Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name: HLTH 334/3.0

Health, Illness and Society

Course Instructor:

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Contact Hours:

Lectures: 1 x 2 hrs/wk / 12 weeks Tutorials: 1 x 1 hrs/wk/ 12 weeks

Prerequisite:

HLTH 101/3.0 or KNPE 167/3.0 or SOCY 122/6.0, and level 3 or above in a HLTH or KINE plan.

Exclusion: None

Learning Outcomes:

- Define neoliberalism and describe its key elements as a set of policies, an ideology, and a form of governmentality.
- Define and apply key theoretical concepts to the study of health and illness, including Foucauldian governmentality, social constructionism, and healthism.
- Identify and analyze the multiple ways that neoliberalism impacts dominant understandings of and practices around health, health care, and health research.
- Articulate connections between the personal and the structural. Students will be encouraged in identifying and analyzing links between larger structures and discourses and their personal lives, ideas, and actions.
- Engage in critical and respectful discussion with peers.
- Write in a thoughtful and critical way about pressing social issues and current events.

Course Texts:

In this course, we will use a combination of scholarly and popular sources. All required and recommended readings will be made available through the library's course reserve system and/or will be posted on OnQ.

Course Evaluation:

Exit Tickets	10%
Tutorial Participation	20%
Tutorial Presentation	15%
Journal Assignment	5%
Critical Reflection on Journal	15%
Final Assignment	35%

Course Outline

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Theoretical Foundations: Neoliberalism	Contested and Chronic Illnesses and the Limits of	
	Evidence-Based Medicine	
Embodying Neoliberalism: Healthism and	Investing in Health: Social Impact Bonds and the	
Normalization	Changing Nature of Social Services	
Health at Risk: Environmental Toxins, Consumption,	Financialization, the Asset Economy, and the	

and Self-Care	Housing Crisis
The Neoliberal University: Corporatization,	Health Advocacy and Philanthrocapitalism
Instrumentalism, and Health Research	·
The Care Crisis pt. 1: Managerialism and the	
Depersonalization of Care	