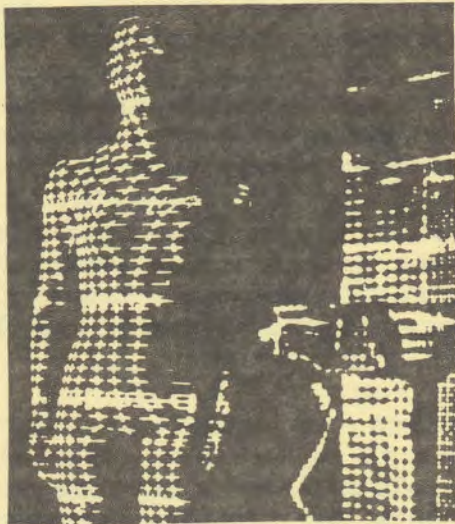


MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Understanding medicine and health care increasingly depends upon theory and research from the humanities, the social sciences, and other fields outside the biomedical sciences. At the same time, developments in health care and the biomedical sciences raise concerns for the rest of society. Indeed, all the knowledge and resources of our culture will be needed to address environmental catastrophes, debates over the material value and ethical price of scientific advances, ethical dilemmas in clinical decision-making, controversies over the meaning and interpretation of biomedical findings, rising health care costs, and growing disparities between health care for the rich and for the poor. At the forefront of efforts to understand these problems, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) places growing

emphasis on interdisciplinary study in the medical humanities and social sciences (MHSS). Instructional and research programs as well as a campuswide network of faculty members and research projects provide a rich intellectual environment in which students have unparalleled opportunities for research, course work, and associated scholarly activities. This flyer outlines some of these opportunities. To write for further information, see the last page.

The Medical Sciences. The College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign, offering a four-year program in medical education leading to the MD degree, is one of four sites of the University of Illinois College of Medicine. The College of Medicine's innovative curriculum and its location in the heart of the Urbana-Champaign campus reinforce ties between the medical school and other campus units. This close connection to the medical school, unusual in universities, strengthens all the programs and activities described here.

Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Program. The MHSS Program within the College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign carries out research, teaching, and faculty development in the medical humanities, the social sciences, clinical medicine, and other fields. Participation in the program does not depend on formal affiliation, though a number of faculty and clinicians (listed below) do have formal appointments. Program faculty offer required and elective courses for medical students, providing much of the instruction for the medical school's strong sociomedical curriculum and supervising more specialized independent study courses and research projects for students in the Medical Scholars Program. MHSS faculty also offer such interdisciplinary courses as human sexuality for students in the health professions. They offer undergraduate and graduate courses on the campus in such topics as Health Care Organization, Medical Sociology, the Health Care System, Medicine and Society, the History of Medicine, Health Care Economics, Health Law, Cross-Cultural Health Systems, Health Policy, Epidemiology, Medical Ethics, and Women's Health. The MHSS Program sponsors a weekly Medicine and Society faculty seminar, a campuswide lecture series, and scholarly conferences. The MHSS Program provides opportunities for communication and cooperation among many of the programs described here and between the campus and the clinical community.

The Medical Scholars Program. The Medical Scholars Program, jointly sponsored by the College of Medicine and the Graduate College at Urbana-Champaign, enables highly qualified students to integrate the study of medicine at UICOM-UC with study for a graduate or professional degree in a second discipline. Students earn the MD and a second degree, usually the PhD. The program at Urbana-Champaign is unique among MD/PhD programs in the number and types of disciplines with which students may combine medical study. Currently, of the 130 dual degree (medical/graduate) students enrolled in more than 40 different academic programs, about a quarter are in traditional biomedical fields like biochemistry or microbiology; about one-half are in areas of science not traditionally combined with medicine (e.g., physics, computer science, and nutritional science); a final quarter are pursuing degrees in the social or behavioral sciences, the humanities, or law. Students must meet admissions requirements for the University of Illinois College of Medicine (Illinois state residency is not required) and the designated graduate unit.

UIUC Degree-Granting Units. All of the UIUC humanities and social science departments which grant the PhD degree enable students to focus upon medical and health related specializations (e.g., medical sociology in the Department of Sociology, or medical discourse in the Institute of Communications Research). These are described more fully in the catalog of the Graduate College (see below).

Interdisciplinary Programs. Several instructional units are by nature interdisciplinary (e.g., the Department of Health and Safety Studies), providing a framework for graduate study in some area of medical humanities or social sciences. Additional interdisciplinary programs, which do not grant degrees but enable graduate students to take core and elective courses and/or pursue research in MHSS subjects, include the following:

History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Science. Students take four core courses as well as electives in the history, philosophy, and sociology of science. Enrollment is through the History, Philosophy, or Sociology departments, which award MA and PhD degrees.

Institute of Government and Public Affairs. The Institute conducts policy-level research and public service. It offers no courses but its affiliated faculty teach in various UI departments, direct research, and guide internships. Located on both the Urbana and Chicago campuses of the University of Illinois, the Institute has active research programs on health policy and on science and technology.

Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory. Interpretive studies of science and medicine are facilitated by the University's strength in the field of interpretive theory. The Unit promotes teaching and research in contemporary interpretive approaches in the humanities and social sciences, and organizes regular seminars and colloquia (recent topics include AIDS, the construction of gender in biomedical texts, childbirth, and neuroscience research). Enrolled in one of fifteen participating departments--including English, History, French, Classics, Comparative Literature, Sociology, Anthropology, and Speech Communication--students carry out a specialized program leading to advanced certification in theory and criticism.

Area Studies Centers. Teaching, research, and associated scholarly activities (such as an internationally known Summer Research Laboratory in Slavic Studies) are strengthened by the area centers in African Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Russian and East European Studies. Students may focus on health and medicine in these areas through such departments as Economics, Political Science, and Anthropology.

Women's Studies Program. This interdisciplinary program coordinates research interests and course offerings of faculty in many departments, and serves the needs of students with diverse educational objectives. Students may focus on health and medicine in such courses as Women in the Third World, Feminist Literary Criticism, Women and Media, Feminist Cultural Studies, Women and Psychology, Women in International Development, Sociology of Women, and Feminist Theory. Students may specialize in women's health through many graduate departments; recent thesis topics, for example, include midwifery in the US, nurse-physician interaction, a cultural analysis of female body-building, women's health networks in Nigeria, and media treatments of AIDS. The core women's studies faculty, representing virtually all areas of the campus, hold appointments in regular departments where they teach and supervise graduate student research.

Professional opportunities. Students with training in the medical humanities and social sciences have a wide range of professional opportunities. Uniquely equipped to communicate across fields and to integrate traditional domains of knowledge, they will be able to make genuine contributions to health care administration and policy, the development of biomedical technology, academic medicine, federal and state government agencies, international health programs, and teaching and research positions in colleges and universities. The programs highlighted in this flyer are at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary study; in our experience, this provides graduates with an excellent credential for ongoing professional achievement.

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