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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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

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