

# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **9-Nov-17** Curriculum Bulletin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date **select one** Approved by EPC \_\_\_\_\_

Department **Anthropology**  
 College **AS - Arts and Sciences**  
 Degree **Minor (non degree)**  
 Program Name **Minor in Medical Anthropology** Program Banner Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concentration(s) **ANTH** Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposal **Establish program**

**Description of proposal:**

**We propose the creation of a new Minor in Medical Anthropology. This is the fastest growing sub-discipline within anthropology with a variety of applications that would make our graduates more competitive in a global market.**

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours?  Yes  No  
 Current total credit hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed total credit hours **18**

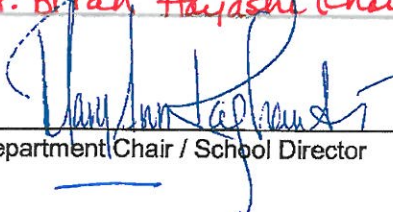
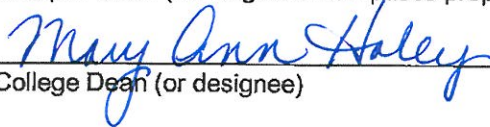
Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):

**This program will complement programs offered by other programs, such as Psychology, Public Health, and Sociology. The addition of a Medical Anthropology minor would provide our graduates with a global perspective on cultural differences within the medical field, providing a basis for both awareness, understanding, and sensitivity of this diversity.**

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):

- Dr. Maria Zaragoza (Chair, Department of Psychological Sciences)
- Dr. Sonia Alemagno (Dean, College of Public Health)
- Dr. Richard Serpe (Chair, Department of Sociology)
- Dr. Scott Sheridan (Chair, Department of Geography)
- Dr. Brian Hayashi (Chair, Department of History)

**REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS**

 Department Chair / School Director	11   9   17
Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)	
 College Dean (or designee)	12   15   17
Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)	
Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs or Provost (or designee)	

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## Proposal Summary

### *Creation of a Minor in Medical Anthropology*

#### **Description of Action, Including Intended Effect:**

We propose the creation of a new Minor in Medical Anthropology. Medical anthropology is the fastest growing sub-discipline of anthropology with a variety of applications. It is a broad field that includes medical and psychiatric anthropology, global health, disability, social suffering, humanitarianism, death and dying, caregiving, public health, medical ethics, human rights and medical humanities.

A medical anthropology minor will be attractive to any student in nursing, pre-med, public health, psychology and related disciplines and will be designed to give them the skills needed to provide culturally sensitive and effective health care.

#### **Impact on Other Programs, Course Offerings, Students, Faculty, Staff (e.g., duplication issues):**

This program will be a natural complement to courses presently taught in Public Health, Psychology, and Sociology.

#### **Fiscal, Enrollment, Facilities and Staffing Considerations:**

We anticipate the minor will draw at least 15 students within the first two years. This minor does not require the hire of additional faculty and also does not require the addition of new courses to the curriculum. No additional facilities or funding are requested.

#### **Evidence of Need and Sustainability if Establishing:**

The increasingly global economy and market require an understanding of, and sensitivity to, cultural differences. This is particularly salient within medical and health settings where misunderstandings based on cultural differences could adversely affect healthcare and access to resources. The education that a Medical Anthropology Minor will give graduates a valuable skill set in cultural competency improving patient/physician interaction and treatment outcomes, ultimately making them more competitive in the job market.

**Provisions for Phase-Out if Inactivating:** Not applicable.

#### **Timetable and Actions Required:**

Fall 2017	Approval of department
Fall 2017	Approval of College of Arts and Sciences College Curriculum Committee
January 2018	EPC approval
Spring 2018	Faculty Senate approval
Fall 2018	Effective date

**MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY MINOR (18 credit hours)**

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Required:

ANTH 18210 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 18630 Human Evolution	3
ANTH 48250 Medical Anthropology	3

Choose 1 of the following: 3

- ANTH 48150 Religion: A search for meaning
- ANTH 48630 Anthropology of Gender & Sexuality
- ANTH 48240 Psychological Anthropology (formerly Culture & Personality)
- ANTH 48623 Human Variation
- ANTH 48820 Human Musculoskeletal Systems

Choose 2 of the following (for a total of 6 credits): 6

- PH 10002 Introduction to Global Health
- PH 20001 Essentials of Epidemiology
- PH 22001 Plagues & Pandemics: How infection shaped culture & history
- SOC 22570 Understanding Differences & Inequality
- SOC 32570 Inequality in Societies (pre req SOC 12050)
- SOC 42010 Death and Dying (pre req SOC 12050)
- SOC 42400 Self & Identity (pre req SOC 12050 & junior standing)
- SOC 42562 Sociology of Mental Illness (pre req SOC 12050 & junior standing)
- SOC 42563 Sociology of Health and Health care (pre req SOC 12050 & junior standing)
- SOC 44010 Sociological Perspectives in medicine (pre req SOC 12050)
- PSYCH 31532 Social Psychology (pre req PSYCH 11762)
- PSYCH 41364 Drugs and Behavior (pre req 11762)
- HIST 31550 History of Medicine
- GEOG 42052 Medical Geography
- GEOG 49072 Geographic Information Science and Health

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**Raghanti, Mary Ann**

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**From:** Zaragoza, Maria  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor

Hi Mary Ann. The Department of Psychological Sciences approves the proposal to establish a minor in Medical Anthropology.

Good luck with the proposal,

Maria

Maria S. Zaragoza, Ph.D.  
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**From:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** SERPE, RICHARD <rserpe@kent.edu>; Zaragoza, Maria <mzaragoz@kent.edu>; James, Mark <mjames22@kent.edu>  
**Subject:** Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor

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Thank you,  
Mary Ann

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**Raghanti, Mary Ann**

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**From:** Alemagno, Sonia  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:42 AM  
**To:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Cc:** James, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor  
**Attachments:** Medical Anthropology Minor proposal.docx

The College of Public Health supports the establishment of the new minor in medical anthropology. Please let us know how we can be helpful.

Sonia Alemagno

Sonia A. Alemagno, Ph.D.  
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**Raghanti, Mary Ann**

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**From:** SERPE, RICHARD  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor

Mary Ann,

Yes, they met on Tuesday and just checked. The committee is supportive and so am I. This looks good.

Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Richard

Richard T. Serpe, Ph.D.  
Chair and Professor of Sociology  
Coeditor, *Social Psychology Quarterly*

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**From:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 8:14 AM  
**To:** SERPE, RICHARD <[rserpe@kent.edu](mailto:rserpe@kent.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor

Good morning Richard,  
I just wanted to check in with you to see if your committee had a chance to review our proposal.

Wishing you well,  
Mary Ann

**From:** SERPE, RICHARD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 10:06 AM  
**To:** Raghanti, Mary Ann <[mraghant@kent.edu](mailto:mraghant@kent.edu)>  
**Subject:** RE: Re: Anthropology proposal to establish a minor

Mary Ann,

I will send this to our Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee for their review.

Richard

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**HALEY, MARY ANN**

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**From:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Sent:** Monday, December 04, 2017 1:49 PM  
**To:** HALEY, MARY ANN  
**Subject:** Re: Course update  
**Attachments:** Medical Anthropology Minor proposal.docx; Medical Anthropology Minor Courses\_ef.docx; wic-form archaeology of death (1).docx

Hi Mary Ann,

I just finished the workflows for updating ANTH 4/58225. We are updating the content, pre-reqs for 48225, and designating this course as a WIC (form attached). Scott Sheridan, Chair of Geography, provided the following endorsement ( I am still waiting to hear from History):

These look good to me! Thanks, and let me know if there's anything needed from me.

Scott

**Scott Sheridan, Ph.D.**

Editor-in-Chief, *International Journal of Biometeorology*

Associate Editor, *Science of the Total Environment*

Vice President, International Society of Biometeorology

Professor and Departmental Chair

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**From:** Raghanti, Mary Ann

**Sent:** Friday, 1 December, 2017 12:09

**To:** SHERIDAN, SCOTT <[ssherid1@kent.edu](mailto:ssherid1@kent.edu)>; Hayashi, Brian <[bhayashi@kent.edu](mailto:bhayashi@kent.edu)>

**Subject:** RE: Re: Medical Anthropology Minor proposal

My apologies, I didn't send the updated file.

The courses that we have added are:

HIST	31550	History of Medicine
GEOG	42052	Medical Geography
GEOG	49072	Geographic Information Science & Health

Thank you,  
Mary Ann

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Associate Professor and Chair  
Department of Anthropology

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## HALEY, MARY ANN

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**From:** Raghanti, Mary Ann  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 09, 2017 11:23 AM  
**To:** HALEY, MARY ANN  
**Cc:** Fotiou, Evgenia  
**Subject:** Re: Medical Anthropology Minor proposal  
**Attachments:** Certification of Curriculum Proposal.pdf; Endorsements.pdf; Medical Anthropology Minor Courses\_ef.docx; proposal-summary-program\_MedicalAnthropologyMinor\_ef.docx

Dear Dean Haley,

The Department of Anthropology would like to propose the addition of a Medical Anthropology Minor. This is a 'no-cost' curriculum addition, and would be valuable for students from multiple disciplines. We've received endorsements from Public Health, Sociology, and Psychological Sciences (attached). We are asking for consideration of this minor to be available beginning Fall, 2018. I think I have all of the necessary forms attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann

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