Queen's University School of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Course Name:	Course Name: Course Instructor:		Contact Hours:	
HLTH 495/3.0 Advanced Topics in Health Studies II – Fall 2023	dvanced Topics in Health		Sessions: 1 x 3 hrs / 12 weeks	
Critical Poverty Studies		Prerequisite: Level 4 in a HLTH (Major Honours), or KINE F		
		Exclusion:		
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; Examine the relationship between poverty and related 		Other forms of Participation Reading and Reflection	20% 10% 10% 30%	
with intersecting system	alth, housing, etc.) as well as ns of power and oppression ableism, colonialism, racism,	Assignment Zine Final Assignment	30%	
 Recognize and challenge dominant narratives/assumptions about poverty and those experiencing it; 				
	s current and alternative n policy, non-profit, and ronments;			

 Communicate about course learnings using diff approaches (e.g., spoken, written, etc.) for a ra audiences (e.g., academics, policymakers, gen public, etc.); and 	ange of	
 Grow their own critical consciousness about po their relationship to and attitudes about it, and t own role as agents of change in educational, professional, or community settings. 		
Course Outline		
Poverty in our community/ies	Poverty, racism, and colonialism	
Conceptualizing poverty: Causes and consequences	Disability, productivity, and (in)dependence	
Ideology and representation	Solutions and responses: Policy	
Poverty, health, and inequality	Solutions and responses: Charity and non-profit	
Housing and food security	Solutions and responses: Activism and community- based action	
Feminist and queer perspectives	Envisioning alternative systems/futures	