

THE SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINE

Semester: half class in the first semester and half class in the second semester

Institute of Behavioural Sciences

Type of the course: compulsory

code: AOKMAG425_1A

credit: 2

Course leader: Dr. György Purebl

Groups 1-8 in the first semester, groups 9-16 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:

- 1. Introduction to medical sociology, basic concepts and principles. (lecture)**
- 2. Health and illness in society, a historical transformation of mortality and morbidity patterns. (lecture)**
- 3. Social stratification, social inequalities and health (lecture)**
- 4. Intercultural healthcare (lecture)**
- 5. The challenges of digital health (lecture)**
- 6. Healthcare systems (Lecture)**
- 7. Sociology and COVID 19- a revision class (Lecture)**
- 8. Preparation for project work and for health care system workshop (practical)**
- 9. Health care systems workshop (practical)**
- 10. Global poverty and inequalities, Inequalities and health- social class (practical)**
- 11. Inequalities and health: age, ethnicity and gender (practical)**
- 12. The doctor- patient relationship in the 21st century (practical)**
- 13. Illness behaviour (practical)**
- 14. The challenges of health care professionals- coping with stress (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 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. The project work is not graded, but it is a requirement for the signature.

Requirements for the signature at the end of the semester:

Participating in 75% of the practices.

Doing the project work

Method of the calculation of marks:

The written semi-final is 100% of the final grade

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 multiple choice questions, true or false questions and an essay type case analysis based on lecture materials and the textbook. This is 100% of the final grade.

Requirements for the exam:

The material needed to study will be made available on Moodle.

Application for the exam: Neptun

Changing the application for the exam:

Neptun

Justification of the absence from the exam:

Medical certificate

Course and recommended text books:

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