

Course description: SPPH 200 002 Understanding the Sociocultural Determinants of the Health of Populations (Jan – Apr 2016)

OVERVIEW AND COURSE GOALS

Our teaching philosophy is to provide an interactive, thought-provoking, discussion-oriented course.

The course introduces you to key concepts in the area of social determinants of health. In addition, you will be introduced to members of the SPPH and other UBC faculty and researchers, and their research projects and initiatives related to social determinants of health.

You will learn about key insights, applications, current debates, challenges, and remaining questions in the field of social determinants of health.

Learning objectives:

Students will be able to:

Identify the full range of social and environmental determinants which affect the health of individuals, families, communities and nations.

Discuss principles of health promotion and population health and the dynamic pathways through which these approaches can support action on the social and environmental determinants of health.

Identify competing interests in health policy and communicate ideas and opinions with clarity and respect.

Identify and use information resources from other disciplines.

Recognize and respect the diversity of other health and social care roles, responsibilities, and competencies.

Expectations:

We do our best to communicate clearly with you. If you have questions, suggestions, requests and/or concerns, please communicate them, so we can address them.

All readings and classroom presentations (lecture slides) will be made available on UBC Connect. Please read the assigned articles in preparation for class.

Students are also expected to review the UBC Academic Honesty and Standards.

INSTRUCTORS

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Note: Please always cc' your email communication to both instructors. Office hours by appointment only.

GRADING

In-class pen and paper quizzes: 40%

A few questions (short answer and/or multiple choice) covered in readings and/or class

Quizzes are done on an irregular basis.

Please bring your student# and pen/pencil to each class.

Midterm exam: 25%

Date: March 1 (in class)

Materials: Readings and class presentations.

Final exam: 35%

Date: April 12, 3:30pm

Location: Room A102, Buchanan A, 1866 Main Mall

Materials: Readings and class presentations.

Exams will feature brief responses and/or multiple choice questions.