COURSE DETAIL

MEDICAL HUMANITIES
Country Denmark
Host Institution University of Copenhagen
Program(s) University of Copenhagen
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Health Sciences
UCEAP Course Number 178
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title MEDICAL HUMANITIES
UCEAP Transcript Title MEDICAL HUMANITIES
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description
The medical humanities ask big questions about how health, illness, medicine, and the body are understood, and with what effects. They do so from an interdisciplinary perspective, attempting to overcome the typical separation between biological and humanities approaches by applying different disciplinary methods to answer shared questions. Disciplines include philosophy, ethics, history, religion, critical theory, literary studies, visual studies (art, image and film), museum studies, and many more. Medical humanities research often involves situating clinical or technical practice in a broad cultural, historical, and experiential context, but it also asks what role arts and humanities themselves play in the medical landscape, and includes the production and analysis of arts and humanities-based interventions that attempt to improve medical care. The debate about whether we are, or soon will be, living a post-human reality is one of the most important cultural markers of our time, and medicine and health are a domain where this theoretical debate has concrete groundings and practical consequences. Topics covered include: how do new ways of thinking about materiality and the human affect medical practice; what is the role of the humanities in this reconfiguration; which technologies and devices lie behind the challenge to traditional conceptions of the human and of matter, for example, genetic technologies, but also tracking devices, network science; how are our understandings of the body, the self, disease, wellness and death being affected; what are the ethical and political implications of a renewed focus on materiality; what has really changed when we talk about the post-human, trans-human, or enhanced human; what are the consequences of these different ways of understanding the human.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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