**Sociology 40**

**Sociology of Health and Health Care Issues**

**Spring 2024**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00-12:20**

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**Office Hours:** Thursdays from 12:45-2:45 (Starting on Oct. 3)

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\*Office hours will be held via Zoom. You can sign up for office hours through the “Office Hours” link on the Modules page of Canvas. You can sign into meetings using the Zoom link on Canvas. Make sure to use the Zoom link under Modules and not on the Canvas sidebar.

**Course Overview:**

How does the society in which we live and our position in that society affect our health? How does who we spend time with shape our well-being? How are entities such as hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, and the pharmaceutical industry inherently social institutions, and how do these entities influence the type and quality of health care we receive? And finally, how does the health care system in the U.S. compare to health care systems in other countries? In this course we will examine these and other questions that are commonly of interest in the sociology of health and health care.

**Required Course Materials:**

All readings can be found on Canvas, unless otherwise noted.

iClicker. You can use either iClicker on your mobile device or an iClicker remote.

**Evaluation:**

* Mid-term exam 1. Bring blue book. **October 22** 25%

* Mid-term exam 2. Bring blue book. **November 12** 25%

* Final exam. Bring blue book. **December 11** 25%
* TA Section participation 20%
* Iclicker Points 5%

\*Note: Exams will consist of one short answer section and one short essay section. Exams are not cumulative but instead will focus on the topics covered since the last exam. Exams will take place in person. **All students are required to bring a blank blue book to exams**.

\*\*Students are required to take exams on the designated exam days. No make-up exams will be allowed.

**Section Guidelines:**

* TA sections will be held in person and section attendance is required. You are allowed one unexcused absence. More than one unexcused absence will affect your grade. If you miss more than 3 section meetings (unexcused) you will fail section. Your TA will provide information regarding participation requirements.
* Please note that your TA has discretion over your section grade.
* Section meetings will begin Week 2 and will be held in person.

**TA Information:**

Please see Canvas, Modules page

**Academic Integrity:**

All suspected violations of academic integrity will be reported to the college and could result in failing the course. While you may study together for exams, you are required to complete all assignments independently, unless indicated by myself or your TA. Please refer to the University’s academic integrity website for additional resources and information about University policies on plagiarism and cheating:

https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html

**Email Policy:**

I will try to respond to your emails as soon as possible. If you contact me by email, please do so at least 48 hours in advance. Make sure to include “Sociology 40” in the subject line of your emails.

Please note that you can often get a more immediate response if you talk to me after class or during office hours.

**iClicker Points:**

Make sure to bring your iClicker to every lecture. I will include iClicker questions in most, if not all, of my lectures and the points you earn from these questions will make up 5% of your final grade. It is not possible to make up missed Iclicker points.

**Certification of Financial Aid:**

If you receive financial aid you have to demonstrate that you are active in this course. To do so, please go to the “Quizzes” page on Canvas and completed the “Getting to know you survey.” This is not an actual quiz and does not go towards your grade.

**Course Schedule**

\*Make sure to check the syllabus on Canvas regularly for any changes to the course schedule.

**Week 0: Intro**

Thursday September 26: Introduction

**Week 1: Social Conditions and Health**

Tuesday October 1: Health Disparities - Socioeconomic Status

Syme, Leonard and Lisa F. Berkman. 2005. “Social Class, Susceptibility, and Sickness.” Pp.24-29 in *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, 7th Edition. New York: Worth Publishers.

Thursday October 3: Health Disparities - Race and Health

Williams, David R. 2012. “Miles to Go Before We Sleep: Racial Inequities in Health”. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 53(3)279-295.

**Week 2: Social Conditions and Health/Health Care Delivery in the U.S.**

Tuesday October 8: Social Relationships and Health

House, Jim and Debra Umberson. 2005. “Social Relationships and Health.” Pp. 74-82 in *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, 7th Edition. New York: Worth Publishers.

Thursday October 10: The Health Care Delivery System

Weiss, Gregory and Lynne Lonnquist. 2012. *The Sociology of Health, Healing and Illness*. Pp. 317-335; 354-376. 7th Edition. Prentice Hall.

Weiss, Gregory and Lynne Lonnquist. 2012. *The Sociology of Health, Healing and Illness*. Pp. 336-340. 7th Edition. Prentice Hall.

**Week 3: Immigration and Health/ Pharmaceutical Industry**

Tuesday October 15: Immigration and Health

Portes et al. 2012. “Life on the Edge: Immigrants Confront the American Health Care System.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies.*

Horton and Cole. 2011. Medical Returns: Seeking Health Care in Mexico. *Social Science and Medicine*

Thursday October 17: Pharmaceutical Industry

Busfield, Joan. 2008. “Pills, Power, People: Sociological Understandings of the Pharmaceutical Industry.” Pp. 411-428 in in *Perspectives in Medical Sociology*, 4th Edition. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

**Week 4: Mid-term Exam 1/People in the Health Care System**

Tuesday October 22: **Mid-term Exam 1**

\*Exam will be in person. Remember to bring a blue book.

Thursday October 24: Health Care Professionals

Starr, Paul. 2008. “The Growth of Medical Authority.” Pp.475-482 in *Perspectives in Medical Sociology*, 4th Edition. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

**Week 5: People in the Health Care System (cont’d)**

Tuesday October 29

Class Cancelled

Thursday October 31: Health Care Professionals

Chambliss, Daniel. 2008. “Nurses’ Role: Caring, Professionalism and Subordination.” Pp. 503-515 in *Perspectives in Medical Sociology*, 4th Edition. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

Optional, but recommended (they are very short):

Stein, Leonard. 1967. “The Doctor-Nurse Game.” *Journal of the American Medical Association*. 16:669-703.

Stein, Leonard and David T. Watts, Timothy Howell. 1990. “The Doctor-Nurse Game Revisited.” *The New England Journal of Medicine*. 322:546-549.

**Week 6: People in the Health Care System/Health Social Movements**

Tuesday November 5: Medical Education

Underman, Kelly and Laura Hirshfield. 2016 “Detached Concern? Emotional Socialization in Twenty-first Century Medical Education.” Pp. 94-101 *Social Science and Medicine.*

Optional, but recommended:

Olsen, Lauren. “The Conscripted Curriculum and the Reproduction of Racial Inequalities in Contemporary U.S. Medical Education. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Thursday November 7: Patients as Research Subjects

James Jones. 2008. “The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment.” Pp.310-320 in *Perspectives in Medical Sociology*, 4th Edition. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

Elliot, Carl. “Guinea-Pigging: Health Human Subjects for Drug-Safety Trials are in Demand. But is it a Living?” *The New Yorker*, January 7, 2008.

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2008/01/07/guinea-pigging>

**Week 7: Mid-term Exam 2/ Health Social Movements**

Tuesday November 12: Mid-term 2

\*Exam will be in person. Remember to bring a blue book.

Thursday November 14: Health Social Movements

Epstein, Steven. 1995. “The Construction of Lay Expertise: AIDS Activism and the Forging of Credibility in the Reform of Clinical Trials.” Science, Technology and Human Values 20:408-437.

**\*You may want to start reading from *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* for Week 9 – see below**

**Week 8: The Health Care Divide/Social and Cultural Meanings of Health**

Tuesday November 19:

Nelson, Alondra. 2011. Read Chapter 5, “As American as Cherry Pie: Contesting the Biologization of Violence” in *Body and Soul: The Black Panther Party and the Fight against Medical Discrimination*.

Thursday November 21: Social and Cultural Meanings of Health

Fadiman, Anne. 1997. *The Sprit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors and the Collision of Two Cultures.* Read Chapters 1, 3, 4. Skim chapters 5,6,9.

**Week 9: The Healthcare Divide**

Tuesday November 26:

No Readings Due

Thursday November 28:

No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday

**Week 10: Comparative Systems/Alternative and Complementary Therapies**

Tuesday December 3: Comparative Models

Light, Donald. 2005. “Comparative Models of “Health Care Systems.” Pp.500-515 in *The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives*, 7th Edition. New York: Worth Publishers.

Thursday December 5: Healthcare Beyond the U.S.

Cooper, Richard, Joan F. Kenelly and Pedro Ordunez-Garcia. 2006. “Health in Cuba.” *International Journal of Epidemiology* 35:817-824.

**\*Final Exam: December 11 from 11:30am – 2:29pm, location TBA. Remember to bring a blue book.**