

**HUM 6930: Independent Study in Arts in Medicine (1 credit)**  
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**Course Description:** The Independent Study in Arts in Medicine will provide students in the MA in Arts in Medicine program with an opportunity for mentored independent study in arts in medicine. Students will develop a plan of study and work with the instructor to develop a contract that specifies learning objectives, activities, and deliverables.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

To be determined and specified within the course contract and approved by instructor.

**Course Format and Content**

Course activities will be defined by the student and approved by the instructor. Activities should include field research, literature review, reading, and writing. The student will create a reading list and a schedule of activities.

**Critical Dates**

Critical dates include the following:

- August 22: Contract due (which includes proposed study plan)
- August 26: Finalized study plan
- September 16: Midterm report due
- October 10: Final report and course reflections due

**Weekly Topics and Assignments**

To be defined by the student and approved by the instructor.

**Assignments**

- Course Contract (20 points): Students will develop a detailed course contract, including activities, readings, scope of literature review, and times for monthly phone meetings with the instructor.
- Midterm Report (50 points): Report should present brief summary of the student selected reading, activities with participants, and reflections of the work.
- Phone Meetings with the Instructor: As needed.
- Final Report (50 points): Report should present brief summary of the student selected readings not reported on in the midterm report, continued activities with participants, and final reflections of the work.

**Evaluation and Grades**

Total Points: 120

20% of the final grade comes from Course Contract/Proposal

30% of the final grade comes from the Midterm Report

50% of the final grade comes from the Final Report

### Grading Scale

Letter Grade	% Equivalency	GPA Equivalency
A	95-100%	4.0
A-	92-94%	3.67
B+	89-91%	3.33
B	85-88%	3.00
B-	82-84%	2.67
C+	79-81%	2.33
C	75-78%	2.00
C- *	72-74%	1.67
D+	69-71%	1.33
D	65-68%	1.00
D-	62-64%	.67
E, I, NG, S-U, WF		0.00

Please note that a C- is no longer an acceptable grade for any course in which a 2.0 GPA is required, for example, any course in the major. UF grading policy website:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx#calculatinggpa>

### Course Procedures, Policies, and Guidelines

- More information on UF grading policy may be found at:  
<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#grades>
- <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

### Students Requiring Accommodations

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

### Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific

times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.

### **University Honesty Policy**

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Honor Code (<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

### **Software Use**

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

### **Student Privacy**

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see:

<http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>.

### **Health, Safety, and Wellness**

- *U Matter, We Care*: If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352 392- 1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.
- *Counseling and Wellness Center*: <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.
- *Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)*: Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.
- *University Police Department: 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies)*.  
<http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

### **Academic Resources**

- E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://www.crc.ufl.edu/>.

- Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. <https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.
- Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers. <https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.
- Student Complaints Campus: [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf).
- *On-Line Students Complaints:* <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>.