Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Minor

Build Strategic Partnerships

Goal Description:

Build stronger connections with other key campus stakeholders (especially Human Sciences and COM) through greater communication, co-hosted events, and other collaborations.

Providing Department: Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Minor

Progress: Ongoing

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Interdisciplinary Frameworks

Learning Objective Description:

Students will be able to employ the intersdisciplinary frameworks of scholarship in the medical humanities and social sciences.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Indicator, Criterion, and Findings Item: Interdisciplinary Frameworks

Indicator Description:

The MHSS instructional faculty shall evaluate student progress on the acquisition of interdisciplinary frameworks in MHSS 4350. In this course, students present a final project. Evaluation instruments shall be developed to measure student progress, with the findings reviewed by the program director and discussed by the MHSS committee.

Criterion Description:

The instructional faculty member for MHSS 4350 shall develop an evaluation instrument to measure student progress on the acquisition of interdisciplinary frameworks.

Findings Description:

As this is a new program and MHSS 4350 is being offered for the first time in the coming academic year, there are not yet findings to report.

Increased Enrollment

Goal Description:

Increase the enrollment in the MHSS minor by 50% in the coming academic year.

Providing Department: Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Minor

Progress: Ongoing

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Enhance the Visibility of the Program

Performance Objective Description:

MHSS faculty will work to enhance the visibility of the program through new promotional activities and recruitment tools.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

KPI #1: Increased Enrollment

KPI Description:

The MHSS program shall develop, with the help of SHSU online, a new promotional video that can be deployed to BlackBoard courses, on the program website, and across social media platforms.

Target Description:

The program shall consider it a success if it develops a new promotional video.

Results Description:

The program has not yet developed the video, but will work with SHSU Online in the 2024-2025 academic year.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Action Item: Develop Promotional Video

Action Description:

The program will work with SHSU Online to develop a promotional video addressing the learning outcomes and skills of MHSS minors. This will be deployed on the program website.

New Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

This is a new unit for the 2023-2024 cycle. No previous PCI available.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

This is a new unit for the 2023-2024 cycle. No previous PCI available.

New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Closing Summary:

The MHSS program is committed to increasing enrollment in the minor by 50% over the next year. We will accomplish this through student outreach and prizes. The program will advertise at campus events and provide brochures and other information to students in the U.S. history survey courses. The program offers an undergraduate student prize every fall semester. This helps spread the word about the minor and motivates student interest in the medical humanities.

The MHSS program will also build stronger connections with relevant stakeholders across campus. We will accomplish this through greater communication, co-hosting events, and other collaborations. Specifically, the program invites other departments to co-host speaker events at least once a semester. We also solicited the creation of six humanities and social science lessons on health and medicine to be used in STEM classes, which we will be advertising over the academic year. Dr. Buehler gives talks in other departments (including the medical school) and attends faculty meetings to advertise the initiatives of the program).