

COURSE SYLLABUS

Semmelweis University Faculty of Dentistry, Dentistry

Name of the course: Medical Sociology

Credit value: 1

Lessons (in hours in the whole semester): 28 from this, **lectures:** 12 **practicals:** 16 **seminars:**

Type of the course: compulsory obligatory elective elective

Semester in which it is announced according to the curriculum: Second

Frequency of announcement (per semester or year): Once per year

The responsible educational and research organizational unit for teaching the subject:

Institute of Behavioural Sciences, SE, Faculty of Medicine

Academic year: 2024/ 25

Subject (Neptun) code: FOKVMAG235_1A

Lecturer of the course: Prof. Dr. Purebl György

Academic position: Director of the Institute and Professor

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The goals and place of the course in regards to the education of dental students:

The aim of this course is to help students realise that social factors have a considerable influence on oral/dental health and dentistry. Social, economic and cultural factors have a great effect on the dentist-patient relationship, the way people make sense of their symptoms and seek dental help, their oral/ dental health related behaviour as well as on the aetiology of oral and dental conditions. By understanding how different societies are structured and organised and how the categories people belong to (gender, ethnicity, occupation, educational level, financial situation to name but a few) shape all aspects of their lives and opportunities, our hope is that students will better comprehend the social reality influencing the dental health status of people and the practice of dentistry for dentists.

Location of the course (address of lecture hall, seminar room etc.):

Nagyvárad téri Elméleti Tömb, 1089 Budapest Nagyvárad tér 4.

Elméleti Orvostudományi Központ 1094 Budapest Tüzoltó utca 37-47

FOOC, 1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi u. 47.

Competences acquired by completion of 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 dental work.
- Enabling students to understand the social and cultural factors that influence the oral 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 dental 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

Pre-study requirements and prerequisites of course registration and completion, in case of a multi-semester subject, the standpoint of the educational-research unit on the concurrent subject registration and on the requirements of permission thereof :

Number of students required for announcement of course (*min., max.*), method of selection:

All first year students take this course

Method of course registration:

Neptun

Detailed course/lecture description¹: (*to facilitate credit recognition in other institutions*)

Week 1 Introduction to sociology, basic concepts and principles. (Practice)

Week 2: General health and oral health status through history (lecture)

Week 3: Social determinants of oral health and oral health related behaviour. (lecture)

Week 4: Intercultural dentistry (lecture)

Week 5 Patient expectations regarding dentistry: the theory and practice of dental patient satisfaction studies. (lecture)

Week 6 Norms, deviance and dentistry (lecture)

Week 7 The state of the population's oral and dental health in Hungary- cultural and social factors (lecture)

Week 8 Social inequality and health inequality- gender, age, ethnicity (practice)

Week 9 Healthcare systems (practice)

Week 10 21st century dentistry technological and socio-cultural changes (practice)

Week 11 Dental help seeking behaviour, illness behaviour (practice)

Week 12 The profession of dentistry (practice)

Week 13 Medicalisation in dentistry, cosmetic dentistry (practice)

Week 14 Summary (practice)

Courses (*compulsory and obligatory elective*) which in part or entirely overlap the topics of above course:

None

Special academic work required for completion of the course²:

Short, topic related tasks are set in the practicals. Time is allocated in the practicals so that students are able to do them in small groups. The necessary material for the completion of the tasks is provided.

Attendance on practices and lectures, replacement in case of missed sessions:

75% of the classes must be attended. One absence can be made up by a special assignment

Method of checking acquired knowledge during the study period³:

Tasks are set in practicals to be done in small groups. The tasks are graded and make up 40% of the final grade. For certified absences, there is a make up possibility for the tasks, so that students do not lose points.

Requirements of an accepted semester (*signature of the lecturer*):

75% of the practicals must be attended. One absence can be made up by a special assignment

Type of the exam:

Written semi-final in the examination period (60% of the final grade)

The written exam will consist of true or false questions and an essay type case analysis where students are required to understand, explain and apply to the given case concepts and knowledge acquired in the course.

In order to undertake the exam successfully, students must know the material made available to them on the departmental home page as well as the textbook.

<p>Requirements of the exam³: The material covered in the exam: 21st century dentistry technological and socio-cultural changes Dental help seeking behaviour Intercultural aspects of dentistry Medicalisation in dentistry, cosmetic dentistry Patient expectations regarding dentistry Social determinants of oral health and oral health related behaviour Social inequalities and inequalities in dental health Socio-cultural aspects of pain Systems of dental health care provision Basic sociological concepts The profession of dentistry</p>
<p>Grading of courses⁴. The possibility and requirements of an offered grade: There is no offered grade. 60% of the final grade is based on the semi final to be taken in the examination period. 40% of the final grade is given for the six tasks assigned during the practicals. Grades : 0-50 points – 1 51- 60 points -2 61-74 points -3 75-84 points -4 85 points and over 5</p>
<p>Exam registration: on Neptun</p>
<p>Rules of repeating exams: As specified by the Study and Exam Regulations</p>
<p>List of textbooks, lecture notes and recommended textbooks, online material: All lecture notes and slides are made available on Moodle (https://itc.semmelweis.hu/moodle/) textbook: Graham Scrambler (ed) Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine, Palgrave Macmillan 2018</p>
<p>Signature of course lecturer:</p>
<p>Signature of head of department:</p>
<p>Date of submission:</p>
<p>Opinion of OKB:</p>
<p>Notes from the Dean's Office:</p>
<p>Signature of Dean:</p>

¹ Detailed and numbered for each week of theoretical and practical lessons one by one. In an annex, cannot be attached appendix!

² Eg. homework, report, midterm exam etc. Topics, dates, method of retake and replacement

³ List of topics in case of theoretical exam, thematic and method in case of practical exam

⁴ Method of inclusion of theoretical and practical exams. Method of inclusion of midterm assessments.