Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies

Understand and assess current and alternative responses to poverty in policy, non-profit, and community-based environments;



| Course Name: | Course Instructor: | Contact Hours: | |
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| HLTH 495/3.0 Advanced Topics in Health Studies II – Fall 2024 | Chloe Halpenny | Sessions: 1 x 3 hrs / 12 weeks | |
| Critical Poverty Studies | | Prerequisite: Level 4 in a HLTH (Major or Joint Honours), or KINE Plan. | |
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| Course Description: | | Course Texts: | |
| Using a critical and interdisciplinary lens, this seminar examines how poverty intersects with various systems of oppression, the relationship between economic and health inequities, and state and community-based responses to income insecurity. We will seek to identify and challenge dominant narratives about poverty and those experiencing it, and explore the potential of alternative solutions and anti-poverty organizing. By the end of the seminar, students will have gained a deeper understanding of poverty and its underlying causes and consequences, along with the tools to engage in future learning, research, or advocacy. | | There is no textbook for the course. Course notes will be available on onQ | |
| Student Learning Outcomes: | | Course Evaluation: | |
| Demonstrate a critical awareness and understanding of poverty, its causes, and its consequences, with a focus on the Canadian context; | | Participation & engagement 20% Presentation on course material 10% Course reflections 15% | |
| social issues (e.g., hea with intersecting systen | ip between poverty and related lth, housing, etc.) as well as ns of power and oppression ableism, colonialism, racism, | Op-ed 25% Mini-assignments 30% | |
| Recognize and challenge dominant narratives/assumptions about poverty and those experiencing it; | | | |

- Communicate about course learnings using different approaches (e.g., spoken, written, etc.) for a range of audiences (e.g., academics, policymakers, general public, etc.); and
- Grow their own critical consciousness about poverty, their relationship to and attitudes about it, and their own role as agents of change in educational, professional, or community settings.

| Course Outline | | |
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| Introducing key concepts | Poverty, racism, and colonialism | |
| Explaining poverty | Disability, productivity, and in/dependence | |
| Discourses and depictions | Solutions and responses (Policy) | |
| Poverty, health, and wellbeing | Solutions and responses (Charity and non-profit) | |
| Food security | Solutions and responses (Activist and community- | |
| , | based) | |
| Feminist and queer perspectives | Pursuing alternative futures | |