

### **2.3.1.10 Health and Social Sciences**

Trends in the 21st century such as the prominence of health and illness in everyday life, the increasing rates of illnesses associated with people's lifestyles, occupations, individual choices, governments' decisions and the relevance of ecological factors, all accentuate the importance of analysing health and illness systematically from the perspectives of the social sciences and humanities.

The objective of the Minor in HSS is to introduce students to the rich and varied expertise from the social sciences and humanities on health phenomena. The Minor in HSS focuses on three areas of health knowledge contributed by social sciences, and based on these areas of health knowledge, the Minor in HSS is designed to attain three learning outcomes.

The first two are knowledge outcomes:

1. Students will obtain basic knowledge on the influence of psychological, social, economic, cultural, historical, and environmental factors on health-related behaviour and attitudes as well as on illness and disability patterns in society and their consequences.
2. Students will be acquainted with the application of social science research approaches to the analysis of three areas of health knowledge:
  1. the impact of the psychological dimensions of individual behaviour and attitudes;
  2. the socio-economic, and cultural dimensions of individual and collective health-related behaviour, attitudes, and beliefs including the structure, dynamics and roles of health organisations and social support networks;
  3. the relevance of the economic and physical environment to the population's health.

The third learning outcome is related to ability:

3. Students will be able to search for and identify evidence-based social science research on health-related behaviour and attitudes as well as on illness and disability issues and patterns in society.

### **Programme Requirements**

#### **Requirements for Cohort 2010 and after:**

Pass at least 24 MCs from the basket of Minor in Health and Social Sciences modules, which include the following:

1. Essential (8MCs)
  1. GEK1900 or GEH1049 Public Health in Action
  2. SC2211 Medical Sociology
2. Elective (16MCs)
  1. At least 8MCs must be at level-3000

<b>ESSENTIAL MODULES</b>	
GEK1900 or GEH1049	Public Health in Action
SC2211	Medical Sociology
<b>ELECTIVE MODULES</b>	
<b>LEVEL-1000</b>	
GEK1507 or PR1301	Complementary Medicines and Health
GEK1534 or GEH1043	Microbes that change Man's History
GEK1527/LSM1302	Genes & Society (module is no longer offered)
PL1101E	Introduction to Psychology
GEK1540 or GEH1032	Modern Technology in Health and Medicine
NUR1116	Psychology for Health Professionals
<b>LEVEL-2000</b>	
NUR2119 or GEM2023	Primary Health Care
<b>LEVEL-3000</b>	
EC3353	Health Economics 1
NM3237	Health Communication
PL3232	Biological Psychology
PL3242	Health Psychology
PL3236	Abnormal Psychology
SC3218	Inquiry in Health and Society
SC3214	Sociology of Life Course and Aging
SW3207	Social Work in Medical Settings
SW3217	Mental Health and Illness
HY3252	From Tropical Medicine to Bioscience

SC3225	Social Capital
<b>LEVEL-4000</b>	
EC4353	Health Economics II
NM4219	New Media in Health Communication
NM4220	Health Communications (For Cohort 2010-2012)
SC4222	Body and Society
SC4881	Selected Topics in Health and Society (For Cohort 2010-2012)
SC4223	Health and Social Behaviour

Note 1:

All modules read in fulfilment of the minor requirements should be graded. Modules taken on Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis may not be counted towards the minor requirements.

Note 2:

Students are allowed to use up to 8 MCs to meet the requirements for both the Minor and a Major or another Minor, at the same time; however, the credits for these modules would be counted ONCE. FASS students would still need to fulfil the MCs required for the Unrestricted Electives (outside major) requirement.

Note 3:

For students on overseas exchange, credit transfer of up to 8 MCs of relevant modules for the Minor may be accepted. Please refer to the Maximum Number of Credit Transfer for SEP Students for more information.

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