COURSE DETAIL

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT: HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Health Sciences Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT: HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course seeks to place the study of HIV/AIDS in Africa in a medical anthropological perspective, enabling students to understand and analyze how the AIDS epidemic in Africa is part of broader societal developments, but also how the AIDS epidemic has affected broader societal development in Africa. By contextualizing AIDS in people's everyday lives, the course studies how people live and die with the disease and in doing so, it critically examines public health interventions. Students are encouraged to locate AIDS historically, locating interventions addressed to combat its spread within a specific political and ideological timeframe. While it still uses several readings from other disciplines than medical anthropology, students must take note that this is not an interdisciplinary course, its core approach forms medical anthropology. The course still includes reflection on the value of the various knowledge that different disciplines produce about AIDS in Africa. Students are expected to apply their acquired knowledge and insights from literature and class, to contemporary case-studies that highlight the complexity of AIDS, and to identify the ways anthropological research can contribute to public health interventions designed to combat the disease. Students also read one ethnography of choice on AIDS in Africa and write a review of this ethnography.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

LUC The Hague- Level 3

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Global Public Health