

**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- 1430 There are no practicals in week 1-7, just lectures.

**Week 1: 6, September** Introduction to medical sociology, basic concepts and principles. (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

**Week 2: 13, September** Health and illness in society, a historical transformation of mortality and morbidity patterns. (lecture Bence Döbrössy)

Read chapter 1 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 3: 20, September** Social stratification, social inequalities and health (lecture Bence Döbrössy )

Read chapter 8 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 4: 27, September** Intercultural healthcare (lecture Bence Döbrössy )

Read chapter 10 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 5: 4, October** Health care systems (Lecture Dr Edmond Girasek)

Read chapter 16 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 6 11, October** The challenges of digital health (lecture Dr Zsuzsa Györffy )

Read chapter 15 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 7 18, October** COVID and society- Revision of the sociological issues (Lecture Dr. Edmond Girasek)

**Week 8 24-28 October** Preparation for project work and for health care system workshop (practical)

**Week 9 2-4 November** Health care systems workshop (practical) (no class on Tuesday)

**Week 10 7-11 November** Global poverty and inequalities, Inequalities and health- social class (practical)

Read chapter 10 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 11 14-18 November** Inequalities and health: age, ethnicity and gender (practical)

Read chapter 9 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 12 21-24 November** The doctor- patient relationship in the 21st century (practical)

Read chapter 5 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 13 28 November- 2 December** Illness behaviour (practical)

Read chapter 4 of Graham Scrambler (ed) *Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine*

**Week 14 5-9 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	Bence Döbrössy	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM2	Monday	12.15-13.45	NET-SZ.10	Dr. Edmond Girasek	girasek.edmond@semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 3	Wednesday	15.00-16.30	eok 2	Dr. Julianna Boros	juliboros14@gmail.com

EM 4	Monday	08:00-09:30	GMFEOK-SZEM-7	Dr. Julianna Boros	juliboros14@gmail.com
EM 5	Monday	08.00-930	EOKszem 0	Lea Pölczman	polczmanlea@gmail.com
EM 6	Tuesday	12.00-13-31	EOK 2	Dr. Edmond Girasek	girasek.edmond@semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 7	Tuesday	8.00-9.30	NET-SZEM-1	Döbrössy Bence	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 8	Wednesday	14:20-15:50	GMFEOK-BEKESY	Döbrössy Bence	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 9	Tuesday	8.00-930	NET SZEM 9	Dr. Girasek Edmond	girasek.edmond@semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 10	Tuesday	12.30-1400	NET szem 7	Bence Döbrössy	dobrossy.bence@med.semmelweis-univ.hu
EM 11	Tuesday	15.10-16.40	NET 10	Dr. Zsuzsa Györffy	gyorffy.zsuzsa.mail@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