

Common Course Outline

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Medical Sociology

3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Medical Sociology

Addresses social and cultural perspectives on health, illness and medical practice; covers physical and mental illness as social deviance; health care as a problem of large, complex organizations; national health care proposals; health care systems in other nations; and population trends. Designed for both non-majors and students in health-related fields.

Prerequisite: (RDNG 052 or LVR 2); (ENGL 052 or LVE 2); (MATH 081 or LVM 1)

Overall Course Objectives

- Explain medical sociology's relationship to the general discipline of sociology
- Explain the major theoretical orientations in medical sociology
- Describe the application of major theoretical orientations to the operation of health related fields
- Describe the methods used in medical sociological research
- Discuss how to utilize these methods in data gathering and analysis
- Explain illness as a form of social deviance
- Analyze current national health care proposals
- Describe systems of health care in other societies
- Discuss global population trends and how they impact on providing health care
- Discuss the system and methods of medical practices

Major Topics

- Medical sociological perspective
- Major theoretical orientations
- Methods of medical sociological research
- Global health care systems
- Illness and social deviance
- Population trends
- National health care proposals
- Health care problems and issues

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty members but will include the following: at least 3 examinations

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments