Special Major in Medical Anthropology

Requirements, at least 10 credits:

1. ANTH 001. Foundations: Culture, Power, and Meaning
2. at least one methods course
3. 2-credit senior research project (to be discussed with advisor and developed beginning with declaration of special major)
4. At least one of the following two courses in the SOAN department:
   - **ANTH 043E**. Culture, Health, and Illness
   - **ANTH 049B**. Comparative Perspectives on the Body

Additional recommended SOAN courses to consider:

   - **ANTH 002F**. Anthropology of Childhood and the Family
   - **ANTH 003G**. First-Year Seminar: Development and its Discontents
   - **ANTH 039C**. Food and Culture
   - **ANTH 053B**. Anthropology of Public Health
   - **ANTH 133**. Anthropology of Biomedicine

Up to four credits from outside of the department may be included as part of the special major, with permission from the department. Students are encouraged to tailor their courses outside the department to their particular areas of interest.

Recommended courses at Swarthmore include:

   - **POLS 048**. The Politics of Population
   - **ECON 075**. Health Economics
   - **ENVS 035/POLS 043B**. Environmental Justice: Theory and Action
   - **LITR 074F**. A History of the Five Senses
   - **HIST 066**. The Social Construction of Diseases in the Modern World
   - **HIST 080**. History of the Body
   - **PSYC 038**. Clinical Psychology
   - **RELG 031**. Healing Praxis and Social Justice

Additionally, students are encouraged to explore course offerings in the Tri-co Health Studies Program and at the Health & Societies program at the University of Pennsylvania.

Studying abroad could also be a valuable opportunity for the study of medical anthropology. Please consult with your advisor for guidance on course selection beyond Swarthmore.

In putting together the special major, it is advisable that the student only designate ten courses as part of the major. That way there will be no problems with the 20-course rule.