

HEALTH, SCIENCE & SOCIETY

Bachelor of Arts



Introduction to the Major

From crosswalks to controlling toxic chemicals, every decision we make has the potential to shape human health.

As a student in Clark's health, science, and society major, you'll reimagine the way you think about health. You'll see how the biomedical sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities each offer important lenses through which to tackle complex health challenges and promote health equity. You will work with faculty from more than five departments who are engaged in a range of domestic and international research activities. You will gain a broad and holistic foundation in health sciences, as well as many ideas about how to pursue a variety of careers in health.

Highlights

Make a difference in the well-being of others: Clark is a leader in the creation of innovative, interdisciplinary programs that prepare students to become leaders and drivers of societal change.



"Health, Science, and Society is an amazing major for those who want to understand not only the biology behind healthcare, but the systems, histories, and social forces that influence who gets sick and who gets adequate care."

- Darlene Polanco Molina '26



What can I do with my major?

Your classes will draw from a diverse range of disciplines that will provide you with a rich, complex understanding of health and prepare you for a wide range of domestic and international careers.

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Potential career paths include health professions, life sciences, education, community organizing, and human services.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduates in this major will be prepared to excel in the fields of medicine, nursing, public health, public policy, and health law.

Foundational Courses

The major is built on four main perspectives: biomedical science, social determinants of health, data analysis, and ethical considerations. Requirements include:

- Six foundation courses
- Two methods courses
- Three electives
- 1 Practicum or internship
- Capstone, Honor's Thesis, or Honors Studio

Find out more at clarku.edu/programs/major/health-science-society-ba/

YOUR CLARK EXPERIENCE



Discover and Demonstrate your Purpose



Cultivate Your Communities



Engage Locally & Globally



Develop your Professional Identity

Year 1



Learn about Health, Science, and Society

Connect with your professors to learn about the major and potential career paths. Enroll in foundational courses like ID 108 - What Is Public Health? and ID 121 - Culture, Health, and Development: What Makes Us Sick?

If you are interested in a career in health, start taking pre-med science courses and connect with the Prehealth Advising Program.



Get involved

Attend the club fair and community engagement fair to find out about groups working on health and all the places you can volunteer in Worcester.



Lay the foundation

Get started on your career exploration by visiting the Career Lab in ASEC to work on your resume or check out the Career Resources Library online.

Year 2



Dig in and define your interests

Work with affiliated faculty and declare your major. Make sure you are on track to fulfill all major requirements.



Build your knowledge

Develop your expertise and learn about the different angles of Health, Science, and Society. Visit ClarkFEST to see examples of projects and topics that other students have been studying related to health. Identify a faculty member engaged in community-engaged research to find out more about their work.



Focus on your career goals

Visit the Career Lab to get your resume ready, attend a career fair to learn about potential opportunities, and research interests that fit your career goals.

Year 3



Gain professional experience

Start working with the Career Connections Center (CCC) early so you won't miss any deadlines. Use Handshake and LinkedIn to explore internship opportunities at organizations such as AIDS Project Worcester, Partners in Health or the City of Worcester Division of Public Health.



Engage your networks

Work with the HSS director or CCC to engage in research and volunteering opportunities.

Meet industry professionals in Worcester's biotechnology and medical research hub through career-related and alumni events.



Expand your horizons

Consider off-campus opportunities like study away programs or a field-based community engaged course to apply what you have learned.

Year 4



Pull it all together

Take a Capstone course, produce an Honor's thesis, or take part in an Honor's Studio course. Reflect on your experiences and professional development in the HSS Senior Symposium course.



Prepare for life after Clark

Start preparing for post-graduate opportunities and talk with faculty about your plans. If you're planning for a clinical program in medicine/nursing, be in touch with the pre-health advisor. Consider fellowship programs like Global Health Corps, AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, or the Fullbright Scholar Program.



Get ready to launch

Update your professional documents and LinkedIn profile. Join alumni groups connected to health, attend career fairs and recruitment events.