Swarthmore College  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
REGULARIZED SPECIAL MAJOR: Medical Anthropology

The **Medical Anthropology** major consists of at least 10 credits and no more than 12 credits.

Students with special majors typically complete a minimum of six courses in the primary department.

This form is only for the benefit of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Submit completed form to socanth@swarthmore.edu

**Please discuss with your advisor if there are changes to your plan, and resubmit to socanth@swarthmore.edu**

NAME_________________________  ID#____________________  GRAD YEAR________

**TITLE OF SPECIAL MAJOR:**  
**MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY- S049**  
Check for Honors? ☐

**COMPREHENSIVE EXERCISE:**  
**SOAN: Senior Research Project**

*List Course Information below. *Important Note: *There is a 10-credit minimum and 12-credit maximum*

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Special Major Faculty Advisor, Signature and Date

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Requirements, at least 10 credits:

1. **ANTH 001. Foundations: Culture, Power, Meaning**
2. one methods course in the SOAN department
3. 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**

5. At least five additional approved courses. Students are encouraged to tailor their courses outside the department to their particular areas of interest.

   Up to four credits from outside of the department, may be included as part of the special major, with permission from SOAN. (Tri-CO and UPENN courses are encouraged).  
   
   **Please note**, that no more than one credit from any single department outside of SOAN will be counted toward this special major.

- Additional recommended 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**
  - **SOCI 001. Foundations: Self, Culture, and Society**
  - **SOAN 035. Environmental Justice: Theory and Action**
  - **ECON 075. Health Economics**
  - **ENGL 002M. Medical Writing and Rhetoric**
  - **ENVS 035. Environmental Justice: Theory and Action**
  - **HIST 066. The Social Construction of Diseases in the Modern World**
  - **HIST 067T. The Pandemic of Cigarette Smoking: Habit, Addiction and Public Health in the Big Tobacco Archives**
  - **HIST 080. History of the Body**
  - **POLS 048. The Politics of Population**
  - **POLS 068. Politics of Public Health**
  - **PSYC 038. Clinical Psychology**
  - **RELG 031. Healing Praxis and Social Justice**

Explore course offerings in the Tri-co **Health Studies Program** and at the **Health & Societies** program at UPENN. 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.