

Name of the course: The Sociology of Healthcare and Medicine

Code: AOKMAG425_1A

ECTS credits: 2

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Exemptions: See <http://semmelweis.hu/magtud/en/education/exemptions-faq/>

Aim of the course:

By the mid to late 20th century, the biomedical model in medicine was replaced by the biopsychosocial model. There are biological, psychological and social factors in the background of illness. This is the approach we take in this course in looking at various aspects of health, illness and medical work. Our aim is to introduce future medical doctors to the social factors they must be familiar with in working with patients. Topics include social stratification and health inequalities, the principles of health care systems, medicalisation and the changing medical profession, illness behaviour, intercultural issues in health care as well as the challenges of digital health.

Competencies enhanced by the course:

- Helping students acquire familiarity with the social environment which is necessary before meeting patients for the first time and all the way through the process of medical work.
- Enabling students to understand the social and cultural factors that influence the health and illness related decisions patients make.
- Sensitising students to the social determinants of health and illness behaviour through analysing cases.
- Assisting students in comprehending the social and cultural aspects of systems of health care provision
- Enhancing the students' ability to plan and carry out research and function in small teams as part of the research work undertaken as part of the course

Structure of the course:

The course starts with 7 lectures. The aim is to introduce some important and thought provoking topics in a stimulating way. The lectures are held in the green lecture hall in the NET building on Tuesdays from 13.00-14.30. There are no practicals in week 1-7, just lectures.

Week 1: 8, September Introduction to medical sociology, basic concepts and principles. (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

Week 2: 15, September Health and illness in society, a historical transformation of mortality and morbidity patterns. (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

Week 3: 22, September Social stratification, social inequalities and health (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

Week 4: 29, September Intercultural healthcare (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

Week 5: 6, October The challenges of digital health (lecture Dr Zsuzsa Gyórfy)

Week 6 13, October Globalisation and therapy choice (Lecture Dr. Szilvia Zörgő)

Week 7 20, October Health care systems (Lecture Dr Edmond Girasek)

Week 8 26-30 October Preparation for project work and for health care system workshop (practical)

Week 9 3-6 November Health care systems workshop (practical)

Week 10 9-13 November Global poverty and inequalities, Inequalities and health- social class (practical)

Week 11 16-20 November Inequalities and health: age, ethnicity and gender (practical)

Week 12 23-26 November The doctor- patient relationship in the 21st century (practical)

Week 13 30 November- 4 december Illness behaviour (practical)

Week 14 7-11 December The challenges of health care professionals- coping with stress 26- (practical)

Practicals start in week 8

Group	Day	Time	Location	Teacher	Teacher's e-mail
EM 1	Monday	9.40-11.10	NET-SZ.04	Dr. Szilvia Zörgő	zorgoszilvia@gmail.com
EM2	Monday	08:00-09:30	NET-SZ.10	Dr. Szilvia Zörgő	zorgoszilvia@gmail.com
EM 3	Monday	8.00-9.30	AVI 3 409	Bence Döbrössy	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 4	Monday	08:00-09:30	GMFEOK-SZEM-5	Dr. Julianna Boros	juliboros14@gmail.com
EM 5	Monday	09:40-11:10	NET-SZ.10	Priscilla Biancovilli	p.biancovilli@gmail.com
EM 6	Monday	11:20-12:50	NET-SZ.10	Dr. Szilvia Zörgő	zorgoszilvia@gmail.com
EM 7	Wednesday	11:35-13:05	GMFEOK-SZEM-7	Bence Döbrössy	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 8	Wednesday	13:15-14:45	GMFEOK-SZEM-7	Dr. Edmond Girasek	girasek.edmond@semmelweis-univ.hu

EM 9	Tuesday	8.00-930	NET SZEM 9	Dr. Julianna Boros	juliboros14@gmail.com
EM 10	Tuesday	12.30-1400	NET szem 7	Dr. Szilvia Zörgő	zorgoszilvia@gmail.com

Lectures are held from week 1 to week 7.

Requirements for getting the signature:

Participation in at least 75% of the practicals and completion of the project work

Project work:

Student will be given topic related tasks during the practicals which they will have to complete in groups in order to get the signature.

The tasks will involve finding topic related data in class, interpreting it and presenting it to the group, relating the topics discussed in class to the students' own countries and experiences and sharing it with others, reading articles and summarising them and participating in games and activities. More information will be provided separately.

Assessment:

Written final exam to be held during the examination period consisting of multiple choice questions, true or false questions and an essay type case analysis based on lecture materials and the textbook.

Grades:

0-50 points - 1

51- 60 points -2

61-74 points -3

75-84 points -4

85 points and over- 5

Study material for the exam:

Graham Scrambler (ed) Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine, Palgrave Macmillan 2018- selected chapters only.

Lecture notes and handouts posted on Moodle