Health, Medicine, and Society

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Interdisciplinary Health, Medicine, and Society major and minor programs are offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. A committee composed of faculty from several departments across the college developed and participate in the programs. Students interested in declaring a major or minor in Health, Medicine, and Society should contact the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs (incasip@lehigh.edu). The challenge of meeting the increasingly complex health needs of growing and aging populations is moving to the forefront of national and international concerns in the 21st century. The Health, Medicine, and Society field focuses on the social scientific and humanistic dimensions of health and medical care to develop an understanding of the impact of health, illness, and medical care on individuals, families, and societies. This program is intended to serve students who wish to be involved in some aspect of the health care industry or health policy and also students who are interested in communications, the pharmaceutical industry, law, business, agency work, and other careers where understanding health care is essential.

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Associate Professors. Sirry M. Alang, PhD (University of Minnesota Minneapolis); Christopher T. Burke, PhD (New York University); Lucy Napper, PhD (University of Sheffield)
Assistant Professor. Lorenzo Servitje, PhD (California State University)
Emeritus. Judith N. Lasker, PhD (Harvard University)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
In addition to the 30-32 required credits, all HMS majors are required to have a second major.
A minimum of 3 courses must be taken at the 300 level and may not include the Research Methods course.
No more than two courses for a maximum of 8 credits may be taken outside of Lehigh, including non-Lehigh study abroad.
The writing intensive requirement can be fulfilled with any course designated as Writing Intensive on the course schedule

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CONCENTRATIONS 2, 3  
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Students must take a minimum of 3 courses outside of the core requirements in one of the following concentrations:

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ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS 2, 3, 4  
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At least one course must be taken outside of concentration area.

1 Research methods required course should be chosen in consultation with Advisor. Major dependent courses that may meet this requirement include SCAN 111 Research Methods and Data Analysis, SOC 391 Evaluation Research, PSYC 202 Research Methods and Data Analysis II, PSYC 210 Experimental Research Methods and Laboratory, IR 100 Methods and Research Design and BIOS 130 Biostatistics
2 No more than two courses outside of the core courses can come from cross-listed courses within the second major.
3 A maximum of 4 credits of HMS 221 Peer Health Adviser Training, HMS 291 Independent Study, HMS 292 Supervised Research, HMS 293 Internship, or HMS 294 Health Equity Internship may fulfill the major concentration or elective requirement.
4 The total number of credits for elective hours must ensure that at least 30 credits are met for the major.

CORE AND ELECTIVE COURSES
Each semester, a complete list of HMS course offerings can be found on the HMS web site or in the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, Williams Hall, Suite 101. Other courses approved by the program director.

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Courses

HMS 106 (ETH 106, PHIL 106, REL 106) Bioethics and the Law 4 Credits

- Students in this course will learn something about the foundations and (nontechnical) workings of the American system of justice, and will combine that understanding with a focus on various topics in bioethics, from the "right to die" to gene-patenting. A key point will be the understanding that, as science and medicine continually move forward, there are always new challenges to the law and the legal understanding. How should the law respond to new questions, e.g. inheritance rights of posthumously conceived children?

Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 110 (ES 110, POLS 110) Environmental Planning for Healthy Cities 4 Credits

- An introduction to the topic of environmental planning, the course will review the roles of citizens, other stakeholders, political interests, and local governments in determining the use of land; unpack the meaning of "sustainability," and grapple with the challenge of balancing communities' demand for development with the need to protect valuable natural resources. Students will be introduced to examples of successful and unsuccessful instances of environmental planning both at home and abroad.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 115 (ENGL 115) Topics in Literature, Medicine, and Health 4 Credits

- Largely focused on narratives about health, illness and disability, this course will examine individual experiences with attention to social context. Topics may include the physician/patient relationship, illness and deviance, plague literature, gender and medicine, autism, AIDS, mental illness, aging.

Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 116 (ETH 116, PHIL 116, REL 116) Bioethics 4 Credits

- Moral issues that arise in the context of health care and related biomedical fields in the United States today, examined in the light of the nature and foundation of moral rights and obligations. Topics include: confidentiality, informed consent, euthanasia, medical research and experimentation, genetics, and the distribution of health care.

Attribute/Distribution: HU
HMS 117 (ES 117, JOUR 117) Environmental Health Risks and the Media 4 Credits
This course explores the risks and effects of environmental contamination on human health and behavior as well as the role of the mass media in alerting citizens to potential environmental health risks. Environmental topics vary but usually include air and water pollution, endocrine disruptors and radioactive waste.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 118 (HIST 118) History of Modern Medicine 4 Credits
Introduction to Western medical history from the 18th century to the present day. Students will explore patient/practitioner relationships; examine changing ideas concerning health, sickness, and disease; chart changes in hospital care and medical education; and tackle topics such as eugenics, medical experimentation and health insurance.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 120 (ETH 120, SOAN 120) Values and Ethics of Community-Engaged Research 4 Credits
The many dimensions of community-engaged research and learning are explored, with special attention to ethical practices, values, research methods, and critical reflection. Experiential and service aspects of the course provide opportunities for students to build skills for social and community change, as well as build capacity for research and critical inquiry.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 123 (SDEV 123) Oceans and Human Health 4 Credits
The world’s oceans affect human health in many ways: they provide food and water to human populations; they are a point of exposure to pollutants, toxins, and diseases; and they provide pharmaceuticals and animals used in biomedical research. This course explores the interactions between oceans and human health by studying the ways in which they intersect. This summer study abroad course is based at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS).
Attribute/Distribution: NS

HMS 125 (HIST 125, WGSS 125) Does Sex have a History? The History of Sexuality in the United States 4 Credits
Explores the history of sexuality in the United States from the colonial era to the present. While sexuality can appear timeless and stable, sexual ideologies, categories, and behaviors have consistently evolved and have transformed society in the process. The class pays special attention to relationships between sexuality, race, class, and the state, as well as how law, medicine, and the media have shaped sexual identities and experiences. In so doing, the class develops sophisticated readers of historical and contemporary cultures.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 130 (PSYC 130) Introduction to Health Psychology 4 Credits
This course explores the psychological processes that influence how people stay healthy, why people get sick, and how people respond to illness. The course also examines what the study of health psychology has to teach us about illness prevention and the provision of health care services. May not be taken pass/fail.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 138 (PSYC 138) Abnormal Psychology 4 Credits
Examines research and theory on the patterns, causes, and treatment of various forms of abnormal behavior. May not be taken pass/fail.
Prerequisites: PSYC 001
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 142 (CLSS 142) The Greek and Latin Roots of Medical Terminology 4 Credits
This course is an intro to scientific and medical terminology through the study of the core Greek and Latin roots and other elements (prefixes, suffixes) of this specialized vocabulary. Students will develop the skills needed to analyze a broad range of scientific and medical terms linguistically and to recognize their components in order to understand better the meaning of medical language. The course includes regular homework assignments, quizzes, and exams. No prior knowledge of Latin or ancient Greek is required.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 150 (COMM 150) Health Communication 4 Credits
Knowledge of health communication is an essential foundation for anyone working in the field. Yet communicating about health is often complex and multi-faceted. To better understand health communication, we will explore the role of media and persuasion. We'll examine media coverage of health information; communications on risks and epidemics; theories and research of health behavior; effects of communication technologies on health communication; communicating about health data and information; health campaigns; engaging with individuals and communities with health messages and more.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 152 (SOC 152) Alcohol, Science, and Society 4 Credits
Alcohol use and abuse, its historical function in society, moral entrepreneurship, status struggles and conflict over alcohol. Current problems with attention to special population groups and strategies for prevention of alcohol abuse.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 155 (ANTH 155, GS 155) Medical Anthropology 4 Credits
Medical Anthropology is the study of how conceptions of health, illness, and healing methods vary over time and across cultures. Students will learn how social and cultural factors shape health outcomes in a variety of human contexts, and will study culturally specific approaches to healing, including Western bio-medicine. The course offers a broad understanding of the relationship between culture, health, and healing.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 160 (SOC 160) Medicine and Society 4 Credits
Sociological perspectives on health, illness, and medical care. Focus on social epidemiology, social psychology of illness, socialization of health professionals, patient-professional relationships, medical care organization and policies.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 162 (SOC 162) AIDS and Society 4 Credits
Impact of the AIDS epidemic on individuals and on social institutions (medicine, religion, education, politics, etc.); social and health policy responses; international experience; effect on public attitudes and policy on people affected directly by AIDS.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 166 (FILM 166) Topics in Film and Health 4 Credits
This course will involve extended study in a sub-area of Film with a focus on health, medicine, and/or illness.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 170 Medical Humanities 4 Credits
The focus on individual voices and particular historical moments in the humanities disciplines has much to add to our understanding of health and illness. This course will take up ethical, historical, and literary approaches to health.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 176 (AAS 176, GS 176, HIST 176) Keeping Africa and Africans Healthy: A History of Illness and Wellness 4 Credits
What are the myths about diseases in Africa and how does the world respond to health crises there? What are the African healing traditions? What is the history of global health in Africa and its implications for illness and wellness? This course explores interventions and initiatives by Africans and non-Africans including missionaries, colonial officials, and NGOs. Students’ final papers will perform a “post-mortem” on Africa, critically tracing how efforts to control, manage and eradicate diseases have succeeded or failed.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 180 Introduction to Public Health 4 Credits
This course provides historical perspective on the contributions and roles of public health; introduces health status indicators of morbidity and mortality, concepts of rate, causation, and public health surveillance and vital statistics; and addresses determinants of health from an environmental, social, behavioral perspective. Aspects of health care delivery will be addressed from a population perspective and organizational structure.
Attribute/Distribution: SS
HMS 216 (ETH 216, PHIL 216, REL 216) Research Ethics 4 Credits
Research with human and animal subjects carries with it a host of ethical and legal obligations. Topics include the history of human subjects research; ethical use of placebo studies; the ethics of research in developing countries; whether there is an ethical obligation to volunteer to be a research subject.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 221 Peer Health Adviser Training 4 Credits
This applied course explores student health at Lehigh University and focuses on the development, implementation and evaluation of prevention strategies designed to make Lehigh a healthy and safe living, learning community by exploring student health-related data, examining campus-wide priority student health issues and developing evidence-based interventions. Peer Health Advisers are trained to provide peer-to-peer support, advice, resources and programming to promote healthy behaviors. Students completing the course are subsequently eligible to serve as Peer Health Advisers.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 226 (ETH 226, REL 226) From Black Death to Covid-19: Plague, Pandemic, Ethics and Religion 4 Credits
An investigation of the role of religion and ethical analysis in constructing meaning around the idea of plague and pandemic. The role of religion in the European bubonic plague epidemic, the influenza pandemic of 1918, and the AIDS crisis will be examined, with attention give to ethical analysis of the institutional response to pandemic disease as distortions have occurred for political, social, and religious reasons.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 257 (ASIA 257, HIST 257, MLL 257) Traditional Chinese Medicine: Historical Perspectives 4 Credits
This seminar focuses on conceptions of the human body and health that evolved from the ancient through early modern times. Special attention is paid to healing strategies, the roles of healers and patients, and the evolution of a medical canon. The course materials are in English.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 270 (LAS 270, SPAN 270) Spanish for the Health Professions 4 Credits
For prospective medical personnel communicating with Spanish-speaking patients. Healthcare vocabulary, patient-provider interaction, and cultural background of the Latino patient.
Prerequisites: SPAN 141
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 274 (BIOS 274) Neuroethics 3 Credits
The intersection of neuroscience and ethics. History of biomedical science and current topics in neuroethics explored through weekly case studies and relevant readings in neurobiology. Examples include: definitions of mental illness, definitions of consciousness and brain death, addiction neuroscience, brain-machine interfaces, wearable technology, social determinants of health and equity within science and medicine. Reading and critical analysis of scientific articles, integration of biological concepts with moral reasoning, effective written communication and participation in peer review, oral presentations and group discussions.
Prerequisites: BIOS 121
Attribute/Distribution: NS

HMS 291 Independent Study 1-4 Credits
Independent research and reading with a faculty member. After receiving initial approval from the HMS director, the student must prepare an independent study proposal, with readings and assignments, in consultation with a professor who agrees to direct the independent study.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

HMS 292 Supervised Research 1-8 Credits
Research project under the direct supervision of an HMS faculty member. Consent of instructor required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

HMS 293 Internship 1-8 Credits
Student designed internship that provides practical experience in the application of health, medicine and society for both on- and off-campus organizations. Students must find the internship on their own and submit an application to the HMS program director. Upon approval, course will provide credit for supervised experiential learning experiences. Students are responsible for obtaining any clearances and clearances required by internship host agency. May be repeated for credit up to eight credits.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

HMS 294 Health Equity Internship 1-8 Credits
Students will work with a combination of staff and faculty from the Hispanic Center, St. Luke’s, and Lehigh University to assist in developing programs at the Hispanic Center LV, the emerging Center for Integrative Health, and with other community agencies to promote health equity and reduce health disparities for the South Bethlehem community. Students may participate in activities related to data collection, program management, marketing of community/public health initiatives, outreach, and grant writing. Application and clearances required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 298 1-4 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

HMS 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

HMS 301 Special Topics in Health, Medicine and Society 3-4 Credits
Topics vary from semester to semester. Topics are presented at an advanced level. Previous course work in HMS and consent of faculty sponsor is required.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

HMS 302 (PSYC 302) Stress and Coping 4 Credits
How does stress affect the psychological system, and what psychological mechanisms are in place to help people overcome environmental stressors? This seminar examines classic and contemporary theories and research on stress, coping, and social support.
Prerequisites: PSYC 121 or PSYC 153 or HMS 160 or HMS 180
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 307 (POLS 307) The Politics of Mental Health Policy 4 Credits
What is normal behavior, and how do we come to understand mental illness? How do the resulting policies, to address mental health, impact society? This course is designed to facilitate thoughtful discourse on the various ways in which society regulates access to opportunities, facilitates integration or alienation, and constructs the social world.

HMS 314 (AAS 314, GS 314, SOC 314) Infections and Inequalities: HIV, TB and Malaria in the Global South 4 Credits
This course will explore the social, economic, and environmental causes of HIV, TB, and malaria in developing nations, with a particular focus on the characteristics and causes of these diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa. Students will engage theories and perspectives on development, globalization, and social inequality to explain trends in HIV, TB, and malaria and to understand why certain groups are more vulnerable to infection than others. Prerequisite: Junior/senior standing with declared major/minor in SOC, ANTH, SOAN, HMS, GS, or AAS.
Attribute/Distribution: SS
HMS 315 (ENGL 315) Topics in Literature, Medicine, and Health 
3,4 Credits
Analyzing the stories people tell about health, illness and disability, 
this course engages cultural studies approaches in order to explore 
the way those stories are told. Topics may include: illness and 
the graphic novel, the changing image of the healer in literature, 
collaborative storytelling with Alzheimer's patients, end of life 
narratives, tales from the ER, narrative ethics. 
Attribute/Distribution: HU

HMS 316 (SOC 316) Social Epidemiology 4 Credits
Social epidemiology is the study of the distribution and social 
determinants of health and disease in human populations. This course 
introduces the basic principles of epidemiological study design, 
analysis and interpretation, covering topics such as how a disease 
spreads across populations and how public health interventions can 
help control or reduce the spread of disease. This course also reviews 
epidemiology as a social science by reviewing the social causes and 
consequences of health. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 319 (PSYC 319) The Psychology of Trauma 4 Credits
This course explores the nature of psychological trauma, including 
the physiological, emotional, cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, and 
developmental impact of exposure to extreme stress and traumatic 
events. Historical and current perspectives on the individual and 
cultural effects of trauma will be examined, including consequences 
of relational trauma, traumatic loss, injury/illness, crime, combat 
exposure, terrorism, natural disasters, and vicarious traumatization. 
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and related conditions will be explored, 
as will the nature of effective intervention techniques, recovery, 
adaptive coping, and resilience. 
Prerequisites: PSYC 138 or HMS 138
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 320 (ES 320, POLS 320) Food Justice in Urban 
Environments 4 Credits
This course will review how urban agriculture and city greening 
programs and policies are part of a growing movement working to 
strengthen neighborhoods, promote healthier living, and create more 
localized and sustainable food economies. This class will explore 
research and readings from multiple disciplines on these programs 
and policies, and will also delve into individual case studies that 
illustrate how efforts to improve food access, beautify vacant land, 
and reduce farm-to-table distances get creatively and successfully 
combined. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 322 (GS 322, SOC 322) Global Health Issues 4 Credits
Sociological dimensions of health, illness, and healing as they appear 
in different parts of the world. Focus on patterns of disease and 
mortality around the world; the relative importance of 'traditional' and 
'modern' beliefs and practices with regard to disease and treatment 
in different societies; the organization of national health care systems 
in different countries; and the role of international organizations and 
social movements in promoting health. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 323 (ES 323, JOUR 323) Health and Environmental 
Controversies 4 Credits
Exploration of health and environmental controversies from the 
perspectives of scientific uncertainty and mass media coverage. 
Examines genetic engineering, biotechnology, environmental health 
risks, and nanotechnology. Includes discussion of ethical and social 
responsibilities and interactions with the public. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 327 (PSYC 327) Advanced Topics in Health Psychology 4 
Credits
This course provides an overview of the psychological study of health. 
The course explores psychological theories that aim to explain health 
behavior (e.g., why do people smoke?) and the role of psychology in 
understanding the experience of illness. This course also examines 
how psychological research and theory can be applied to promote 
health behavior (e.g., how can we design interventions to promote 
physical activity). 
Prerequisites: PSYC 130
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 331 Latino Health 4 Credits
The course is designed to provide a rich understanding of the factors 
at the individual, health care provider, institution, and policy that 
affect Latino health and health seeking-behaviors in the United 
States. Research in the disciplines of social and behavioral sciences, 
epidemiology, health promotion, environmental health, minority 
health and health disparities, and public policy will be reviewed and 
discussed. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 333 (PSYC 334, WGSS 334) The Psychology of Body Image 
and Eating Disorders 4 Credits
The course addresses the psychosocial aspects of the development of 
healthy and unhealthy body image and eating disorders. The 
roles of personality traits/individual factors, family and interpersonal 
functioning, and cultural factors will be examined, as well the impact 
of representations of body image in mass media. Public health and 
psychological interventions for prevention and treatment will be 
explored. Personal accounts/memoirs, clinical case presentations, 
and documentary and dramatic films will be incorporated in the 
presentation of topics. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 341 (SOC 341, WGSS 341) Gender and Health 4 Credits
Relationships of sex differences and gender norms to disease and 
longevity in the U.S. and around the world. Influence of medical 
systems on men's and women's lives and the impact of gender-based 
consumer health movements on health and medical care. Focus on 
specific topics, e.g. medicalization and commercialization of women's 
odies, the politics of reproductive choices, masculinity and health, 
and gender and mental health. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 343 (SOC 343) Race, Ethnicity, and Health 4 Credits
People who belong to racial and ethnic minority groups are exposed to 
more health risks, have disproportionately high levels of sickness 
and excess deaths, and have limited access to good quality 
healthcare. This course provides students with theoretical and 
empirical insights into the intersection of race, ethnicity, and health in 
the U.S. Historical and contemporary patterns in U.S. demography, 
race relations, residential segregation, environmental justice, and 
social stratification will be explored in the context of health and health 
care. 
Attribute/Distribution: SS

HMS 344 (PSYC 344) Health Care Reasoning and Decision 
Making 4 Credits
Health care professionals diagnose physical and mental illnesses 
and create treatment plans to improve their patients' health. How do 
these professionals make decisions related to these important 
issues? We will explore the literature on how medical and mental 
health professionals reason and make decisions about health care 
issues. Topics to be covered include diagnosis, treatment decisions, 
access to care, and how these reasoning processes are swayed. 
Consideration will be given to patient decision-making as well. 
Prerequisites: PSYC 117 or COGS 117 or PSYC 130 or HMS 130 or 
COGS 007 or HMS 160 or HMS 180
Attribute/Distribution: SS
Why are some people more vulnerable to substance use problems than others? How can we effectively address substance abuse in our society? This course explores theories and research on the complex psychological, social, and biological factors that contribute to substance use and disorders. Topics include theories of addiction, characteristics of illegal and legal drugs, risk and protective factors, and research on substance abuse prevention.

**Prerequisites:** PSYC 130 or HMS 130 or HMS 160 or HMS 180

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS

**HMS 349 (PSYC 349) Participatory and Action Research in Psychology 4 Credits**

Action research is used to understand important real-world social problems and promote social action. Participatory research engages community members as equals to help identify areas of focus and to design studies and interventions. This course provides an overview of the rich history of these approaches in psychology, an in-depth look at how they can be used effectively, and an opportunity to gain hands-on experience.

**Prerequisites:** PSYC 121 or PSYC 153 or PSYC 130 or HMS 130 or HMS 160 or HMS 180

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS

**HMS 354 (POLS 354) U.S. Health Care Politics 4 Credits**

Explores a range of health care programs and policies and their impacts on American society. Topics include the development of the U.S. approach to health care; public sector plans (Medicare and Medicaid); the role of managed care; the employer-sponsored system; the situation of the medically uninsured; the health care vested interests and lobbyists; movements for national health care; and options for change.

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS

**HMS 373 (SOC 373) Seminar In Sociology: Purposeful Curiosity 4 Credits**

To be curious is to be engaged. This course will explore collaborative and purposeful curiosity and the inquiry-based model of learning as it relates to sociological phenomena and social good, specifically around health and humanity. Through research approaches such as humanistic inquiry and community-engaged research, learners will explore techniques that value the expertise of diverse stakeholders, identify collaborators, design and conduct imaginative research, and understand the importance of curiosity in fueling creative work and intellectual problem solving.

**Repeat Status:** Course may be repeated.

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS

**HMS 375 (EDUC 375) Community Based Participatory Research Methodology 3-4 Credits**

The course provides an introduction to the core concepts of community based participatory research (CBPR) methodology applied to social science research to address public health issues. The course will equip students with strategies for developing community academic partnerships as well as to strengthen skills in research methods.

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS

**HMS 386 (PSYC 386) Pediatric Psychology 4 Credits**

Focuses on developmental research and theory related to health and wellness issues in children and adolescents. Topics include children's understanding of biology and disease, disease management, medical consent, education and policy efforts to promote children's health.

**Prerequisites:** PSYC 107 or PSYC 130 or HMS 130

**Attribute/Distribution:** SS