UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Society and Health II

2021-2-H4102D013-H4102D038M

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.

Detailed program

The rise of diseases and the concept of pathocenosis. Medicine in ancient populations. The Middle Ages and the charity in medicine. Renaissance and the discovery of human body. Baroque and Enlightenment. The nineteenth century and the true age of scientific medicine. The Twentieth Century: excelsior in Medicine.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites requested by the course "Medicine and Society"

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 and to reflect on the evolution of the concept of health and of the relationship between doctor and physician.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the lectures will be recorded and asynchronously delivered

Textbook and teaching resource

Roy Porter. The Cambridge History of Medicine. Cambridge University Press

Semester

semester 1, year 2

Assessment method

Final exam: written test with closed multiple-choice questions with only one correct answer (12 questions) and short-answer questions (2 questions), in order to assess the basic knowledge and understanding of a topic and to evaluate the cognitive and interpretative skills.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the exam can be done online

Office hours

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