



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Society and Health II

1819-2-H4102D013-H4102D038M

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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