

Fall 2013 Course Offerings

BIOS 010 Bioscience in the 21st Century (4 credits) (NS) M/W/F, 10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

A multidisciplinary survey of advances in bioscience. Exploration of theme-based topics (e.g., infectious diseases, cancer, genome-base medicine, engineered biomedical systems) coupled with social/ethical considerations. Three lectures per week. Participation in online multidisciplinary discussion, writing assignments, field trips, and/or other activities. Professor Ware

SSP, HMS 090 Drugging of America (4 credits) (SS) M/W/F, 11:10 - 12:00 Dean Permission Required

Professor McIntosh

HMS, ENG 115-10 Topics in Literature, Medicine, and Health: Literature of Contagion, CRN 47425 (4 credits) (HU)

M/W, 11:10 - 12:25 p.m.

Largely focused on narratives about health, illness and disability, this course will examine individual experiences with attention to social context. Topics may include the physician/patient relationship, illness and deviance, plague literature, gender and medicine, autism, AIDS, mental illness, aging. Professor Dolan

PSYC, HMS 138-10 Abnormal Psychology, CRN 48686 (4 credits) (SS) M/W, 7:00 - 9:15 p.m.

Examines research and theory on the patterns, causes, and treatment of various forms of abnormal behavior. Prerequisite PSYC 153 or consent of instructor. Department permission required. Professor Lomauro

SSP, HMS 152-10 Alcohol, Science, and Society, CRN 48636 (4 credits) (SS) M/W/F, 9:10 - 10:00 a.m.

Alcohol use and abuse, its historical function in society, moral entrepreneurship, status struggles and conflict over alcohol. Current problems with attention to special population groups and strategies for prevention of alcohol abuse. Professor McIntosh

SSP, HMS 160-10 Medicine and Society, CRN 45983 (4 credits) (SS) M/W, 2:35 - 3:50 p.m.

Health, illness, and the health professions from the sociological perspective. Social epidemiology, social psychology of illness, socialization of health professionals, organization of health care, patient-professional relationships and ethical issues in medical care. Professor Hicks

Open only to SSP and HMS students

PSYC, HMS 327-10 Health Psychology, CRN 45984 (4 credits) (SS) T, 7:10 - 10:00 p.m.

An overview of the topic of health psychology. The course presupposes a preventative intervention approach to the problem of assisting healthy individuals to understand the relationship between behavior and health, and to engage those behaviors that promote health. This course will be underpinned with basic science and research on health psychology, but will include an application focus. Prerequisite: PSYC 001. Department permission required. Professor Lomauro

SSP, HMS, WS (WGSS) 341-10 Women and Health, CRN 48640 (4 credits) (SS) M/W, 11:10 - 12:25 p.m.

Relationships of women to the medical system. Influence of medicine on women's lives and the impact of the women's movement on health care. Professor Hicks. Instructor permission required.

POLS 354-10 U.S. Health Care Politics, CRN 48747 (4 credits) (SS) T/TH, 2:35 – 3:50 p.m.

Explores a range of health care programs and policies and their impacts on American society. Topics include the development of the U.S. approach to health care; public sector plans (Medicare and Medicaid); the role of managed care; the employer-sponsored system; the situation of the medically uninsured; the health care vested interests and lobbyists; movements for national health care; and options for change. Professor Olson

HMS, HIST, STS 397-10 Social History of Medicine in Early Modern Europe, CRN 49030 (4 credits) (HU) W, 1:10 - 4:00 p.m.

This course introduces students to methodologies used in the social history of medicine by focusing on a period that experienced both scientific revolution and repeated plague outbreaks. Seminars analyze the national, gendered, and economic implications of medical advances across 1500-1800 and consider patient narratives, household remedy

books, and surgical manuals. Students learn basic archival training and join a field trip to view rare books at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Professor Dimeo

Summer 2013 Course Offerings

Summer I

PHIL, REL, HMS 116-10 Bioethics, CRN 21643 (4 credits) (HU) T/TH, 7:00 - 9:50 p.m.

Moral issues that arise in the context of health care and related biomedical fields in the United States today, examined in the light of the nature and foundation of moral rights and obligations. Topics include: confidentiality, informed consent, euthanasia, medical research and experimentation, genetics, the distribution of health care, etc. Professor Steffen

HMS 170-10 Medical Humanities, CRN 21488 (4 credits) (HU) On-Line

The focus on individual voices and particular historical moments in the humanities disciplines has much to add to our understanding of health and illness. This course will take up ethical, historical, and literary approaches to health. The course can count as the core course for the minor (instead of HMS/SSP160), or it can be taken as one of the three electives. Professor Dolan

SSP, GCP, GS, HMS 322-10 Global Health Issues, CRN 21645 (4 credits) (SS) On-Line

Examines the sociological dimensions of health, illness, and healing as they appear in different parts of the world. Focuses on patterns of disease and mortality around the world, with special emphasis on major epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, and malaria; the relative importance of 'traditional' and 'modern' beliefs and practices with regard to disease and treatment in different societies; the organization of national health care systems in different countries; and the role of international organizations and social movements in promoting health. Professor Austin

SSP, HMS, WS (WGSS) 341-10 Women and Health, CRN 21648 (4 credits) (SS) T/TH, 6:00 - 8:50 p.m.

Relationships of women to the medical system. Influence of medicine on women's lives and the impact of the women's movement on health care. Instructor permission required Professor Hicks

POLS 354-10 U.S. Health Care Politics, CRN 20657 (4 credits) (SS) T/TH, 9:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Explores a range of health care programs and policies and their impacts on American society. Topics include the development of the U.S. approach to health care; public sector plans (Medicare and Medicaid); the role of managed care; the employer-sponsored system; the situation of the medically uninsured; the health care vested interests and lobbyists; movements for national health care; and options for change. Professor Olson

PSYC, HMS 386-10 Psychological Perspectives on Health and Illness in Children and Adolescents, CRN 21650 (4 credits) (SS)

M/T/W/TH, 2:00 - 3:35 p.m.

Focuses on developmental research and theory related to health and wellness issues in children and adolescents. Topics include children's understanding of biology and disease, disease management, medical consent, education and policy efforts to promote children's health. Prerequisite: PSYC 107 or consent of instructor. Department permission required. (Advanced Psychology Seminar) Professor Barrett

Summer Session II

PHIL, REL, HMS 116-11 Bioethics, CRN 21845 (4 credits) (HU) M,T, W, TH, 12:00 -1:45 p.m.

Moral issues that arise in the context of health care and related biomedical fields in the United States today, examined in the light of the nature and foundation of moral rights and obligations. Topics include: confidentiality, informed consent, euthanasia, medical research and experimentation, genetics, the distribution of health care, etc. Professor Schmidt

HMS 170-11 Medical Humanities, CRN (4 credits) (HU) On-Line

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our understanding of health and illness. This course will take up ethical, historical, and literary approaches to health. The course can count as the core course for the minor (instead of HMS/SSP160), or it can be taken as one of the three electives. Professor Dolan

PSYC, HMS, WS (WGSS) 334 10 The Psychology of Body Image and Eating Disorders, CRN 21473 (4 credits) (SS) T/TH 6:00 – 8:50 p.m.

The course addresses the psychosocial aspects of the development of healthy and unhealthy body image and eating disorders. The roles of personality traits/individual factors, family and interpersonal functioning, and cultural factors will be examined, as will the impact of representations of body image in mass media. Public health and psychological interventions for prevention and treatment will be explored. Personal accounts/memoirs, clinical case presentations, and documentary and dramatic films will be incorporated in the presentation of topics. Professor Lomauro

Spring 2013 Course Offerings

HMS, REL, PHIL 116 BioEthics CRN 18285 (4 credits) (HU)

Moral issues that arise in the context of health care and related biomedical fields in the United States today, examined in the light of the nature and foundation of moral rights and obligations. Topics include: confidentiality, informed consent, euthanasia, medical research and experimentation, genetics, the distribution of health care, etc. Professor Schmidt; M/W/F 12:10 - 1:00

HMS, HIST, STS 118 History of Modern Medicine CRN 17734 (4 credits) (HU)

Introduction to Western medical history from the 18th century to the present day. Students will explore patient/practitioner relationships, examine changing ideas concerning health, sickness, and disease, chart changes in hospital care and medical education, and tackle topics such as eugenics, medical experimentation, and health insurance.

Professor Higgins; M/W 11:10 - 12:25

HMS, SSP 152 Alcohol, Science, and Society CRN 15336 (4 credits) (SS)

Alcohol use and abuse, its historical function in society, moral entrepreneurship, status struggles and conflict over alcohol. Current problems with attention to special population groups and strategies for prevention of alcohol abuse. Professor McIntosh; M/W/F 9:10 - 10:00

HMS 180 Introduction to Public Health CRN 17421 (4 credits) (SS)

This course provides historical perspective on the contributions and roles of public health; introduces health status indicators of morbidity and mortality, concepts of rate, causation, and public health surveillance and vital statistics; and addresses determinants of health from an environmental, social, behavioral perspective. Aspects of health care delivery will be addressed from a population perspective and organizational structure. Course can count as the core course for the minor (instead of HMS/SSP160), or taken an elective

Professor Coyle; M/W 12:45 - 2:00 HMS students can register without permission, all others need DEPT approval

HMS, WS (WGSS) 197 Breast-Feeding and Public Health CRN 17868 (4 credits) (HU)

Although a seemingly private issue, the subject of infant breastfeeding has long been informed by public and medical trends. This course will examine breastfeeding from an interdisciplinary public health perspective. Historical and social contexts that shape our understanding of this practice will be considered, from breastfeeding in public to commercialization. We will also consider health concerns for mothers and infants (including emotional and psychological as well as physical), health disparities, and strategies for supporting freely chosen breastfeeding practices. This course also includes an experiential learning component in which students will help create sustainable infrastructure changes based on best-practice strategies and local community needs.

Professor Martell; M/W 2:35 - 3:50 Open only to HMS and WS majors/minors

HMS 291 Independent Study CRN 16273 (1-4 credits) (SS or HU)

Independent research and reading with a faculty member. After receiving initial approval from the HMS director, the student must prepare an independent study proposal, with readings and assignments, in consultation with a

professor who agrees to direct the independent study. Open only to declared HMS minors who have completed HMS 160, 170 or 180 in a previous term.
Professor Dolan; Instructor permission required.

HMS, PHIL, REL 295 Research Ethics CRN 18284 (4 credits) (HU)

Research with human and animal subjects carries with it a host of ethical and legal obligations. Topics include the history of human subjects research; ethical use of placebo studies; the ethics of research in developing countries; whether there is an ethical obligation to volunteer to be a research subject.
Professor Davis; T/TH 1:10 - 2:25

HMS, PSYC 305 Abnormal Psychology CRN 15096 (4 credits) (SS)

Examines research and theory on the patterns, causes, and treatment of various forms of abnormal behavior.
Prerequisite PSYC 153 or consent of instructor.
Professor Lomauro; T 7:10 - 10:00 Department permission may be required.

HMS, SSP, GCP, GS 322 Global Health Issues CRN 17418 (4 credits) (SS)

Examines the sociological dimensions of health, illness, and healing as they appear in different parts of the world. Focuses on patterns of disease and mortality around the world, with special emphasis on major epidemics such as HIV/AIDS, and malaria; the relative importance of 'traditional' and 'modern' beliefs and practices with regard to disease and treatment in different societies; the organization of national health care systems in different countries; and the role of international organizations and social movements in promoting health.
Professor Austin; M/W 12:45 - 2:00 Writing Intensive

HMS, JOUR, ES, STS 323 Health and Environmental Controversies (Spring) CRN 15800 (4 credits) (SS)

Exploration of health and environmental controversies from the perspectives of scientific uncertainty and mass media coverage. Examines genetic engineering, biotechnology, environmental health risks, and nanotechnology. Includes discussion of ethical and social responsibilities and interactions with the public.
Professor Friedman; T/TH 10:45 - 12:00

ANTH 160 Medical Anthropology (Health, Illness & Healing) CRN 17901 (4 credits) (SS)

Introduction to medical anthropology, a field of study that examines how conceptions of illness and health and methods of healing vary over time and across cultures. Introduces a number of culturally specific approaches to health and illness, including Western biomedicine, and aims to provide a broad understanding of the relationship between culture, illness, and healing.
Professor Whitehouse; T/TH 10:45 - 12:00