

Western University
Health Science
HS1002B: Social Determinants of Health
Course Outline - Winter 2019

Time: Tues. 11:30-12:30pm, Thursday 10:30-12:30pm

Tutorials: Tuesday 12:30-1:30pm

Location: HSB40

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Course Description

This course introduces students to key social determinants of health and orients students to viewing health in relation to social factors and social justice. Students will be introduced to basic terms, concepts, and measurements related to health, public health population health and health inequalities.

Antirequisite: The former Health Sciences 1000

*Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites”

Course Objectives

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- Differentiate between personal and social determinants of health;
- Recognize and describe the impact(s) of key social determinants of health in Canadian and global contexts
- Understand the importance of the ‘social determinants of health’ lens in analyzing and seeking to reduce suffering, disease, inequalities in health and care
- Better grasp what is involved in developing sustainable and culturally sensitive interventions for improved health and health care

Course Material and Required Readings:

1. This course includes weekly readings, which students are expected to come to class having read. The readings will come primarily from the course textbook *Social Determinants of Health: Canadian Perspectives, Third Edition* edited by Dennis Raphael, available at the university bookstore. Additional readings will be posted on OWL.
2. Announcements and updates to course material will be posted to OWL. Please check the course website regularly to ensure you stay on up to date and on track.

If you require this information in an alternative/accessible format, please contact the School of Health Studies Administrator Emericks Rivas erivas@uwo.ca.

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic
Tuesday, January 8 th	Introduction to the Course
Thursday, January 10 th	What are Social Determinants of Health and Why do they Matter?
Tuesday January 15 th	Global Perspectives on Social Determinants of Health
Thursday January 17 th	Food Security and Nutrition
Tuesday January 22 nd	Working Conditions
Tuesday January 24 th	Working Conditions Case Study: Film Screening of 'Maquilopolis'
Tuesday January 29 th	Film Analysis and Midterm Review
Thursday January 31st	Midterm #1
Tuesday, February 5 th	Water, Sanitation and Urbanization
Thursday, February 7 th	Environmental Degradation
Tuesday, February 12 th	Environmental Degradation Case Study: Chemical Valley, Ontario
Thursday February 14 th	Social Marginalization: Gender and Sexuality

February 19 th & 21 st	Reading Week: No Classes
Tuesday, February 26 th	Gender and Sexuality Case Study: Ontario Sex Ed Curriculum
Thursday, February 28 th	Race and Social Exclusion
Tuesday, March 5 th	Midterm Review
Thursday, March 7th	Midterm #2
Tuesday March 12 th :	Race and Social Exclusion Case Study: Maternal Health Discrepancies by Race in the US
Thursday, March 14 th	Immigration Status
Tuesday, March 19 th	Immigration Status Case Study: Social Determinants of HIV among immigrants from Caribbean Nations *Guest Speaker
Thursday, March 21 st	Colonialism as Social Determinant of Health
Tuesday, March 26 th	Social Determinants in Indigenous Communities *Guest Speakers
Thursday March 28 th	Implications of Social Determinants for Policy and Practice
Tuesday, April 4 th	Course Conclusion
Thursday April 9 th	Exam Review – the Professor and Tas will be available in class from 11:30-12:20 to answer questions and concerns

Course Evaluations

Student progress in the course will be evaluated through 3 exams.

Midterm Exam #1: 30% January 31st

Midterm Exam #2: 35% March 7th

Final Exam: 35% During Final Exam Period

Midterms will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will be a 1hr and 45 minutes in duration. No student will be allowed to leave the exam room until the exam is at least 30 minutes underway.

The final exam will include multiple choice, short answer and longer answer formats. Date and time to be announced as part of Western University's final exam schedule.

*Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating

Grading Policy

The university-wide descriptor of the meaning of letter grades, as approved by Senate:

A+	90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A	80-89	Superior work that is clearly above average
B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable.
F	below 50	Fail

It is expected that the grades for this course will fall 68-72. In the event that the course average falls outside this range, a constant may be added (or subtracted) from each student's grade, by the instructor, to bring the class average in line with school policy.

Statement on the Use of Electronic Devices

During Lectures and Tutorials: Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture and tutorial periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers, to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. **Unless explicitly noted otherwise, you may not make audio or video recordings of lectures – nor may you edit, re-use, distribute, or re-broadcast any of the material posted to the course website.**

During Exams: Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any of the following electronic devices during ANY of the tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations: cellphones, smart phones, smart watches, smart glasses, audio players or recorders of any sort, video cameras, video games, DVD players, televisions, laptop/notebook/netbook computers, flashlights or laser pointers.

Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Statement on Health and Wellness

As part of a successful undergraduate experience at Western, we encourage you to make your health and wellness a priority. Western provides several on-campus health-related services to help you achieve optimum health and engage in healthy living while pursuing your degree. For

example, to support physical activity, all students receive membership in Western's Campus Recreation Centre as part of their registration fees. Numerous cultural events are offered throughout the year. Please check out the Faculty of Music web page (<http://www.music.uwo.ca/>), or the McIntosh Gallery (<http://www.mcintoshgallery.ca/>). Further information regarding health and wellness-related services available to students may be found at <http://www.health.uwo.ca/>.

If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. To help you learn more about mental health, Western has developed an interactive mental health learning module, found here: https://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/education/module.html.

Statement on Accommodation for Illness

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Documentation is required for non-medical absences where the course work missed is more than 10% of the overall grade. Students may contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office for what documentation is needed.

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student's Faculty of registration. For BHSc students, you may go to the School of Health Studies Office in HSB room 222.

Support Services:

There are various support services around campus and these include, but are not limited to:

1. Student Development Centre -- <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>

2. Student Health -- <http://www.shs.uwo.ca/student/studenthealthservices.html>
3. Registrar's Office -- <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>
4. Ombuds Office -- <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/>