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To: MA Students, Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics

From: SG Post

Re: Electives Courses for MA Students (revised Nov. 2017)

General MA students are encouraged to take two outside electives, OR they can choose to take one outside elective and one Center Independent Study (HCB 598), OR they can take two Center Independent Study (HCB 598) courses. The Independent Study (HCB 598) is only available if a faculty member from the Center is willing to work with the student on a topic of common interest by special arrangement. An MA student may still determine to take all electives from general course offerings within the Center as available. [Students in the joint program (MD/MA) do not take outside electives. Their six courses are all taken from the Center offerings, with the possibility of one Independent Study (HCB 598).]

Scan course offerings across Stony Brook University in all departments relevant to your trajectory of career interest at the 500 or 600 levels. http://sb.cc.stonybrook.edu/gradbulletin/current/. This lists all courses by department, number, title, and semester offered. But to be certain that a course is being offered, go to SBU Class Find http://classfind.stonybrook.edu/vufind/ and type in the course by department, number, and title.

Below is a list of electives that have already been assessed and approved by our MA graduate program committee. You should still send an email to Dr. Post (cc Michael Ortega) indicating your plans, but these listed courses are already approved. Many other course could be as well. However, you must obtain permission from the instructor or from another designated individual whenever you are taking courses outside the Center. This can be done by email. If you have a problem, contact Michael Ortega for help. You should always keep your advisor apprised of your plans. The courses being offered in any given term change, and the list below is not exhaustive. Again, if you are interested in any course that does not appear on this list, please contact your advisor (currently Dr. Post) who will work with Center faculty to quickly (24 hours) to determine whether it fits with the program.

The advantage of taking electives from across the university is that you can develop a personal vision for your future. For example, an MA student went on to Harvard Law School having taken two courses in healthcare policy; another went on to the Genetic Counseling MS at Boston University having taken two courses in human genetics, ethics and counseling; another is currently chairing the NIH Cancer Institute IRB having taken two courses in research ethics. You are responsible for developing your vision. We suggest that while the MA is not considered a terminal degree, nevertheless there are jobs listed on websites (type in “jobs” & “bioethics”) for those holding the MA alone, and many are very exciting.
Previously Approved Courses
(There are many other courses that you can find that are approvable but not listed below.)
Note: Be sure to provide your Stony Brook student ID number in all permission requests to all departments.

Disability Certificate Course
Contact for permission: Sue Sisto (sue.sisto@stonybrook.edu) and Pamela Block (pamela.block@stonybrook.edu).
HAX 663: Disability, Occupation and Community
HAX 664: Conceptual Foundations of Disability Studies
HAX 665: Disability, Participation and Justice
HAX 667: Disability Studies-Language, Narrative and Rhetoric

Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (HAX)
Contact for permission: Sue Sisto (sue.sisto@stonybrook.edu)
HAX 605: Research Ethics
HAX 647: Policies and Ethics in Behavioral and Community Health
HAX 641: Community Mental Health

Health Care Policy and Management
Contact for permission: Noelle Kabanakis (Noelle.Kabanakis@stonybrook.edu)
HAS 521: Disability and Health Promotion
HAS 530: Health Care Operations
HAS 531: Healthcare Delivery Systems
HAS 534: Fundamental of Healthcare Management
HAS 536: Health Law
HAS 538: Health Economics and Public Policy
HAS 545: Ethics & Health Care
HAS 578: Leadership in Health Care Management
HAS 592: Special Topics in Health Policy

History
Contact for permission: Jennifer Anderson (Jennifer.Anderson@stonybrook.edu) AND course instructor
HIS 543: Theme Seminars on Gender, Sexuality, and Reproduction
HIS 532: Theme Seminar: Gender, Religion and Modernity
HIS 570-572: Theme Seminars in Environment, Science and Health
HIS 631: Research Seminar: The Social History of Medicine and Health

Allan Alda Center/Journalism
Contact for permission: Brooke Banfi (brooke.banfi@stonybrook.edu)
JRN 502: Communicating Science: Writing for the Public

Philosophy
Contact for permission: Alissa Betz (Alissa.Betz@stonybrook.edu) AND course instructor
PHI 500: Feminist Theories
PHI 501: Theories of Race
PHI 503: Theories of Ethnicity
PHI 504: Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
PHI 521: Contemporary Moral Issues
Psychology
Contact for permission: Marilynn Wollmuth (Marilynn.wollmuth@stonybrook.edu) AND course instructor
PSY 537: Methods of Intervention: Treatment of Internalizing Disorders
PSY 542: Psychology of Addictive Behaviors
PSY 556: Stress and Coping
PSY 558: Theories of Social Psychology: Health Applications
PSY 559: Psychology of Women’s Health
PSY 585: Social and Health Psychology Colloquium I
PSY 586: Social and Health Psychology Colloquium II

Public Health
Contact for permission: Joanie Maniaci (Joanmarie.maniaci@stonybrookmedicine.edu)
HPH 500: Contemporary Issues in Public Health
HPH 504: Surveillance & Control of Infectious Diseases
HPH 508: Health Systems Performance
HPH 523: Social & Behavioral Determinants of Health
HPH 527: Health Economics and Policy
HPH 530: History of Public Health and Medicine
HPH 542: Introduction to Global Health I
HPH 543: Introduction to Global Health II
HPH 550: Theories of Social and Behavior Change
HPH 551: Introduction to Health Communications
HPH 552: Planning and Implementing Community Health Initiatives
HPH 554: Principles of Health Education and Promotion
HPH 555: Demography and Global Health

Public Policy (MA)
Contact for permission: Carri Horner (carri.horner@stonybrook.edu)
HPD 601: Human Subjects: Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research
Note: There are many other great courses to select from.

School of Social Welfare
Contact for permission: Laura Coiro (Laura.Coiro@stonybrook.edu)
HWC 504: Human Behavior and Social Environment
HWC 506: Social Work in Health
HWC 509: Parameters of Social and Health Policy I
HWC 510: Parameters of Social and Health Policy II
HWC 523: Growing Old in America: The Social Conditions-Policy and Practice Implications
HWC 529: Complementary and Alternative Medicine
HWC 538: Death and Dying: Loss and Separation
HWC 539: Ancestral Health Practices
HWC 545: Psychopathology
HWC 563: Homelessness, Politics and Public Health
HWC 579: Social Work with Children/Adolescents
Sociology
Contact for permission: Kathleen Fallon (Kathleen.Fallon@stonybrook.edu) AND course instructor
SOC 512: Global Sociology, Identities and Organizations in Global Perspective
SOC 516: Social Inequality
SOC 518: Sociology of Gender
SOC 519: Advanced Topics in Gender Studies

Women and Gender Studies
Contact for permission: Jacqueline M. Donnelly (Jacqueline.M.Donnelly@stonybrook.edu) AND Victoria Hesford (Victoria.Hesford@stonybrook.edu)
WST 559: Gender and Health
WST 610: Madness and Civilization 1960-1980

Please Investigate Other Relevant Areas Offering 500 and 600 Level Courses Such As:
Africana Studies
Anthropology
Asian and Asian American Studies
Dental Medicine
English
Genetics
History of Philosophies, East and West
Journalism
Neuroscience
Political Science
Theatre Arts