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

From: SG Post

Re: *Electives Courses for MA Students (revised February 2022)*

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 April Bortzfield) indicating your plans, but these listed courses are already approved. Many other courses 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 April Bortzfield 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) 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.

Biology
Contact for permission: Joanne Souza, PhD (joanne.souza@stonybrook.edu)
CEB 553: Biology & Human Behavior

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

English
Contact for permission: Theresa Spadola (Theresa.Spadola@stonybrook.edu) and Michael Rubenstein (Michael.Rubenstein@stonybrook.edu).
EGL 587: Topics in Race, Ethnic, or Diaspora Studies

Health Administration
Contact for permission: Lakshmi Ramsoondar-Ahmad (Lakshmi.Ramsoondar@stonybrookmedicine.edu)
HPA 510: Health Finance and Accounting
HPA 536: Health Law and Compliance
HPH 527: Health Economics and Policy
HPA 508: Human Resources Management in the Health Sector
HPA 523: Social & Behavioral Determinants of Health
HPA 564: Health Quality and Information Systems Management
HPA 586: Health Management Professionalism and Ethics
HPA 575: Long-Term Care in the Health Sector
HPA 541: Health Strategic Planning and Management

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

Higher Education Administration
Contact for permission: Marilyn London (Marilyn.London@stonybrook.edu)
HEA 501: Leadership in Higher Education
HEA 504L Research and Assessment in Higher Education

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: Lauren Addeo (Lauren.Addeo@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: Lakshmi Ramsoondar-Ahmad (Lakshmi.Ramsoondar@stonybrookmedicine.edu)
HPH 500: Contemporary Issues in Public Health
HPH 508: Health Systems Performance
HPH 522: Race, Racism & Health
HPH 523: Social & Behavioral Determinants of Health
HPH 527: Health Economics and Policy
HPH 529: Fundamentals of Healthcare Management
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 540: Therapeutic Approaches for People with Disabilities
HWC 545: Psychopathology
HWC 548: Adolescent Development and Health Promotion
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

Miscellaneous
WRT 621 – Graduate-Level Writing
"This course, designed for a mixture of students from any of our graduate programs or departments, is a workshop in writing academic papers, theses, or dissertations, with attention to research methods, drafting, organizing, revising, and editing work that the students have already been assigned in their primary departments."

Educational Computing
Contact for permission: Al Pisano, (Al.Pisano@stonybrook.edu)
CEI 511 – Communication Technology: Impact on Education, Business, and Society
"The expansion of technology within the communications field in the past decade has substantially influenced how society interacts. Students will explore how modern communications devices and web-based communications tools impact education, business and personal life while building knowledge to harness the power of these tools for personal and professional growth. Topics include the ethics surrounding the use of modern communications, instant access to information, security of modern communications, cloud computing and storage, social networking and media, digital footprint and establishing a positive web presence, video conferencing and streaming, tablets and mobile

communications devices, gamification as well as independent, distance and blended learning. (formerly Modern Communications: Technology Systems)"

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