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SOCI621

Course Summary

Course : SOCI621 **Title :** Medical Sociology
Length of Course : 8 **Faculty :**
Prerequisites : N/A **Credit Hours :** 3

Description

Course Description:

In this course students will assess disparities in health, illness, and healthcare accessibility and quality through application of sociological theory. Students will identify how social processes shape experiences of health, illness, and reform in the healthcare system. Students will examine the role of sociologists in health related career fields such as healthcare administration, public health, and more.

Course Scope:

This course is part of the online Master of Arts in Sociology program. This program will help prepare you to develop a reflective understanding of human nature and master the objectives of the program.

Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the sociological approach to the study of health and illness
 2. Apply sociological lens to current health issue
 3. Examine career paths for medical sociologists in healthcare and related fields
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Outline

Week 1: Introduction: Defining the Sociology of Medicine

Course materials

Syllabus

Week 1 Learning Materials

Week 1 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Week 1 Discussion

Week 2: The Distribution of Health Disparities

Course materials

Week 2 Learning Materials

Week 2 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Set up consultation with professor for a time during Week 2-5

Week 3: Medicalization and the Sticky Labels of Illness

Course materials

Week 3 Learning Materials

Week 3 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Submit Assignment 1

Week 4: Medicine Ethics in Genomics and Children

Course materials

Week 4 Learning Materials

Week 4 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Week 4 Discussion

Week 5: Medical Sociology and Mental Health

Course materials

Week 5 Learning Materials

Week 5 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Assignment 2

Week 6: Medicine, Risk and Self Help

Course materials

Week 6 Learning Materials

Week 6 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Week 6 Discussion

Assignment 3

Week 7: Exploring Healthcare Policies: Which Ones are Effective

Course materials

Week 7 Learning Materials

Week 7 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Assignment 4

Week 8: Career Paths in Medical Sociology

Course materials

Week 8 Learning Materials

Week 8 Readings & Resources

Assignments

Week 8 Discussion

Evaluation

Note: Successful completion of the sociology graduate program requires a portfolio with artifacts from your courses. Save all of the assignments you submit in class, whether they are marked as an artifact or not, for use in your portfolio at the end of the program. Depending on when you complete SOCL698, your past courses and assignments may no longer be accessible to you.

Grading:

Name	Grade %
Discussions	30.00%
Week 1: Purpose of Medical Sociology	6.00%
Week 2 Discussion: Exploring health disparities	6.00%
Week 4: Sociology in the era of omics	6.00%
Week 6: Risk and self help	6.00%
Week 8: Applying medical sociology	6.00%
Assignments	70.00%
Assignment 1: Explaining Medicalization	17.50%
Assignment 2: Sociology and mental health Portfolio Artifact	17.50%
Assignment 3: Professor Consultation and Written Report	17.50%
Assignment 4: Healthcare policy	17.50%

Materials

Book Title: Word As Scalpel: A History of Medical Sociology - e-book available in the APUS Online Library

Author: Bloom

Publication Info: Oxford University Press Lib

ISBN: 9780195149296

Book Title: The Medicalization of Society: On the Transformation of Human Conditions into Treatable Disorders - e-book available in the APUS Online Library

Author: Conrad

Publication Info: Johns Hopkins University Press Lib

ISBN: 9780801885853

Book Title: Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine - e-book available in the APUS Online Library

Author: Miller

Publication Info: Indiana University Press Lib

ISBN: 9780253342225

Book Title: Risk and Society - e-book available in the APUS Online Library

Author: Denney

Publication Info: Sage Lib

ISBN: 9780761947400

Book Title: The Healthcare Debate - e-book available in the APUS Online Library

Author: Shaw

Publication Info: Greenwood Publishing Group Lib

ISBN: 9780313356667

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Please visit <http://apus.libguides.com/er.php> to locate the course eReserve.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: ERESERVE NOTE

All course materials are free and provided in our Library. Link to our [eReserve page in the Library](#) and select this course to access your materials.

Course Guidelines

Citation and Reference Style

- Students will follow APA format as the sole citation and reference style used in written assignments submitted.
- Please note that no formal citation style is graded on Forums in the School of Arts & Humanities

Tutoring

- [Tutor.com](#) offers online homework help and learning resources by connecting students to certified tutors for one-on-one help. AMU and APU students are eligible for 10 free hours of tutoring provided by APUS. Tutors are available 24/7 unless otherwise noted. Tutor.com also has a SkillCenter Resource Library offering educational resources, worksheets, videos, websites and career help. Accessing these resources does not count against tutoring hours and is also available 24/7. Please visit the APUS Library and search for 'Tutor' to create an account.

Late Assignments

University Late Policy

All dates and times posted are for U.S. Eastern Standard time. It is your responsibility to know how that translates to your time zone and to submit assignments and tests per these posted deadlines.

You are expected to submit assignments by the due dates listed in the classroom. Late assignments may not be accepted after the course end date. Submitting an assignment late may result in a penalty of up to 10% of the grade per day late, not to exceed a maximum of 50% (5 days late). The amount of the penalty is at the faculty member's discretion.*

*Programs with specialty accreditation and students with DSA accommodations may have different late policies applied.

Turn It In

Assignments are automatically submitted to Turnitin.com within the course. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

Communications

Student Communication

To reach the instructor, please communicate through the MyClassroom email function accessible from the Classlist of the Course Tools menu, where the instructor and students email addresses are listed, or via the Office 365 tool on the Course homepage.

- In emails to instructors, it's important to note the specific course in which you are enrolled. The name of the course is at the top center of all pages.
- Students and instructors communicate in Discussion posts and other learning activities.
- All interactions should follow APUS guidelines, as noted in the [Student Handbook](#), and maintain a professional, courteous tone.
- Students should review writing for spelling and grammar.
- [Tips on Using the Office 365 Email Tool](#)

Instructor Communication

The instructor will post announcements on communications preferences involving email and Instant Messaging and any changes in the class schedule or activities.

- Instructors will periodically post information on the expectations of students and will provide feedback on assignments, Discussion posts, quizzes, and exams.
- Instructors will generally respond to student communications within 48 hours, except in unusual circumstances (e.g., illness).
- The APUS standard for grading of all assessments (assignments, Discussions, quizzes, exams) is five days or fewer from the due date.

- Final course grades are submitted by faculty no later than seven days after the end date of the course or the end of the extension period.
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University Policies

Consult the [Student Handbook](#) for processes and policies at APUS. Notable policies:

- [Drop/Withdrawal Policy](#)
- [Extension Requests](#)
- [Academic Probation](#)
- [Appeals](#)
- [Academic Dishonesty / Plagiarism](#)
- [Disability Accommodations](#)
- [Student Deadlines](#)
- [Video Conference Policy](#)

Mission

The [mission of American Public University System](#) is to provide high quality higher education with emphasis on educating the nation's military and public service communities by offering respected, relevant, accessible, affordable, and student-focused online programs that prepare students for service and leadership in a diverse, global society.

Minimum Technology Requirements

- Please consult the catalog for the minimum hardware and software required for [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) courses.
- Although students are encouraged to use the [Pulse mobile app](#) with any course, please note that not all course work can be completed via a mobile device.

Disclaimers

- Please note that course content – and, thus, the syllabus – may change between when a student registers for a course and when the course starts.
- Course content may vary from the syllabus' schedule to meet the needs of a particular group.