



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Society and Health II

1819-2-H4102D013-H4102D038M

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#### Aims

The aim of the module 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

The concept of health - The understanding of the human body - Hospitals and surgery - Vaccines: controversies and challenges - Fear of Pandemics and the rise of pharmacology – The birth of Public Health - Mental disease -Quackery

#### Detailed program

The module consists of eight lessons where the following themes will be dealt with, starting from the history up to the modernity: The concept of health - The understanding of the human body - Hospitals and surgery - Vaccines: controversies and challenges - Fear of Pandemics and the rise of pharmacology – The birth of Public Health - Mental disease -Quackery

#### Prerequisites

As described in the course Medicine and Society

## **Teaching form**

Every lesson consists in frontal teaching and group work. The teacher provides ancient and modern texts on subjects of the lecture and asks the groups to discuss on the contents of these texts.

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Porter R. The Cambridge History of Medicine. Cambridge: University Press, 2006

## **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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