Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name: HLTH 350/3.0

Topics in Global Health

Course Instructor:

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Contact Hours:

Lectures: 2 x 1.5 hrs/wk / 12 weeks

Prerequisite:

HLTH 101/3.0 and Level 3 in a HLTH or KINE Plan

Course Description:

This course examines global health from a variety of perspectives, including anthropological, epidemiological, geographical, and sociological, to help understand the cultural and historical patterns shaping global health inequalities. With an emphasis on resource-poor countries, specific topics may include infectious and non-communicable diseases, global environmental change, and nutrition and maternal health.

Exclusion:

None

Course Texts (Optional):

Farmer P., Kim J., Kleinman A., & Basilico M. (eds.) (2013) Reimagining Global Health: An Introduction. University of California Press.

João, B. and Petryna, A. eds. (2013) When people come first: Critical studies in global health. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Critically discuss the complexity of decision-making in global public health at various levels
- Assess current systems and mechanisms for global health governance
- Explain the basis for between- and within country inequalities in health
- Examine theoretical models and moral frameworks within the context of global health promotion
- Critically discuss the issues and challenges associated with a range of global health topics

Course Evaluation:

Weekly quizzes	6%
Health indicators (active learning)	4%
Media reflection	4%
Health security assessment (active learning)	4%
Travel restrictions and pandemics	20%
Tests (2x)	20%
Seminar Presentations	8%
Final exam	34%

Course Outline

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Mental health and wellbeing in high income countries	Migration: health workforce
Mental health and wellbeing in low income countries	Disability and wellbeing
Intercultural approaches to health	Global health diplomacy
Medical tourism	Global health financing
OneHealth	Medical voluntourism
Religion and health	Climate change and health
Ethnicity and health	Global health diplomacy
Development aid and aid effectiveness	