

COURSE OUTLINE:

Jan. 15 WED	Overview of the course
17 FRI	Medicine and Disease in History
20 MON	MLK Holiday – Class will not meet
22 WED	The Process of Medicalization
24 FRI	Video – “Unnatural Causes: Sickness and Health”
27 MON	The Process of Medicalization
29 WED	The Organization of Medical Care in the U.S.
31 FRI	Class Will Not Meet
Feb. 3 MON	Video – “Unnatural Causes: An American Dilemma”
5 WED	The Organization of Medical Care in the U.S.
7 FRI	QUIZ #1
10 MON	Video – “Rx for Health: Disease Warriors”
12 WED	Social Definitions of Health
14 FRI	The British National Health Service
17 MON	The British National Health Service
19 WED	Video – “Rx for Health: Rise of the Superbugs”
21 FRI	Class Will Not Meet
24 MON	The Causes of Death in the U.S.
26 WED	The Causes of Death in the U.S.
28 FRI	Discussion Day
3 MON	QUIZ #2
5 WED	Cancer: The Sociology of a Modern Disease
7 FRI	Class Will Not Meet
17 MON	Cancer: How to Reduce Your Risks
19 WED	Cancer: Origins and Myths
21 FRI	Discussion Day
24 MON	Alternative Forms of Health Care
26 WED	Video – “Trade Secrets”
28 FRI	Issues of Mental Health
31 MON	Ethical Issues in Health Care
Apr. 2 WED	QUIZ #3
4 FRI	Class Will Not Meet

7 MON Diet and Health
9 WED Class Presentations
11 FRI Class Presentations

14 MON Video – “Food, Inc.”
16 WED Cost, Quality, and Access as Policy Issues
18 FRI Cost, Quality, and Access as Policy Issues

21 MON Discussion Day
23 WED Video – “Sick Around the World”
25 FRI Class Will Not Meet

24 MON QUIZ #4

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TEXTS: Medical Sociology. William Cockerham, 12th Edition
The Sociology of Health and Illness: Critical Perspectives.
Peter Conrad & Valerie Leiter, 9th Edition
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READING ASSIGNMENTS:

QUIZ #1: C1, C2, C3, C14; Conrad & Schneider, p. 216; Syme & Berkman, p. 28
QUIZ #2: C6, C5, C7, C16: Gabe, p. 565; McKnight, p. 596
QUIZ #3: C8, C13, C11, C10: Zola, p. 497; McKinlay & McKinlay, p. 10
QUIZ #4: C12, C9, C15; Light, p. 373: Bodenheimer & Grumbach, p. 326
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GRADING POLICY:

Four essay exams each count 25 points for a total of 100 points. Your final grade in the course will reflect your rank among all students enrolled in the course. The plus/minus grading system will be employed in Soc 230.

*******ATTENDANCE:**

Each absence above three will reduce your total score by one point. In order to do well in Soc 230, you will need to attend every class meeting as very little of the lecture material comes from either text. Class starts promptly at 10:45am. *Coming to class late will constitute an absence and will not be tolerated.*

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Soc 230 is an introductory course designed to acquaint the first-time student of medical sociology with the most significant issues and findings in the field.
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OFFICE HOURS: IT IS BEST TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

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The Oxford College Honor Code is in full effect for every aspect of Soc 230. Each time you sign your name to any required work, including the attendance sheet, you are pledging yourself to the Honor Code. Signing another student’s name on any

**attendance sheet is a violation of the Honor Code. Each student is held to both the
Honor and Conduct Codes as articulated in the most recent Oxford College Catalog.**
