

COURSE DETAIL

MENTAL HEALTH IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology English

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MENTAL HEALTH IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

MENTAL HLTH SOC&LIT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces the ways in which mental health has been studied as an academic discipline across the humanities and the social sciences. It shows that both the definition and the treatment of mental ill-health is not universal but shaped by the society in which people live. The course focuses primarily on the period of time from the closure of the lunatic asylums in Great Britain in the second half of the 20th century to the present day. Through an anthology composed of newspaper articles, political speeches, and party manifestos, the course analyzes some of the factors which influenced mental health policies, such as advances in medical knowledge, changes in social values, political ideals, the influence of the media (including social media), and financial cost. Alongside these factual texts, the course studies short extracts from films and literary works in order to gain an understanding of how changes in society's attitudes towards the mentally unwell are reflected in cultural works.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6LISE53,5LISE54

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MENTAL HEALTH IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SOCIETY AND LITERATURE

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