

COURSE DETAIL

HEALTH, ILLNESS & SOCIETY

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology Health Sciences

UCEAP Course Number

178

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HEALTH, ILLNESS & SOCIETY

UCEAP Transcript Title

HEALTH & ILLNESS

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course introduces students to social theory in medical sociology. It does this by exploring sociological factors that impinge on health status, health chances and health care. It looks at concepts of health and illness, the social context of health and illness as well as changing patterns of health and illness, and the social organization of both formal and informal health care. This also includes a critical analysis of formal Western biomedical approaches to health and health care. A number of theoretical positions are considered ranging from Functionalist, Marxist and neo-Marxist perspectives through to Postmodern, Realist and Critical Realist perspectives and the relevance of these in medicine and health care. These are applied to key substantive areas covered in the course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SOC20460

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Sociology

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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