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RELIGION AND MEDICINE

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This course engages with a wide range of religious traditions to address crucial issues of health care, medical ethics, disability, and the body.

After examining ancient Greek humoral theory, traditional Chinese medicine, Aryurveda and Buddhist traditions, Western medicine in Islamic and Catholic perspectives, and indigenous health traditions in Latin America, further topics may include Protestant faith healing, shamans, yoga, and religious attitudes to pain management. We then turn to significant modern ethical cases involving race, gender, and disability, such as the origins of gynecological medicine, the eugenics movement, and pandemics.

