

Course at a Glance Spring 2012

Course Title: Health, Behavior, and Society

Course Number: HSC 4211

Dept: CFH

Credits: 3

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to an ecological perspective of the determinants of health, specifically how health is shaped by the interactions of biology, individual behavior, social relationships, social stratification, institutions, neighborhoods and communities, culture, the physical environment, policies and globalization. Case studies of current public health problems will then be presented to enhance understanding of how these factors interact with one another and contribute to the public health problem of interest.

Format of content presentation, activities and/or instructional methods:

Web-based (in Blackboard) with narrated lectures.

Textbook and Ordering materials:

Required Text:

Wermuth, L. (2002). *Global Inequality and Human Needs: Health and Illness in an Increasingly Unequal World*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. ISBN: 0-205-34396-1

How to Order:

Download HSC Bookstore Order Form:

http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/eta/pdf/HSC_UndergradTextbook_OrderForm.pdf

Other Required Materials:

Additional readings are posted on-line.

Topics:

1. Overview of the Determinants of Health
2. Introduction to Theory and Definitions, Frameworks and Models
3. Searching, Reviewing and Understanding Research
4. Biological Determinants of Health
5. Behavioral Determinants of Health
6. Social Determinants of Health
7. Culture
8. Social Stratification: Race, Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status, Gender and Sexual Orientation
9. Institutions: Health Care, Work
10. Environmental Determinants of Health: Social and Physical Environments, Neighborhood and Communities
11. Politics and Policies
12. Global Health and Globalization

Course content organization:

The class is organized by week and material for each class will be presented in a weekly folder on Blackboard available every Monday.

Types of assessments and activities in the course:

- Syllabus Quiz
- 4 discussion board assignments
- 2 Research Papers (3-5 pages)
- Midterm Exam
- Final Exam

Course Expectations:

To successfully complete this course, students are expected to:

- Read and understand the syllabus.
- Log in to Blackboard at least twice a week.
- Read all of the required course materials each week.
- View all pre-recorded lectures and videos.
- Interact with fellow students via online discussions.
- Ask questions. Contact the instructor (by e-mail or attending office hours) promptly if you are having difficulty understanding any of the course materials, lectures, or discussions.

Required Dates to be Online:

Log in to Blackboard By the end of the first week of class.

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Technology Requirements (e.g. software or hardware):

Visit this website for software requirements and downloads:

http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/eta/students_tech_requirements.htm

Please Note: The information on this document is subject to change. The course instructor has the right to change any information posted in this document. Students should check the official course syllabus released during the first week of classes for any updates to this document.