UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Health Sociology

2627-1-K0102D002-K0102D00203

Aims

The course aims to analyze the complex interaction between health and society, thus exploring the social dimensions connected to health.

Contents

Epistemology of Health and Sociological Models. Social Inequalities and Determinants of Health.
Sociology of Health Organizations. Care Report and new health scenarios.

Detailed program

Concepts and paradigms of sociology; the institutional construction of sociological knowledge of health and medicine; contemporary configurations of health sociology in Italy; disease, illness and sickness: the dimensions of the disease; health, illness and care as social phenomena; the influence of social determinants on health; inequalities in access to health services; narratives of illness and medicine vs. Net; the relationship between individual, family, community and health system; organizational and relational dynamics in health services; demographic and social changes affecting healthcare needs; the future sustainability of socio-health systems and policies; sociological reading of the main problems of contemporary healthcare.

Prerequisites

None

Teaching form

Four, 4-hour in-person sessions designed to engage students interactively.

Textbook and teaching resource

Antonio Maturo (2024), Primo libro di Sociologia della salute, Einaudi, Torino, ISBN:9788806261504

Semester

First year, first semester

Assessment method

An individual oral examination based on course texts and materials, designed to assess both the student's mastery of the subject matter and their ability to synthesize information and construct arguments. An in-course assessment covering one or more course topics is also included; the format (written and/or oral) will be announced by the instructor at the beginning of the course.

Office hours

By appointment, arranged via email with the teacher.

Sustainable Development Goals

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