COURSE DETAIL

MEDICAL HUMANITIES: BODIES & MINDS, HISTORIES OF THE NORMAL AND THE PATHOLOGICAL

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Maastricht University – University College Maastricht

Program(s)
University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Health Sciences

UCEAP Course Number
104

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
MEDICAL HUMANITIES: BODIES & MINDS, HISTORIES OF THE NORMAL AND THE PATHOLOGICAL

UCEAP Transcript Title
MEDICAL HUMANITIES

UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units
4.00

Course Description

Medical humanities acknowledge that instead of being fixed entities, health and illness are constantly changing, ambiguous phenomena. What is called healthy (sane) or ill (insane) depends indeed on a large variety of issues and dynamics: cultural, socio-economical, and religious aspects; moral system; legal system; science; technology; art and media etc. This course approaches the question of health and illness through a philosophical, anthropological and sociological exploration of “bodies” and “minds”. Through a historical and cross-cultural perspective it will discuss various concepts of body and mind. We will discuss how and why some bodies and minds are considered as normal and others as abnormal or pathological. For this we will draw on scientific, social, cultural and economic contexts, but also on how bodies and minds are represented in art and (popular) culture. Cases include cosmetic surgery; the modern hospital; boxing in the ghetto; organ transplantation; depression; menopause; prostheses in Paralympic athletes; medical imaging technologies; the war on cancer; depression.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HUM3051

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Host Institution Campus
Humanities

Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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