SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE
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SYLLABUS SPRING 2018
M & TH, 9:50-11:10, SC 123, CAC

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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, text me, or call 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 11:30-12:30.
Davison 132B, Douglass campus.

REQUIRED BOOK

Medical Sociology, 14th edition, by William Cockerham.
Published by Routledge.
Available at the RU Bookstore and elsewhere.
You must buy the 14th 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 and are not cumulative, and 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 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 - no pens will be allowed. No electronic devices (laptops, cell phones, pda's, laptops, mp3 players, etc.) will be allowed in 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 cell phones, pagers, wireless devices, game players, and music players during class. Please avoid any behavior that might distract or disturb 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	Topic	Text Chap
1/18	Introduction	
1/22,1/25	Concepts of health and illness	1
1/29,2/1	Epidemiology	2
2/5,2,8	Epidemiology	3,4
2/12,2/15	Personality and disease	6,7

2/19, Monday, **EXAM 1**
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2/22,2/26	Social factors and disease	5
3/1,3/5	Social factors and disease	8
3/8	Healing options	13
3/19,3/22	Health care providers	9,10
3/26,3/29	Health care providers	12

4/5, Thursday, **EXAM 2**
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4/2,4/9	Organization of health care	11
4/12,4/16	Economics of health care	14
4/19,4/23	Medical care systems	15
4/26,4/30	Obamacare and Trumpcare	16

5/7, Monday, **EXAM 3**
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8-9:20, SC 123