# CONCENTRATION IN MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY FOR SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY – IUPUI**  
Drop-Off, Mail, Fax or E-mail (Attn: Office Coordinator)  
this completed form when you are enrolled in your last course to fulfill the requirements.  
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The Sociology Department offers students the opportunity to Sociology Majors to concentrate their elective courses in medical sociology. The resulting Medical Sociology Concentration will be noted on their transcript and degree. To obtain this concentration, you must complete the following:

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**Required Sociology courses for all Majors:**

- **ONE of the Following:**
  - R381 Social Factors in Health and Illness | 3 |
  - R382 Social Organization of Health Care | 3 |

**Electives:** (May take any three from the following list, plus other Sociology courses to total 30 credits)

- R320 Sexuality and Society | 3 |
- R321 Women and Health | 3 |
- R327 Sociology of Death & Dying | 3 |
- R349 Victimology | 3 |
- R385 AIDS and Society | 3 |
- R381 Social Factors in Health and Illness (if R382 was taken, above) | 3 |
- R382 Social Organization of Health Care (if R381 was taken, above) | 3 |
- R410 Alcohol, Drugs, and Society | 3 |
- R415 Sociology of Disability | 3 |
- R485 Sociology of Mental Illness | 3 |
- R495 Topics in Medical Sociology: Sociology of Food | 3 |
- R497 Individual Readings in Medical Sociology | 3 |
- One additional Sociology course to total 30 credits (Name of course: | 3 |

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**Note:** In order for a course to count toward the completion of the Major in Sociology, you must receive a grade of "C" or better in it.  
**Direct any questions** to Kenzie Latham, Sociology Department, CA 303-E  
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**Medical Concentration for Sociology Majors**

**Concentration Requirements**
Undergraduate students majoring in Sociology have a special opportunity to receive training in medical sociology, an area for which our faculty is nationally and internationally recognized. Faculty are exploring a wide range of questions related to the sociology of health and illness in the field of medical sociology. The concentration consists of choosing 4 of 5 sociology electives from a list of approved courses.

Students who complete concentration requirements will have the concentration area in their major noted on their transcript and degrees.

**Why complete a concentration?**
It is academically and professionally beneficial for students because it demonstrates to potential employers and university admissions officers that the student has spent time and effort to acquire some depth in a discipline, in addition to meeting IUPUI requirements. In short, it can help you “stand out” as an applicant.

**Who should consider a Medical Sociology Concentration?**
Our medical concentration is designed to provide students with an increased understanding of the importance of social factors to health, illness, patient care, and the various health professions. The concentration offers Sociology majors interested in health and health care services, a needed background in the linkage between health and society. As such it better prepares students for entry into a variety of professional programs and careers including nursing, optometry, medicine, social work, medical sociology and psychology. It also builds on our department’s growing contribution to medical social science training, and promotes greater collaborative relations with health-related fields on campus.

**How do I declare my concentration?**
Contact the Medical Sociology Concentration Advisor to complete an application.

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**Sociology Major Required Core Courses:**
15 Credit Hours (Grade of C or higher)

- SOC R100: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC R351: Social Science Research Methods
- SOC R355: Social Theory
- SOC R359: Introduction to Sociological Statistics
- SOC R498: Sociology Capstone Seminar
  (or approved equivalent - R494 Internship, R497 Independent Study)

**Medical Sociology Concentration Required Courses:**
15 Credit Hours (Grade of C or higher)

Either
- SOC R381: Social Factors in Health and Illness
- SOC R382: Social Organization of Health Care

Three Additional Sociology Electives from below:
- SOC R320: Sexuality and Society
- SOC R321: Women and Health
- SOC R349: Victimology
- SOC R381: Social Factors in Health and Illness (If R382 was taken above)
- SOC R382: Social Organization of Health Care (If R381 was taken above)
- SOC R327: Sociology of Death and Dying
- SOC R385: AIDS and Society
- SOC R410: Alcohol, Drugs and Society
- SOC R485: Sociology of Mental Illness
- SOC R415: Sociology of Disability
- SOC R495: Topics in Medical Sociology

Additional sociology electives to total 15 credit hours

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**Medical Sociology Concentration Advisors**
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