



University of Nicosia, Cyprus

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| <b>Course Code</b><br>SOC-275                    | <b>Course Title</b><br>Sociology of Health | <b>ECTS Credits</b><br>6                         |
| <b>Department</b><br>Life and Health<br>Sciences | <b>Semester</b><br>Fall, Spring            | <b>Prerequisites</b><br>SOC-101                  |
| <b>Type of Course</b><br>Elective                | <b>Field</b><br>Sociology                  | <b>Language of Instruction</b><br>English, Greek |
| <b>Level of Course</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle  | <b>Year of Study</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup>    | <b>Lecturer(s)</b><br>Dr Costas S. Constantinou  |
| <b>Mode of Delivery</b><br>Face-to-face          | <b>Work Placement</b><br>N/A               | <b>Co-requisites</b><br>None                     |

**Objectives of the Course:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce the main sociological theories and research methods as applied to health
- help students think sociologically
- apply the main sociological theories to explain health issues
- equip students with skills to understand real social and health issues such as the illness experience, health inequalities, medicalisation etc
- involve student in class discussion for social analysis of health issues

**Learning Outcomes:**

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. evaluate the usefulness of the main sociological theories
2. critically assess the principles of research
3. utilize theories to explain health issues
4. analyze social phenomena by adopting a critical approach
5. develop solid writing skills
6. develop a solid background for succeeding in second year sociology courses

**Course Contents:**

1. Sociological imagination
2. Social research methods
3. Functionalism, health and suicide
4. The political economy of health

5. Social interactionism and the illness experience
6. Sociology and the body
7. Social control
8. Michel Foucault and institutionalisation
9. Social perception of health
10. Health inequalities
11. Chronic illness and stigmatization
12. Illness narratives
13. AIDS, cancer, diabetes and kidney failure

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Discussions

**Assessment Methods:**

Participation, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

| Authors         | Title                                      | Publisher         | Year | ISBN           |
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| Μάρκος Σαρρής   | Κοινωνιολογία της Υγείας και Ποιότητα Ζωής | Εκδόσεις Παπαζήση | 2001 | 960-02-15220-0 |
| Nettleton Sarah | The Sociology of Health and Illness        | Polity            | 2006 | 0-7456-2828-1  |

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