

SOC244H1F: Sociology of Health Care Syllabus Fall 2016
Lecture Period: September 14th to November 30th 2016
Class time: Wednesday 2:00 – 4:00
Room: LM 162

I. Contact and General Information

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Class: **Sept 14th to November 30th**
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II. Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

1. Developing a historically grounded understanding of healthcare systems as social and political institutions, that is, the product of compromises amongst competing social actors.
2. Developing your sociological imagination. The sociological imagination is a useful skill for understanding the connections between people's health outcomes and social forces.
3. Developing a basic stock of theoretical and practical knowledge to engage as both an informed citizen and a well trained professional so that you are able to provide meaningful critiques and solutions to current issues in healthcare.

III. Course Description

This course is a 200 level course, so it is an introductory and survey level course to the complex issues in the sociology of health care and health care systems analysis. In terms of content, the course is divided into four main thematic areas: Social and historical forces, populations and social determinants of health, and the body, technology and ethical-moral debates.

The first thematic area, Social and Historical Forces, presents us with the challenges of historical analyses and the theories and ideologies that influence the organizational structure of health care systems in selected Western countries, including Canada. The historical segment of the course focuses on how health systems develop, how they are maintained, and how they can change over time. The second thematic area explores social forces that determine people's health outcomes such as social class, race/ethnicity, and gender and sexuality. The third area explores issues around the body in health care, the illness experience and the challenges that current medical technologies pose to enduring moral questions about human life. These topics will be explored in detail in specific lectures. However, every lecture will be imbued with conversations that link more than one theme at the time.

IV. Class Structure

This course is a 200 level course elective with students from a diversity of academic backgrounds, which include students from second to fifth year. The diversity of academic backgrounds and

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maturity pose challenges and opportunities as we revisit basic sociological concepts, and learn from a diversity of viewpoints and life experiences during lectures and discussions.

This is a large class with more than 100 students enrolled in previous iterations. The retention rate of students has remained at about 90%. Despite the size of the class, I invite and expect you to engage in each lecture in the form of open discussion and asking questions related to each topic. This course brings elements of active learning, thus in some classes we will develop short writing exercises. These exercises will count as in-class participation. As students you are expected to attend to each lecture and are required to be familiar with the class material in advance of each lecture.

Overall, the class structure is a lecture-style discussion with an important component of student engagement as stated previously. That means that as your instructor, I will lecture every week and position each week's theme in its larger historical and cultural context. Also, we may have a number of guest lecturers during the semester (contingent upon guest lecturer's schedules). These lecturers will share with you the outcomes of their ongoing doctoral and/or professional work in connection with each week's specific themes. Both lectures and guests' presentation materials are included in the evaluation structure of the course.

In addition to lectures and presentations, we will discuss audiovisual materials in class, and some of these materials will be part of your preparation before class. Again, there will be required readings prior to each class and all of the required readings have been included in the syllabus. I will post the required links when necessary, and I will send a structure of the class in Power Point Format in advance to each class by 12 noon each Wednesday.

Please note that the lecture aids, such as power point presentations and videos are not supposed to stand in for lecture material and notes. These materials are supposed to serve as visual aids to emphasize the points made in each lecture, they are not a summary of the class lecture, and thus there is no need/use to have them posted in advance of each lecture.

V. Textbook: TBD

VI. Prerequisites

SOC101Y1 or SOC102H1 or SOC103H1. As per university regulations, students without this prerequisite can be removed at any time and without notice.

VII. Students Rights and Responsibilities

We encourage you to become familiar with your rights and responsibilities as student. Please make sure that you are familiar with the support provided by your students' union representatives. For more information visit <http://life.utoronto.ca/get-help/rights-responsibilities/>

VIII. Student Support Systems

University life can be challenging due to academic demands, job schedules and personal responsibilities. Please make sure that you know the services that are available through the university support system (academic, financial and health services included). Make sure that you visit:

<http://life.utoronto.ca/get-smarter/academic-support/>

IX. Accessibility Needs

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations or have any accessibility concerns, please visit <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility> as soon as possible.

X. Academic honesty and plagiarism

Cheating and misrepresentation will not be tolerated. Students who commit an academic offence face serious penalties. Avoid plagiarism by citing properly: practices acceptable in high school may prove unacceptable in university. Know where you stand by reading the “Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters” in the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts and Science. For more information, please visit: <http://life.utoronto.ca/get-smarter/academic-honesty/>

Potential offences include, but are not limited to:

In papers and assignments:

- Using someone else’s ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgement.
- Copying material word-for-word from a source (including lecture and study group notes) and not placing the words within quotation marks.
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor.
- Making up sources or facts.
- Including references to sources that you did not use.
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment including:
 - working in groups on assignments that are supposed to be individual work;
 - having someone rewrite or add material to your work while “editing”.
- Lending your work to a classmate who submits it as his/her own without your permission.

On tests, exams and in-class work:

- Using or possessing any unauthorized aid, including a cell phone.
- Looking at someone else’s answers
- Letting someone else look at your answers.
- Misrepresenting your identity.
- Submitting an altered test for re-grading.

Misrepresentation:

- Falsifying or altering any documentation required by the University, including doctor’s notes.

- Falsifying institutional documents or grades.

To remind you of these expectations, and help you avoid accidental offences, I will ask you to include a signed Academic Integrity Checklist with every assignment. If you do not include the statement, your work will not be graded.

The University of Toronto treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following the procedures outlined in the Code. The consequences for academic misconduct can be severe, including a failure in the course and a notation on your transcript. If you have any questions about what is or is not permitted in this course, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about appropriate research and citation methods, seek out additional information from me, or from other available campus resources like the U of T Writing Website. If you are experiencing personal challenges that are having an impact on your academic work, please speak to me or seek the advice of your college registrar.

XI. Evaluation & Assessment

This course has multiple sources of evaluation and are intended to assess your grasp of the topics and your ability to assess them in a critical fashion and your ability to communicate in a scholarly and professional manner.

1. Critical writing exercises:

A. Three critical review papers are to be submitted at three different times during the semester.

- i. Critical Paper I: This assignment is a two-page critique of a selected readings from thematic cluster 1 (Classes 2 to 5). The specifics for this assignment will be posted on Sept 5th 2016
- ii. Critical Paper II: This assignment is a three-page critique of selected readings. This paper will contain a public policy position. The specifics for this assignment will be posted by October 15th 2016.
- iii. Each paper will be submitted in two forms: 1) A printed copy at the beginning of the class of the first, or last due date for each assignment; and 2) and digitally copy via turnitin.
 - a) Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.
 - b) There may be accommodations for alternative submission forms for turnitin submission as per agreement with the instructor. You will

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have to meet with the instructor within the first two weeks of class to determine the alternative submission form.

- iv. Submission dates for each assignment are posted below.
- v. Each paper will be written in 12-point size and only in Times New Roman, Garamond, or Calibri fonts. The paper format will be double or 1.5 spaces, and have margins will be of at least one inch on each side of the paper.
- vi. The evaluation scheme and rubric will follow the University of Toronto guidelines. You can find it here:
<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/general/grading-policy>
- vii. **Penalties for late submission: 25% per day after the final due date for each assignment.**
- viii. **Late submission procedure: You will submit both a digital and a printed copy of your assignment. The printed copy will be placed in the mailbox for the 200 Level Courses. You will send an email to your TA informing him/her of your late submission.**

B. One Learning Objective Piece

- i. This piece is divided in two parts. The first part is to be submitted at the beginning of the semester (see dates below). The second part is a revised reflective version of the first piece. The reflective piece is to be submitted by the end of the semester (see dates below).
 - ii. Guidelines for part 1 will be posted by Sept 5th 2016.
 - iii. Guidelines for part 2 will be posted by Sept 30th 2016.
 - iv. The reflective component will be assessed in reference to adherence to instruction in guidelines.
 - v. Late submission procedures for written assignments in Title X.1.A xii and ix apply.
2. 7 in-class exercises to be submitted at the end of the class as indicated by the instructor in the specific lectures. These exercises are NOT free marks for sitting in the classroom and signing your name on a piece of paper. They are active learning exercises and you are required to attend lectures. See Title XI. 1. (below).
- A. Two individual in-class exercises
 - B. Three two-people in-class exercises
 - C. Two groups of other type in-class exercise
 - D. Instructions for each type of in-class exercise will be posted during lecture.
3. 1 (one) in-class test. It is a one-hour test. This is not a multiple choice test. The format includes 3 short answers and one short essay question.
4. One Final Exam. This examination covers all the topics reviewed during the semester. This will **not** be a multiple-choice examination. It will consist of short answers and essay-type questions.

5. All forms of assessment and evaluation are subject to the University of Toronto’s regulations under the Academic Honesty Guidelines (See Title IX in this document). The University of Toronto treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. All suspected cases of academic dishonesty will be investigated following the procedures outlined in the Code. The consequences for academic misconduct can be severe, including a failure in the course and a notation on your transcript. To remind you of these expectations, and help you avoid accidental offences, I will ask you to include a signed Academic Integrity Checklist with every assignment. If you do not include the statement, your work will not be graded. The statement will be posted on BB (Course Documents).

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<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres>.

If you are experiencing personal challenges that are having an impact on your academic work, please speak to me or seek the advice of your college registrar.

XII. Attendance & Missing Deadlines and Other Forms of Evaluation

1. Attendance is strongly encouraged as there will be in class exercises that will constitute up to 18% of your total marks for the semester. These exercise will not be subject to make-up options as per University of Toronto Regulations for these matters. Students will receive a zero (0) mark for the missing in-class exercises. The instructor may provide the opportunity to write a different exercise as a replacement for ONE in-class exercise.
2. Written Assignment Late Penalties and procedures can be found in Title X.1.A xii and viii.
3. Missing the exam as programmed by the Faculty of Arts & Science policy will be dealt in accordance to Faculty of Arts and Science Procedures. Please make sure that you visit:
<http://www.artsci.utoronto.ca/current/petitions/appendix>

XIII. Important Dates for Evaluation & Assessment

DATES	ASSIGNMENT	INDIV VALUE	TOTAL VALUE	CUMUL AT VALUE
SEPT 27TH	Learning Objective 1 (initial)	3%	3%	3%
NOV 30TH	Learning Objective 2 (Final)	5%	5%	8%
OPEN DATES	In-class exercises (7)	3%	21%	29%
OCT 5TH TO 12TH	Critical Paper 1	10%	10%	39%
OCT 19TH	In class mid-term evaluation	12%	12%	51%
NOV 16TH TO 23RD	Critical paper 2	15%	15%	66%
DEC (FA&S DATE)	Final Exam	34%	34%	100%

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Note: The following class breakdown and content will be revised before the start of the Fall semester.

XIV. SOC244H1S Detailed Program of Study Winter 2016

<u>Lecture/Weeks</u>	<u>Themes</u>
	<u>Introduction: Evaluation and basic concepts</u>
Week 1	<u>Overview of the course</u> 1. Survey I 2. Introduction (syllabus, evaluations, research component, etc.)
	Materials for the class: Read the syllabus From the news:
Week 2	The Social Construction of Health: 1. What does social construction mean? 2. Health as a socially-constructed endeavor: values and institutions 3. Brief on Critical Writing: Making Claims
	Readings:
Theme: Structural Forces: The State	
Week 3	<u>The State: Social Goods and Health</u> 1. Is Health a Human or a Citizen's Right? 2. The State: citizenship, social rights and the right to health 3. Socialism and Capitalism

	<p>Readings:</p> <p>Textbook Reading on page 258 (Ch. 11)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WHO. N.A. Anchoring Universal Health Coverage in the Right to Health, Policy Brief. Available at: http://www.who.int/gender-equity-rights/knowledge/anchoring-uhc.pdf?ua=12. From: T.H. Marshall: Citizenship and Social Class (1950); in: Citizenship and Social Class; T.H. Marshall/Tom Bottomore; London: Pluto Press, 1992, Pp. 8 – 17 <p>Media: TBD</p>
Week 4	<p><u>Comparative Political Economy of HCS I:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Social Insurance systems: Social Forces and Health Care in Germany and France2. National Health Systems: Social Change and Health Care in the UK and Spain3. Comparative Health Care (4 dimensions) <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Textbook Ch. 112. Oduncu, F. S. (2013). Priority-setting, rationing and cost-effectiveness in the German health care system. <i>Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy</i>, 16(3), 327-3393. Costa-Font, J., Forns, J. R., & Sato, A. (2015). Participatory health system priority setting: Evidence from a budget experiment. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>, 146, 182-1904. Shah, K. K. (2009). Severity of illness and priority setting in healthcare: a review of the literature. <i>Health policy</i>, 93(2), 77-84 <p>Media: TBD</p>
Week 5	<p><u>Comparative Political Economy of HCS II:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Canadian Health Care: origins, structure and challenges2. Legal Structure

3. What do we get?
4. HCS as Ideal Types

Readings

1. Textbook Ch. 10
2. Abelson, J. et al., 2009. What does it mean to trust a health system? A qualitative study of Canadian health care values *Health Policy* 91(1): 63–70
3. Light, D. W. (2000). Fostering a Justice-Based Health Care System. *Contemporary Sociology*, 29(1), 62–74
4. Wendt, C. et al. 2009. Healthcare System Types: A Conceptual Framework for Comparison. *Social Policy & Administration* 43(1): 70–90

Media:
TBD

Week 6

The Great Exclusion:

1. The Working Poor and Dental Care
2. Other actors in the provision of care

In-class mid-term:

1. Contents week 1 to 5
2. One-hour short test

Readings:

1. Quiñonez, C. (2013). Why was dental care excluded from Canadian Medicare?. Network for Canadian Oral Health Research Working Papers Series, 1(1)
2. Barnes, S. Abban, V. Weiss, A. (2015). Low Wages, No Benefits - Expanding Access to Health Benefits For Low Income Ontarians. Wellesley Institute. Retrieved from <http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Low-Wages-No-Benefits-Wellesley-Institute-Feb-2015.pdf>

Theme: The Professions and Patients

Week 7	<u>The Rise of Health Professions:</u>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medical Power 2. Other Professions
	Readings:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Textbook: pages TBD
	Media: TBD
Theme: Populations	
Week 8	<u>Social Determinants of Health I</u>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inequalities and Categories: Class, income, education
	Readings:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biggs, B., King, L., Basu, S., and Stuckler, D. (2010) Is wealthier always healthier? The impact of national income level, inequality, and poverty on public health in Latin America. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>, 71:266-273 2. Navarro, V. (2009). What we mean by social determinants of health. <i>International Journal of Health Services</i> 39(3):423-441 3. Raphael, D., Curry-Stevens, A., & Bryant, T. (2008). Barriers to addressing the social determinants of health: Insights from the Canadian experience. <i>Health Policy</i>, 88(2), 222-235
Week 9	<u>Social Determinants of Health II</u>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inequalities and Categories: Gender, Sexuality and Ethnicity
	<u>Readings:</u>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richmond, C. A. & N. A. Rose. 2009. The Determinants

	<p>of First Nations and Inuit Health: A critical population health approach. <i>Health and Place</i> 15: 403-411</p> <p>2. TBD</p> <p><u>Media:</u> <u>TBD</u></p>
Week 10	<p><u>Public and Population Health</u></p> <p>1. Concepts: Public and Population Health 2. Individual Outcomes and Syndemics</p> <p>Readings:</p> <p>1. Kindig, D., & Stoddart, G. (2003). What is population health? <i>American Journal of Public Health</i>, 93(3), 380-383 2. Singer, M., & Clair, S. (2003). Syndemics and public health: reconceptualizing disease in bio-social context. <i>Medical anthropology quarterly</i>, 423-441</p>
Week 11	<p>Globalization:</p> <p>1. Concepts: Humanitarianism, Globalization and Global health 2. Migration and Health 3. International Cooperation and Credentials</p> <p>Readings:</p> <p>1. Textbook Ch. 10 p. 230-234 and Ch. 12 p. 285-292 2. Dwyer, J. (2004). Illegal immigrants, health care, and social responsibility. <i>Hastings Center Report</i>, 34(1), 34-41 3. Ruiz-Casares, M., Rousseau, C., Derluyn, I., Watters, C., & Crépeau, F. (2010). Right and access to healthcare for undocumented children: Addressing the gap between international conventions and disparate implementations in North America and Europe. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>, 70(2), 329-336 4. Scholte, A. J. 2000. What is Globalization? The Definitional issue—Again. <i>CSGR Working Paper</i></p> <p><u>Media:</u> <u>TBD</u></p>

Week 12	<p><u>The Body: Nutrition and Exercise:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obesity as health discourse 2. Healthism and the body <hr/> <p>Readings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elliott, C. D. (2007). Big persons, small voices: On governance, obesity, and the narrative of the failed citizen. <i>Journal of Canadian Studies/Revue d'études canadiennes</i>, 41(3), 134-149 2. Jutel, A. (2006). The emergence of overweight as a disease entity: Measuring up normality. <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>, 63(9), 2268-2276 3. Throsby, K. (2007). “How could you let yourself get like that?”: Stories of the origins of obesity in accounts of weight loss surgery. <i>Social science & medicine</i>, 65(8), 1561-1571 <p>Media: TBD</p>
Notes of the table:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All readings have been cited APA style 2. All readings are available through U of T Libraries 3. The readings for each week will be posted on BB a week before the respective class. 4. Some readings and other materials can be substituted as per indicated by the instructor before the lecture. 5. Assignment due dates are specified in separate table (see Evaluation and Assessment (above)).

A final thought,

In the words of John Dewey, “The most important attitude that can be formed is that of desire to go on learning” (John Dewey, *Experience and Education*). I hope that the survey of the topics and ways of thinking about health care that we covered during this semester had inspired you to learn more, act more often, and contribute as an engaged citizen in the construction of a more equitable and humane health care system in Canada and beyond.

I wish you all my best,

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