
**First Semester**
- Humanities elective in one pre-approved department at the 300-400 level 3
- 200+ level Humanities elective with POS-Tag MSCH-HUM 3

Honors in the Major
Honors will be offered as an option to juniors with a minimum GPA of 3.50 in major requirements. Honors projects will be a one-semester endeavor, typically aiming toward an original thesis paper (or equivalent scholarly or creative work) approximately 20-25 pages in length, whose topic is closely related to the student’s humanities core area. Thesis projects may be supervised by a faculty member in the student’s core
area, or by another faculty member with expertise relevant to the topic. In either case, the supervisory/mentoring role will be by arrangement between the student, MSH advisors, and the faculty member being solicited. All topics and supervisors are to be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Juniors interested in the pursing honors option must apply with the Director of Undergraduate Studies before Fall of the senior year. The application requires development of an approved research proposal with an accompanying mentorship plan.

While writing the thesis, students may enroll in the Independent Research course (AS.145.511 Medicine, Science & the Humanities Independent Research, 1-3 credits). These credits are taken in addition to the 12 credits of the normal major requirements and do not count as an elective or advanced course.

Additional Course Information

Study Abroad
Courses taken abroad count toward the major only if approved by the director of undergraduate studies in consultation with your adviser. This should be arranged prior to travel.

Thinking About Pre-Med?
Johns Hopkins offers an undergraduate pre-med program, but it is not a major. It is an advising track program through the Office of Pre-Professional Advising (http://web.jhu.edu/prepro/). Any Johns Hopkins undergraduate student pursuing any major may also pursue the pre-med advising track.

The pre-professional advisers work with the students, providing them with academic advising, assistance in selecting the proper courses, and help with the medical school application process. Please note that the MSH major does not fulfill all of the requirements for a pre-med course of study. Speak with your adviser for more information.