

# 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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

Sociology

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

### **Course Last Reviewed**

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