

COURSE DETAIL

SUICIDE: RISKS, RESEARCH, AND REALITIES

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Health Sciences

UCEAP Course Number

53

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SUICIDE: RISKS, RESEARCH, AND REALITIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

SUICIDE RESEARCH

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

Nothing surpasses life and death, and the complicated decision to take one's own life, as an issue of profound significance. Despite the advances in quality of life that have been achieved, the World Health Organization estimates one suicide death worldwide every 40 seconds. Why do some countries have higher suicide rates than others? What can explain the cross-border trends and discrepancies for suicides in Hong Kong in relation to Mainland China and the rest of the world? How are new trends in social media informing suicide research? What are the biochemical and neurological links between depression, substance abuse, and suicide? How is the suicide note being studied as a literary genre? And, finally, what new developments have occurred in the field of suicide prevention? This course provides a wide range of perspectives (social science, neuroscience, legal, policing, ethics, and community outreach) to enlighten understanding of suicide and its prevention. The course evaluates the outlets available for coping – both for high risk contemplators and those bereaved from suicide losses; examines the neurobiology of suicide, head trauma and suicide risk, and the genetic imprint of early life adversity as it relates to suicide risk; compares how suicidal thoughts and suicides are communicated via social media outlets, the suicide note, and the interactions between attempt survivors/the bereaved and healthcare professionals; and identifies challenges and opportunities for suicide prevention and harm reduction, with an aim for practical interventions.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CCGL9053

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Common Core: Global Issues

Course Last Reviewed

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