

## **MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Institute of Behavioural Sciences**

**Type of the course: obligatory**

**credit: 3**

**Course leader: Dr. György Purebl**

**Groups 1-11 in the first semester, groups 11-24 in the second semester**

### **Course objectives:**

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.

### **Course Syllabus:**

lectures are held in the first 4 weeks only. Location NET Zöld (Green) Lecture Hall. Time Wednesdays 1330-1500

### **Lectures**

Week 1 (10 September) Introduction to medical sociology, basic concepts and principles (Lecture: Bence Döbrössy)

Week 2 (17 September) Health and illness in society, a historical transformation of mortality and morbidity patterns (Lecture: Bence Döbrössy)

Week 3 (24 September) The challenges of digital health (Lecture: Bence Döbrössy)

week 4 ( 3 October) Intercultural healthcare (Lecture: Bence Döbrössy)

Week 5 : Introduction to medical sociology and to the tasks in practicals (practical)

Week 6: Methods of medical sociology-the case of measuring patient satisfaction (practical)

Week 7: Help seeking behaviour (practical)

Week 8: Intercultural differences: cultural dimensions in medicine (practical)

Week 9: Social inequalities I (practical)

Week 10: Social inequalities II (practical)

Week 11: Workshop: Scarce resources in healthcare at the macro level (practical)

Week 12: Workshop: Scarce resources in healthcare at the micro level – characteristics of the profession (practical)

Week 13: Health and Society – The health status of the Hungarian population (practical)

week 14: Summary (practical)

### **Participation and making up for absences:**

No less than 75% of all practices must be attended. One practical absence can be made up by undertaking an extra task set by the practical leader or by participating in the practical with another group.

### **Justification of the absence in the lectures and examinations:**

Medical certificate

### **Checks during the semester (reports, written checks):**

Students will be given topic related tasks during the practices, which they will have to complete in groups. 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 summarizing them and participating in games and activities. More information will be provided separately. The tasks are graded and contribute towards the final grade. 50% of the final grade is made up of the tasks.

**Requirements for the signature at the end of the semester:**

Doing 75% of the tasks in practices.

**Method of the calculation of marks:**

The written examination is 50% of the final grade

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**Grades:**

0-50 points	1
51- 60 points	2
61-74 points	3
75-84 points	4
85 points and over	5

**Type of the exam:**

Written final exam to be held during the examination period consisting of true or false questions and an essay type case analysis based on lecture materials and the textbook. This is 50% of the final grade.

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**Requirements for the exam:**

The material needed to study will be made available on Moodle. In order to undertake the exam successfully, students must know the material made available to them as well as the textbook.

**The material covered in the exam:**

Basic sociological concepts (Culture, structure, roles, statuses, social stratification, social institutions, social mobility)

Health and Illness through history, basic epidemiological ideas

Health inequalities and social inequalities (Age, gender, ethnicity, material conditions)

Global inequality

Intercultural factors in healthcare

Healthcare systems

Digital health cultural and social aspects

The doctor-patient relationship

Illness behaviour

Health Behaviour

The medical profession- sociological aspects

**Application for the exam:** Neptun

**Changing the application for the exam:**

Neptun

**Justification of the absence from the exam:**

Medical certificate

**Course and recommended textbooks:**

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

**Practical group times and teachers**

EM 1 Wednesday 13:30- 15:00 Ballasa kollégium Bence Döbrössy

EM 2 Friday 14:15- 15:45 EOK-SZEM-0 Dr. Edmond Girasek

EM 3 Wednesday 08:00- 09:30 EOK-SZEM-0 Bence Döbrössy

EM 4 Tuesday 09:00- 10:30 Balasssa kollégium Bence Döbrössy

EM 5 Friday 14:30- 16:00 NET-SZ.06 Orsolya Udvari/

EM 6 14:00-Friday 15:30 *n* NET-SZ.01 Dr. Julianna Boros

EM 7 08:00-Monday 09:30 NET-SZ.09 Dr, Edmond Girasek

EM 8 Thursday 12:30- 14:00 Balasssa kollégium Dr. Julianna Boros

EM 9 Thursday 13:00- 14:30 EOK-SZEM-6 Orsolya Udvari

EM 10 Tuesday 10:45- 12:15 Balasssa kollégium Bence Döbrössy