

SOC 427/SOC 5427 THE SOCIOLOGY OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE

3 Credit hours

Course Description:

An analysis of human adaptation to illness and the sick role; the social organization of health care; the socialization of health care professionals; patient-professional relationships and death.

Course Objectives:

- Explore major frameworks, methods and mechanics of medical and health care.
- Understand the social aspects of health, illness and sickness.
- Discuss philosophical, ethical and practical considerations of medical and health care..
- Comprehend the socialization of health professionals.
- Examine professional relationships in medical and health care.
- Explore major issues in medical and health care.

Required Textbook:

Rose Weitz. 2001. The Sociology of Health Illness and Health Care: A Critical Approach. Second Edition. Wadsworth: Belmont, CA.

Course Requirements and Method of Grading:

The course will consist of four exams and one issue paper and presentation. Attendance is mandatory.

(1) Exams

Each of the four exams will be worth 100 points. The total points will be 400 points. The test may contain questions that are multiple choice, true/false, matching, short answer essay or a take home component No make-up exams allowed, except for college approved reasons, officially documented. Make-up exams are usually essay.

(2) Issue Paper and Presentation

Each student is required to select a topic/issue and develop a 6-8 page paper. *****Note to graduate students: 10-12 page paper is required.** Topics/issues for the paper must be approved by the instructor. The instructor will provide a suggested list of topics /issues to the class. All papers will be presented by the students in class sessions. The format for evaluating papers by the class will be given to the students by the instructor. The issue paper/presentation is worth 50 points each. The total is worth 100 points.

The final grade will be computed using the following scale:

Grading Scale

450 - 500 points = A

400 - 449 points = B

350 - 399 points = C

300 - 349 points = D

299 points or Below = F

Attendance Policy If a student accumulates (for any reason) more than THREE absences for a course, each additional absence MUST be removed by writing a three page, double spaced, typed paper with at least THREE sources other than an assigned reading on a subject related to the missed class. The professor will select the paper topic. Failure to complete this assignment for each absence above the maximum allowed will

result in TWO points subtracted from the student's semester grade average for EACH paper not turned in to the professor. Papers are due no later than one week after the student's return to class or when the final exam is administered, whichever is applicable. The student assumes the responsibility to secure an assignment from the professor if absences exceed the maximum allowed.

Policy On Academic Honesty

As noted in the university catalogue, academic dishonesty violates the principle of Christian education embraced by Mississippi College. Cheating on tests, assignments and/or papers will result in a grade of "F" for that assignment and referral of the student to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.