

**MHS MAJOR REGISTRATION ADVISING CHECKLIST FORM**  
**PLEASE FILL OUT BEFORE SEEING AN ADVISOR**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year/Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
If another Major or Minor, list here \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate below the courses you have already taken and those you plan to take next semester. Put a star (\*) next to the courses you plan to take next semester.**

**CORE COURSES** - One of the following core courses (3 hours). *Check one:*

- MHS 1920, Politics of Health
- MHS 1930, Social Dimensions of Health and Illness
- MHS 1940, Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- MHS 1950, Theories of the Body
- MHS 1960, Health Humanities
- MHS 2110, American Medicine in the World
- MHS 2230, Masculinity and Men’s Health
- MHS 2800, Foundations of Population Health Theory and Practice
- MHS 3890 (HUM 1610), COVID and Society
- ANTH 2342, Biology of Inequality

**CONCENTRATION** - Four courses (12 hours) *not used to satisfy the core course or elective requirements* in one of the concentration areas: A) Global Health; B) Health Policies and Economies; C) Health Behaviors and Health Sciences; D) Inequality, Intersectionality, and Health Justice; E) Medicine, Humanities, and Arts; and F) Critical Health Studies.

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
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**ELECTIVES** - Seven courses (21 hours) *not used to satisfy the core course or concentration requirements*, chosen from the MHS catalog. All MHS courses may count as electives (except MHS 3830/3831 and 3880/3881).

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**DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENT** – One course (3 hours) below must be used to satisfy the concentration or electives requirement. *Check one:*

- ANTH 2213W, Food, Identity, and Culture
- ANTH 3143, Medical Anthropology
- ANTH 3141, Anthropology of Healing
- ANTH 3345, Genetics in Society
- CSET2500, Science for Everyone
- CSET 2550, Genetic Breakthroughs: The Promise
- ECON 2350, Health Care Policy
- ECON 3350, Economics of Health
- GSS 3305, Gender and Sexuality in Times of Pandemic
- HIST 2780, Superhuman Civilization
- HIST 2800, Modern Medicine
- MHS 1960, Health Humanities
- MHS 2140, Health Care in the United States: Policy and Politics
- MHS 3050W, Medicine and Literature
- MHS 3080, Clinical Ethics in Practice
- MHS 3120, Medicine, Science & Technology
- MUSL 3235, Music, Pandemics, and History
- PHIL 1008, 1008W, Introduction to Medical Ethics
- PHIL 3608, Ethics and Medicine
- PSY 3635, Health Psychology
- RSLT 4834, Post-Freudian Theories and Religion
- SOC 3301, Society and Medicine
- SOC 3304, Race, Gender, and Health
- SOC 3306, Gender and Medical Work

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor name \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

## **MHS MAJOR – ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION**

- *Up to 12 hours from the following list may be counted for the major:* BSCI 1510-1511; BSCI 2101 (formally MHS 3101); BSCI 2520; BSCI 3101 (formally MHS 3102); BSCI 3234 (formally MHS 1500); CHEM 2221-2222 or 2211-2212; MHS 1600. Your grade in *all* of these courses will count toward your MHS GPA.
- You may notice that you have fewer electives than you thought; this is an audit issue. Your elective courses “hang out” in the concentration areas until you fulfill your concentration. Any class that counts toward a concentration area also counts toward elective credit.
- Other than MHS, **no more than 12 credit hours may be in the same subject area**. Concentration courses must be in at least two different subject areas. A&S Psychology and Peabody count as the same subject area for the purposes of the MHS major/minor.
- Of the 36 hours that count towards the major, **24 hours must be used to fulfill MHS requirements only**, and not to be used for any other major or minor. This means that up to 12 hours that are used for MHS credit can also count towards another major or minor. You should double check this on your audit. The audit system does not always catch overlaps in credit, especially for interdisciplinary majors (e.g. MHS & Neuroscience).
- Some courses are listed for credit “as appropriate” in the catalog. These courses sometimes, but not always, have MHS-related content. If the class is not already listed on YES for MHS credit, fill out the MHS Course Variance Request form online. Form available at <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/forms-and-resources/>
- To find out **which courses are offered for MHS credit**, do an “Advanced” course search on YES. Select “Eligible for Medicine Health and Society” under “class attributes.” All MHS lettered courses count toward the major (excepted ungraded internships and service learning courses).
- Thinking about **studying abroad** and want to know which courses may count toward MHS? An info section is available at <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/forms-and-resources/>
- Need to request a **Course Variance** because you think a course should count for MHS credit? Fill out the MHS Course Variance Request online. Form available at <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/forms-and-resources/>
- Want to enroll in an **independent study or internship** (MHS 3850 or MHS 3880/3881)? First ask a MHS or MHS-affiliated faculty member to supervise your project. See the catalog or MHS website for a list of faculty. Typically, students choose a faculty member with whom they already have a relationship or whose research interests overlap with the proposed project. Next, write a 1-2 page description of your project and have it approved by your faculty advisor. Then go to <https://as.vanderbilt.edu/medicine-health-society/internships-independent-study/> for additional forms and instructions. Forms and project descriptions are due before the first day of class. However, it is best to touch base with your advisor well before the end of the semester to ensure your project is appropriate for MHS credit. Students seeking internship credit must also schedule a meeting with the dean’s office for approval by writing to [arts-sci-internships@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:arts-sci-internships@vanderbilt.edu).

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

- MA in Social Foundations of Health: Students in the MHS program have the opportunity to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in just five years of study through Vanderbilt’s 4+1 BA/MA program. This program is aimed at students who want to gain research experience, enhance their interdisciplinary training, and strengthen their applications before entering medical or professional school or seeking entry to doctoral programs. Applications are due **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. For more information, contact JuLeigh Petty ([juleigh.petty@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:juleigh.petty@vanderbilt.edu)) or visit <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/4plus1/>
- MHS Honors Program: This is a selective, two-semester program of individual undergraduate research, supervised by faculty advisors. Honors candidates propose, research, and write a thesis that contributes to an existing scholarly literature in the chosen field of study. To satisfy MHS’s requirements, the thesis must examine some aspect of health and health care in its social and cultural contexts. Completed applications are due by **April 1<sup>st</sup>** of applicant’s junior year. For more information: <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/honors-program/>