

COURSE DETAIL

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

Country

Ghana

Host Institution

University of Ghana, Legon

Program(s)

Explore Ghana, University of Ghana

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

The course studies the theoretical and practical issues of health and illness. It covers the history of medical sociology and the nature of health care delivery in the Third World, with examples from Ghana. Discussions cover health and illness in the socio-cultural context; the political economy of health care delivery; and the hospital as a social system. Specific topics include the environment, gerontology, maternal and child health, drug abuse, AIDS, and the pharmaceutical industry and its relationship to the Third World. Texts: B. Malinowski, MAGIC, SCIENCE AND RELIGION; H. Becker, BOYS IN WHITE; M. Gelfand, MEDICINE AND CULTURE IN AFRICA; P.A. Twumasi, MEDICAL SYSTEMS IN GHANA; H. Freeman et al., THE STATE, DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICS IN GHANA; P. Wondergen et al., eds., HERBAL MEDICINE AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN GHANA among others. Assessment: attendance, participation, class assignments (30%), final exam (70%).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOCI346

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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