COURSE DETAIL

THE POLITICS OF LIFE AND DEATH

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)
Sociology Health Sciences Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number
136

UCEAP Course Suffix
N

UCEAP Official Title
THE POLITICS OF LIFE AND DEATH

UCEAP Transcript Title
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UCEAP Quarter Units
6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course introduces students to two ways of making sense of public health. The first is by exploring some of the key sites that are central to the making of public health. The second is through acknowledging that whilst public health (and its sidekick, epidemiology, the study of health across populations) sounds like it would be about actually existing people, it is often about people at the aggregate. In other words, statistics. This course takes a different approach: students study the observable behavior and attitudes of actually existing people—whether in the present or the past. This course introduces students to some key research methodologies in the social sciences and humanities-doing fieldwork, using archives, and unlocking the mysteries of university libraries in order to enable students to understand and master key concepts in the anthropology, history, and social science of life, death, and illness as part of the practice of medicine; to familiarize students provide students with key debates in the anthropology, history, and social science of life, death, and illness; to familiarize students with how medical understandings of life, death, and illness have changed over time; to familiarize students with how medical practice and understanding of life, death, and illness differ across cultures.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
5SSHM010

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Host Institution Course Details
https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/module-options/search?keyword=5SSHM010

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department Global Health & Social Medicine
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