

COURSE DETAIL

HEALTH, DISCOURSE, AND COMMUNICATION

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Health Sciences Communication

UCEAP Course Number

132

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HEALTH, DISCOURSE, AND COMMUNICATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

HLTH/DISCOURSE&COMM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course examines language, discourse, and communication across different contexts within medicine, illness, and health. It explores some of the dominant policy and media discourses of health, focusing on issues such as mental health, relationships of power between patients and health professionals, the framing of personal risk and responsibility in health promotion, and the representations of emerging diseases. Students examine the discursive negotiation of personal experiences of health problems, for example through narrative reconstructions of illness experiences, positioning of "sick" and "healthy" people, doctor-patient interactions, and the use of online forums for advice and support. The course covers a range of approaches and methods that are used in health discourse analysis, such as illness narratives, discursive psychology, conversation analysis, discourse metaphors, and critical discourse analysis.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6SSEL043

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HEALTH, DISCOURSE, AND COMMUNICATION

Host Institution Campus

Strand Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Bachelors

Host Institution Department

Social Science and Public Policy

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