

REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Department of History is proposing a credit bearing interdisciplinary certificate in Health Humanities. The 15-credit certificate is aimed at pre-professional Health students and to other students who are interested in exploring various dimensions of "health" beyond the health sciences. Health Humanities programs are designed to assist future health professionals in becoming more "humane," ethically intelligent, and patient-centered practitioners. The certificate seeks to move UWEC towards its 2025 strategic planning goal of national distinction in health and wellbeing, in "increasing collaborations across disciplines and colleges in support of health and wellbeing."

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Academic Affairs will support funding of introductory IDIS course (must meet enrollment capacity).
2. Certificate interests from students from a variety of majors and course array appears to be well rounded.
3. Course availability and sequencing impact on time-to-certificate completion.
4. Pre-requisite courses needed to take required courses for certificate completion.
5. Possible adjustments and additions to elective offerings as certificate program matriculates.
6. Addressed concerns in Dr. Shinno's Memo (course offerings beyond winter/summer with multiple faculty available to teach courses and some inclusive courses don't just cover "Health").

Pros of Recommendation:

Students in any major can pursue the certificate but a focus will be placed on the growing health science majors. The certificate is interdisciplinary in nature. Certificate completion aligns with the 2025 Strategic Plan. Relevant department chairs and program directors were consulted and support the inclusion of their course(s) in the certificate program.

Cons of Recommendation:

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Health Humanities to be administered by the Department of History.

MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 10 for to 0 against on November 16, 2021 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Department of History will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Health Humanities starting with the 2022/23AY.

Implementation Date: 22/23 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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