



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Storia della Medicina e della Sanità

1819-2-H4101D254-H4101D171M

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#### Aims

The aim of the module History of Medicine is to provide students with the tools for understanding the cultural and social aspects of modern medicine, through the analysis of its historical and epistemological evolution. The knowledge provided is the basis for knowing how to properly place the activity of the physician in the current socio-cultural context.

#### Contents

Greco-Roman Medicine, Medieval Medicine, Renaissance, Baroque and Enlightenment, Romanticism and Positivism, Medicine in the Twentieth Century, Open problems in medicine.

#### Detailed program

The birth of Western medicine, from Hippocrates to the experimental Method, the discovery of the human body from the Renaissance to bioimaging. the advent of technology in medicine and the therapeutic revolution, history of clinical methodology, biomedicine and biotechnology, the concept of health, cultural and ethical implications, the evolution of public health, the concept of Evidence Based Medicine (EBM), some open questions in medicine (e.g., tumors and palliative care, emerging infectious diseases, medical genetics, substances for abuse, end-of-life care).

#### Prerequisites

To be admitted to the exam, students must have received a positive score at the on-line English examination

## **Teaching form**

Lectures. During the lessons, the teacher promotes discussion among students on problems related to modern medicine, involving students and asking them to report personal experiences

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Cesana G, Riva MA. Medicina e Società. Firenze: Società Editrice Fiorentina, 2017

## **Semester**

semester 1, year 2

## **Assessment method**

Final exam consists in a written test

The test consists in multiple-choice questions; students select one correct answer from several choices in order to evaluate the cognitive and interpretative skills.

## **Office hours**

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