

## 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

## Host Institution Course Title

HEALTH, DISCOURSE AND COMMUNICATION

## Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/health-discourse-and-communication-1>

## Host Institution Campus

Strand Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

Bachelors

**Host Institution Department**

Social Science and Public Policy

**Course Last Reviewed**

2021-2022

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