

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

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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

- MHS 1920, Politics of Health
- MHS 1940, Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities
- MHS 1930, Social Dimensions of Health and Illness
- MHS 1950, Theories of the Body
- MHS 2110, American Medicine in the World
- MHS 2230, Masculinity and Men's Health
- ANTH 2342, Biology of Inequality

**2. CONCENTRATION** - Four courses (12 hours):

Concentrations areas include Global health; Health behaviors and health sciences; Health policies and economies; Inequality, Intersectionality, and Health Justice; Medicine, humanities, and arts; and Critical health studies

(Lists of applicable courses available in the catalog <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/catalogs/undergrad/UGAD.pdf>).

**These cannot be used to satisfy the core course or elective requirements. Must include courses in at least 2 different subject areas.**

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**3. ELECTIVES** - Seven courses chosen from the list of approved courses (21 credit hours):

All MHS courses may count as electives (except MHS 293a/3880 and 294a/3830). See the undergraduate catalog for a list of MHS approved courses. **These cannot be used to satisfy the core course or concentration requirements.**

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**4. DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENT** - One of the following must be used to satisfy the concentration or electives requirements. *Check one*

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| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 3143, Medical Anthropology            | <input type="radio"/> PHIL 1008, 1008W Introduction to Medical Ethics |
| <input type="radio"/> ANTH 3141, Anthropology of Healing         | <input type="radio"/> PHIL 3608, Ethics and Medicine                  |
| <input type="radio"/> ECON 2350, Health Care Policy              | <input type="radio"/> PSY 3635, Health Psychology                     |
| <input type="radio"/> ECON 3350, Economics of Health             | <input type="radio"/> SOC 3301, Medicine and Society                  |
| <input type="radio"/> HIST 2800, Modern Medicine                 | <input type="radio"/> SOC 3304, Race, Gender, and Health              |
| <input type="radio"/> MHS 3050W, Medicine and Literature         | <input type="radio"/> WGS 2240, Introduction to Women's Health        |
| <input type="radio"/> MHS 3120 Medicine, Science, and Technology |   |

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor name \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Guidance and information:

- Up to **12 hours** from the following list may be counted for the major: BSCI 1510-1511, Intro to BioSci; BSCI 2520, Biochemistry I; CHEM 2221-2222 or 2211-2212, Organic Chemistry; MHS 3101-3102, Anatomy and Physiology; MHS 1600, Introduction to Nutrition; MHS 1500, Introduction to Microbiology. Your grade in *all* of these courses will count toward your MHS GPA.
- Students must declare their concentration area. Not sure which concentration you prefer? Just make your best guess; you can always change it later.
- 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. This problem should be resolved once you declare a concentration this summer.
- 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 no 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 Form and turn it in to the MHS administrative assistant in Calhoun 300. Form available at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/forms/>
- How can you find out which courses count toward MHS? 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 sheet is available at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/forms/>
- Need to request a “**Course Variance**” because you think a course should count for MHS credit? Fill out the MHS Course Variance Form and turn it in to the MHS administrative assistance in Calhoun 300. Form available at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/forms/>
- Want to enroll in an **independent study** or **internship** (MHS 3880/3881 or MHS 3850)? For internships, students must first schedule a meeting with Dean Yollette Jones and get her approval. For both independent and internships, students should approach a MHS or MHS-affiliated faculty member to supervise your project. See the Catalog for a list of faculty. Typically, students choose a faculty member with whom they already have a relationship or a faculty member whose research interests overlap with the proposed project. Write a 1-2 page description of your project and have it approved by your faculty advisor. Turn in the independent study or internship form (accessible here: <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/forms/>) along with the description of your project into the MHS office in Calhoun 300. These are due before the first day of class.

### 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 31st**: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/4plus1/>
- MHS Honors Program 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 **March 15<sup>th</sup>** of student’s junior year. For more information: <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/mhs/undergraduate/honors-program/>