Health Sciences (HLTH) Courses

HLTH 1000 [0.5 credit]
Fundamentals of Health
Introduction to what comprises a healthy body and mind, and what leads to illness and disease. Biomedical, psychosocial, and epidemiological approaches to current issues in the field of health. Policy and cultural/environmental contexts. Precludes additional credit for HLTH 1001.
Lectures three hours a week and group one hour a week.

HLTH 1001 [0.5 credit]
Principles of Health
Health and illness will be considered from an interdisciplinary perspective, including biomedical, cultural, psychosocial and environmental. Precludes additional credit for HLTH 1000.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 2001 [0.5 credit]
Health Research Methods and Skills
An introduction to quantitative and qualitative methods and designs in health sciences research. Basic research skills will also be provided, including regulatory aspects of conducting research, information literacy skills, evaluating published research and other sources of evidence in the digital age. Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 or HLTH 1001.
Lecture three hours a week, lab/workshop two hours a week.

HLTH 2002 [0.5 credit]
Molecular and Cellular Pathology
Introduction to the causes, natural history, and pathophysiology of common human diseases of various organ systems. Diseases related to structural and functional changes at the molecular, cellular and organ level. Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 and BIOL 1103.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 2003 [0.5 credit]
Social Determinants of Health
Overview of the social determinants of health, ranging from early life experiences, poverty, social status, migration, and the physical environment. The relation between social determinants and environmental vulnerabilities, health behaviours, illness prevalence, treatment outcomes, and access to health care. Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 or HLTH 1001.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 2004 [0.5 credit]
Microbiology and Virology
Introduction to the pathogenic microorganisms, including fungal, bacterial, viral and prion. Biochemical, genetic, pathological and epidemiological aspects in the human context; their interaction with host defense systems and strategies for antibiotic and vaccine development. Precludes additional credit for HLTH 3301 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 and BIOL 1103 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 3101 [0.5 credit]
Global Health
Overview of issues in global health with focus on developing countries. Key indicators and determinants of global health, implementation and evaluation of global programs, challenges of research and interventions in the developing world, and key players in addressing global health issues.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2001 and HLTH 2003, or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar, three hours per week.

HLTH 3102 [0.5 credit]
Indigenous Health in a Global World
The health conditions of Indigenous peoples in different regions of the world; social and biological factors that contribute to greater risk and poor health; strategies of Indigenous peoples to restore health to their peoples.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2001 and HLTH 2003, or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours per week.

HLTH 3103 [0.5 credit]
Health Policy and Canada's Health Care System
The history of Canada's health care system. The model of financing and intergovernmental responsibilities. Current and emerging policy debates facing our health care system, and the role of scientific evidence in decision-making and policy development.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 or HLTH 1001, or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours per week.

HLTH 3104 [0.5 credit]
Regulatory Issues and Human Health
The general principles of health regulatory policies in Canada. The role of scientific evidence in developing legislation and regulations at different levels, including probable levels of risk, standards of evidence, cost-benefit analysis, ethical considerations, psychosocial factors influencing risk management and compliance, and evolving technologies.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 1000 or HLTH 1001, or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.
HLTH 3201 [0.5 credit]
Epidemiology
Basic concepts of epidemiologic study designs and measures; inferences that are fundamental to the identification of causes and prevalence of diseases. Specialized issues within epidemiology including gene-environment interactions and the clustering of specific disease phenotypes.
Prerequisite(s): STAT 2507 and HLTH 2001, or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week, lab/workshop two hours a week.

HLTH 3302 [0.5 credit]
Immunity and Immune-Related Disorders
Basic processes relevant to the immune system; the relationship between immune activity and functioning as related to the development of particular pathologies, such as virally-related illness, autoimmune disorders, inflammatory illnesses, and interactions with social and economic factors that promote immune-related disturbances.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002 and BIOL 2200 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week, laboratory four hours a week. Labs require regular participation outside of the scheduled lab time.

HLTH 3303 [0.5 credit]
Biochemical Basis of Health and Pathology II
Introduction to the functional properties of macromolecules that underlie cellular and physiological processes. Examples will be health related.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002.
Lecture three hours a week, lab four hours a week.

HLTH 3401 [0.5 credit]
Diseases of Childhood
Epidemiological, psychological and physiological basis for disease in childhood and adolescence. Topics will be discussed from a global and Canadian perspective and include the medicalization of these diseases.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002 and HLTH 2003 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 3402 [0.5 credit]
Diseases of Aging
Aging is accompanied by increased illness related to cardiovascular, immune and neurodegenerative processes. This course assesses the fundamental mechanisms that determine these pathological conditions. Molecular mechanisms and psychosocial determinants; intervention and therapeutic strategies.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002 and HLTH 2003 or permission of department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 3403 [0.5 credit]
Gender and Health
The role of gender on psychosocial and biological mechanisms that alter the course of disease and treatment; health issues unique to women (e.g., reproductive and maternal health); the role of gender across cultures.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2001 and HLTH 2003, or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 3404 [0.5 credit]
Psychosocial and Biological Interactions in Health
The psychosocial and biological mechanisms that interact to influence health outcomes. Cultural, political, socioeconomic, and psychological factors that can impact the biological mechanisms underlying both mental and physical health; epigenetic and genetic alterations; implications for psychosocial interventions.
Precludes additional credit for HLTH 4402 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2003 or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 3503 [0.5 credit]
Chronic Illness and Disability
An interdisciplinary view of disabilities related to injury or disease processes including risk factors, the trajectory of such conditions, the burden of health attributable to them, and their global distribution. Strategies for early prevention and health promotion.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002 and HLTH 2003 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 3901 [0.5 credit]
Emerging Issues in Biomedical Science
These courses enable students to develop an understanding of the current state of research and practice in the BHSc concentrations. They provide the opportunity to bring together knowledge from other courses, and for skills development including teamwork, communication and critical thinking.
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the specific stream of the B.H.Sc. program appropriate to the course, a major CGPA of at least 8.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences.
Seminars three hours a week.
HLTH 3902 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Issues in Global Health  
These courses enable students to develop an understanding of the current state of research and practice in each of the B.H.Sc. concentrations. They provide the opportunity to bring together knowledge from other courses and for skills development, including teamwork, communication and critical thinking. 
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the specific stream of the B.H.Sc. program appropriate to the course, a major CGPA of at least 8.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences. 
Seminars three hours a week.

HLTH 3903 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Issues in Environment and Health  
These courses enable students to develop an understanding of the current state of research and practice in each of the BHSc concentrations. They provide the opportunity to bring together knowledge from other courses and for skills development, including teamwork, communication and critical thinking. 
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the specific stream of the B.H.Sc. program appropriate to the course, a major CGPA of at least 8.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences. 
Seminars three hours a week.

HLTH 3904 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Issues in Health Throughout the Lifespan  
These courses enable students to develop an understanding of the current state of research and practice in each of the BHSc concentrations. They provide the opportunity to bring together knowledge from other courses and for skills development, including teamwork, communication and critical thinking. 
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the specific stream of the B.H.Sc. program appropriate to the course, a major CGPA of at least 8.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences. 
Seminars three hours a week.

HLTH 3905 [0.5 credit]  
Emerging Issues in Disabilities and Chronic Illness  
These courses enable students to develop an understanding of the current state of research and practice in each of the B.H.Sc. concentrations. They provide the opportunity to bring together knowledge from other courses and for skills development, including teamwork, communication and critical thinking. 
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the specific stream of the B.H.Sc. program appropriate to the course, a major CGPA of at least 8.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences. 
Seminars three hours a week.

HLTH 4101 [0.5 credit]  
Global Health Governance  
Contemporary issues and debates in global health governance and effects on health monitoring and outcomes at individual and population levels. Historical patterns of global health, its regulatory framework, principal coordinating mechanisms and emerging challenges, and implications of globalization and international trade policies. 
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3101, or permission of the department. 
Lecture and seminar three hours per week.

HLTH 4102 [0.5 credit]  
New Health Technologies  
Overview of new and emerging health technologies, including medical and assistive devices, diagnostics and screening, genetics, reproduction, tissue regeneration, imaging, and health informatics. Health technology assessment methods and issues. Regulatory, ethical and social implications; considerations in the developing world. 
Prerequisite(s): (HLTH 1000 or HLTH 1001) or permission of the department. 
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as HLTH 5350, for which additional credit is precluded. 
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 4201 [0.5 credit]  
Applied Health Statistics  
Statistics concepts and procedures used in the analysis of health data; techniques commonly used to analyze data collected from different types of epidemiological and experimental study designs; how to interpret and present statistical findings. 
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3201 and STAT 2507 or permission of the department. 
Lecture three hours a week, lab/workshop two hours a week.

HLTH 4202 [0.5 credit]  
Health Program Evaluation Tools and Methods  
Introduction to concepts, principles and processes of evaluating health care programs and interventions. Methodological tools including needs assessment, project management skills, use of health information management databases. Issues in communication with stakeholders, including change management and decision making. 
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2001 and STAT 2507 or permission of the department. 
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 4301 [0.5 credit]  
Pandemics and Infectious Disease  
Factors that influence disease processes, including viruses, bacteria, protozoa, fungi and infectious agents, how these agents come to have the effects that they do in a given individual, how they spread within and how to limit their spread. 
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2004 or BIOL 2303 or permission of the department. 
Lecture three hours a week.
HLTH 4302 [0.5 credit]
Inflammatory and Endocrine Factors in Diseases
Inflammatory and hormonal processes and their relevance to disease states. Immune-related disorders, heart disease and stroke, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, psychiatric conditions, and neurodegenerative disorders. The contribution of psychosocial and genetic factors to diseases.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3302 or BIOL 4200 or BIOC 4200 or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 4303 [0.5 credit]
Pharmacotherapeutics
The pharmaceutical system. Topics include drug discovery and development, clinical trials, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics, natural products and traditional medicines and policy aspects, including patent and generic drugs, the cost of drugs and impact on local and global access.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3303 or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 4401 [0.5 credit]
Maternal and Prenatal Determinants of Health
The influence of prenatal events on illnesses. Stressful events, viruses, and toxins encountered during pregnancy; interactions between pre- and postnatal events; economic and psychosocial influences related to maternal care.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 2002 and HLTH 2003, and at least third-year standing in the B.H.Sc. program or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 4502 [0.5 credit]
Diseases and Disabilities Related to Sensory Processes and Movement
Neurobiological processes related to sensation, proprioception, reflex and voluntary movement, disorders of the nervous system and sensory systems. Conditions associated with pathology related to genetic and developmental factors, accident, and aging.
Precludes additional credit for HLTH 3501 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3503 and (BIOL 2005 or BIOL 3305 or BIOL 3306) or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week, workshop two hours a week.

HLTH 4503 [0.5 credit]
Trauma-related Illness and Disability
Neurobiological and psychological factors associated with trauma and effects on behavioural functioning. Consequences of traumatic brain injury, burns, amputations, chronic severe illnesses; chronic strain encountered in workplace. Consideration of treatment and rehabilitation strategies.
Precludes additional credit for HLTH 3502 (no longer offered).
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3503 and (BIOL 2005 or BIOL 3305 or BIOL 3306) or permission of the department.
Lecture three hours a week.

HLTH 4601 [0.5 credit]
Environmental Pollution and Health
Introduction to environmental and occupational health; detection, assessment, management and mitigation of chemical, physical and biological hazards.
Prerequisite(s): HLTH 3104 or permission of the department.
Lecture and seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 4701 [0.5 credit]
Knowledge Translation
The application of knowledge translation in the formulation of policy and the development of skills required to maximize the impact of scientific findings through real world programs and policies and communication skills for diverse audiences.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing and permission of the Department of Health Science and permission of the instructor.
Also offered at the graduate level, with different requirements, as HLTH 5300, for which additional credit is precluded.
Seminar three hours a week.

HLTH 4901 [0.5 credit]
Directed Studies in Health
Independent study, open to third- and fourth-year students to explore a particular health related topic, in consultation with a Faculty supervisor. May include directed reading, written assignments, tutorials, laboratory or field work.
Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the B.H.Sc. program, in addition to permission of the Faculty supervisor and the Department of Health Sciences.

HLTH 4906 [1.0 credit]
Capstone course – Research Essay
Independent critical review and research proposal on a health- related topic, using library, database and/or bioinformatics resources, under the supervision of the course instructor. Seminar topics include identification and critical review of resources, development of scientific writing skills, and formulation of health science-related research.
Precludes additional credit for HLTH 4907, HLTH 4908 (no longer offered), HLTH 4909, HLTH 4910.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the B.H.Sc. Honours and permission of the Department of Health Sciences.
Lecture/seminar three hours a week.
HLTH 4907 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Course – Group Research Project
A collaborative project on a health related topic. Students, working together as a team, will complete a research project and develop communication and research skills under the supervision of the faculty supervisor. Evaluation will be based on a written report and oral presentation. Precludes additional credit for HLTH 4906, HLTH 4908 (no longer offered), HLTH 4909, HLTH 4910. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the B.H.Sc. Honours program, one of HLTH 3901, HLTH 3902, HLTH 3903, HLTH 3904 or HLTH 3905, a major CGPA of at least 9.0, and permission of the Faculty supervisor and the Department of Health Sciences. Seminars three hours a week as scheduled by the course instructor; other hours as arranged with the Faculty Adviser.

HLTH 4909 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Course – Field Placement
Field placement providing practical experience in a health related field. Placements may be in institutional or community settings, governmental or non-governmental organizations. Sites may vary each year. Evaluation based on a written report and an oral presentation. Precludes additional credit for HLTH 4906, HLTH 4907, HLTH 4908 (no longer offered), HLTH 4910. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in B.H.Sc. Honours, one of HLTH 3901, HLTH 3902, HLTH 3903, HLTH 3904 or HLTH 3905, a major CGPA of at least 9.0 and permission of the Department of Health Sciences. Seminars three hours a week as scheduled by the course instructor; other hours as arranged with the Faculty Adviser; field placement hours will vary dependent on placement.

HLTH 4910 [1.0 credit]
Honours Individual Research Thesis
An independent health related research project under the direct supervision of a faculty member. Evaluation will be based on a written thesis and oral poster presentation (oral or poster). Precludes additional credit for HLTH 4906, HLTH 4907, HLTH 4908, HLTH 4909. Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in B.Sc. Honours Health Sciences, one of HLTH 3901, HLTH 3902, HLTH 3903, HLTH 3904 or HLTH 3905, a major CGPA of at least 10.0, and permission of the Faculty advisor and the Department of Health Sciences. Permission will depend, in part, on capacity, such that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee enrollment in this research thesis course.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca