



Science, Medicine, and Society FAQs

1. What is the Science, Medicine, and Society (SMDS) minor?

The Science, Medicine, and Society (SMDS) is an interdisciplinary minor that you can complete in addition to your major. The minor is designed to enhance your major by equipping you to think critically, creatively, and constructively about science, technology, medicine, and health care. It will help you to be more competent and thoughtful in your future career path.

2. What kinds of students are SMDS minors?

SMDS is designed for anyone who wishes to develop distinctive skills and perspectives on science, technology, medicine, and health care. It is a very good fit if you are planning to work in health care in some way. Here are a few examples of the goals of current and past SMDS minors:

- Becoming a physician
- Becoming a PA, PT or nurse
- Going to law school to work in health care law and policy
- Working in health care administration
- Going to graduate school to work epidemiology and/or public health
- Going to graduate school to work in biomedical ethics
- Going to graduate school to work as a Mission Officer in a Catholic hospital system

3. What kinds of classes do SMDS minors take?

You have a lot of flexibility and choice in the SMDS minor. You select from a carefully “curated” set of courses in a wide range of disciplines. The courses have been chosen because they provide distinctive perspective on science, technology, medicine, and health care. Some examples of courses in the SMDS:

- History and Philosophy of Medicine
- Medical Narratives
- Geography of Global Health
- Health Psychology
- Theology & the Biomedical Revolution
- Genetics and Society
- Medical Geology
- Health Economics
- Biomedical Ethics

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