

**SYLLABUS SPRING 16**  
**SOCIOLOGY 210**  
**SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**  
**M & TH, 9:50-11:10, SCOTT 123, CAC**  
**Index 04476**

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## **GENERAL**

I encourage you to contact me for any course-related reason, and I welcome the opportunity to get to know you. You can visit during office hours, arrange an appointment, see me at the end of class, email me, call me, or text me. I am always reachable by email or text. There is no printed syllabus - you can get all course information from the Sakai website.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

M & Th 12-1:00.  
Davison 101A, Douglass campus.

## **REQUIRED BOOK**

Medical Sociology, 13th edition, by William Cockerham.  
Published by Taylor, 2016.  
Available at the Rutgers Bookstore and elsewhere.  
You must buy the 13th edition of this book to pass the course.

## **REQUIRED EXAMS**

There are 3 required exams, all of which must be taken to pass the course. Exams are multiple choice. Each exam is worth 1/3 of your course grade. Your course grade is calculated by summing scores on the three tests, and then using a curve to determine the course letter grade. The curve is quite

generous - approximately 30% A's, 30% B's, and 30% C's, with the bottom 10% getting D's and F's. You must attend class and study the book to get a good grade. About half of the questions on each exam will cover material from the book and about half will cover lecture material. Please note that the book and lectures cover different material, so you must study both. You must bring pencils to the exams – pens cannot be used. No electronic devices (cellphones, tablets, laptops, mp3 players, etc.) will be allowed in exams. No texting will be allowed during exams. You must know your RUID so you can write it on the exam, because several people in the class will have the same name.

No makeups will be given unless there are severe, extenuating circumstances. Personal holidays, travel plans, broken alarm clocks, weddings, jobs, exams in other courses, and the Rutgers bus system are not acceptable reasons for missing an exam. If there are conflicts between exam days and your personal schedule, you should withdraw from the course. Makeup exams will be essay tests that some students find more difficult than the regular multiple choice exams - you may get a better grade by taking the regular exams. There will be no opportunity for extra credit.

## **IMPORTANT POINTS**

You are responsible for all material presented in both the book and the lectures, whether or not you attend class. If you miss a class for any reason, it is your responsibility to get the notes from a classmate, not from the instructor. Attendance is not taken, but you must attend class regularly to pass the course because the exams cover material from class that is not in the book. Please turn off any devices that make noise and please avoid any behavior that might distract other students. Please be on time to class and please stay for the whole class (i.e. don't walk out in the middle). Finally, cheating will not be tolerated. The University policy on Academic Integrity is available at <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu>

## SCHEDULE

Dates	Lecture Topic	Text Chap
1/21	Introduction	
1/25,1/28	Concepts of health and illness	1
2/1,2/4	History of illness and plague	2
2/8,2/11	Epidemiology	3,4
2/15,2/18	Personality and disease	6,7

### 2/22, Monday, **EXAM 1**

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2/25,2/29	Social stress and disease	5
3/3,3/7	Social support and health	8
3/10,3/21	Physicians	9,10
3/24,3/28	Other health care providers	12
3/31	New technology	13

### 4/4, Monday, **EXAM 2**

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4/7,4/11	Organization of health care	11
4/14,4/18	Hospitals	14
4/21,4/25	Managed care	15
4/28,5/2	Obamacare	16

### 5/9, Monday, **EXAM 3**

bring pencils, know your RUID, \*\*\*8-9:20am\*\*\*, Scott 123