

SOCI 3365.02: SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH & ILLNESS

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3 Credit Hours

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- Please feel free to contact me for questions and comments. The best way to reach me is via email. I will try to respond within 24 hours after I receive your email with the **exception of weekends and holidays**.
- In the subject line of **your email**, you should **identify who you are and the course** in which you are enrolled.

*If you have any **technical difficulties** while taking this course, please contact the SHSU Helpdesk for support.*

Help Desk Information: SHSU Online Technical Team

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Required Text: Rose Weitz. 2017. The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care: A Critical Approach, 7th Edition: Cengage Learning. USA

Course Description

This course is designed to explore social aspects of health, illness, and the health care system. Students will be exposed to key concepts and fundamental theories within the sociology of health and illness. The course focuses on the social determinants of health and illness, health care, and health/illness experiences. Meanings of health and illness, medicalization, inequalities in health and health care among social groups, and contemporary health care issues will be discussed with special attention to the roles of social, cultural, and institutional factors. Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or instructor permission.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students will:

1. gain fundamental knowledge of the concepts and theories in sociology of health and illness.
2. understand social determinants of health and inequalities in health and health care among different segments of the society.

Course Format

This class is an online course. This course is composed of fifteen sessions. All necessary information is provided in the Tabs on the left side of the class homepage in Blackboard. The reading guides help you to read and study the chapters in the textbook. Reading guides and instructions for activities for each session will be uploaded on the **first day of each session (by noon)**. Please look at the course schedule.

EXAMS (300 pts)

There are **three exams during the semester**. The total points from tests are worth of 300 points (each exam is worth of 100 points). Each exam will consist of 50 multiple choice and/or true/false questions. The questions cover course materials of each session (assigned readings of the textbook and other relevant readings and materials).

Each exam will be available in the indicated date (**Opening hours: 6am - 11:59pm**). You have **90 minutes** to complete it. The exam will **CLOSE automatically after 90 minutes**. Once the exam session closes, students will no longer have access. Also **YOU MUST KEEP TRACK OF YOUR OWN TIME**. You can only take each exam once so be sure to answer all of the questions before you submit the exam. Please make sure you have a secure internet connection – dial-up connections are not secure.

In the event that a student cannot take an exam at the regularly scheduled time, students must contact with the professor as soon as possible to make arrangements for a make-up exam. **Make-up exams will only be given if arranged with Dr. Choi prior to the day of the scheduled exam to be missed and only if the reason for the absence is considered valid by the professor.** Students who fail to contact the professor in a timely manner will **receive a zero for the exam**. **Students must provide verifiable documentation to justify their absence from the exam.** The make-up exams might be different from the regular scheduled exams. **There is no grade curve in this class.**

Extra Credit

Students have the opportunity to do **Four** extra credit opportunities worth a total of **35 points**. The due dates are listed in the course schedule. Students should submit their **extra credits via Blackboard by indicated due dates**. **Extra credits submitted via email will NOT be graded.** More specific instructions for each extra credit can be found in the indicated session on Blackboard. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of extra credit opportunities made available during the semester.

Grading

The final grade for the course will be based on the course requirements presented above. **A total of 300 possible points** will be available. Final grades will be assigned as follows:

270 or higher = A

240 – 269 = B

210 – 239 = C

180 – 209 = D

Below 179 = F

Attendance Policy: This is an online class so formal attendance is not taken. Attendance is monitored via Blackboard and submission of class assignments.

Academic Dishonesty: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F for that assignment with more severe sanctions as appropriate. <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/728eec25-f780-4dcf-932c-03d68cade002.pdf>

Americans with Disabilities Act: It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities must register with the Office of

Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Counseling Center and then arrange a conference with the instructor in order that accommodations can be made to assure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/9edd8433-cad5-40d1-b4bf-6a91b08f90e4.pdf>

SSD Office Location: Lee Drain Annex (next to the Farrington Building); Ph. 936-294-3512; TDD: 936-294-3786; E-mail: disability@shsu.edu; Web Address: www.shsu.edu/disability

Religious Holidays: The Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. Religious Holy Day means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation. Students should contact the instructor as soon as possible regarding any missed classes or exams due to Religious Holy Days. <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/0953c7d0-7c04-4b29-a3fc-3bf0738e87d8.pdf>

University Code of Conduct: Students are expected to assist in maintaining a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In extreme cases students who cannot comply with these requirements can be removed and resigned from the class. This is an online class. Students will behave in a polite and professional manner. <https://netreg.shsu.edu/mirror/codeofconduct.html>

Classroom Rules of Conduct: This is an online class. Students will behave in a polite and professional manner.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Session 1: 8/23 – 8/29	CH1 Extra Credit # 1: Due by 11:59pm on Aug. 29
Session 2: 8/30 – 9/5	CH2
Session 3: 9/6 – 9/12	CH3 Extra Credit # 2: Due by 11:59pm on Sept. 12
Session 4: 9/13 – 9/19	CH4 Exam 1: Tuesday, Sept. 19 (6am-11:59pm)
Session 5: 9/20 – 9/26	CH5
Session 6: 9/27 – 10/3	CH6 Extra Credit #3: Due by 11:59pm on Oct. 3
Session 7: 10/4 – 10/10	CH7
Session 8: 10/11 – 10/17	CH8
Session 9: 10/18 – 10/24	CH9 Extra Credit #4: Due by 11:59pm on Oct. 24
Session 10: 10/25 – 10/31	Application Exam 2: Tuesday, Oct. 31 (6am-11:59pm)
Session 11: 11/1 – 11/7	CH10
Session 12: 11/8 – 11/14	CH11
Session 13: 11/15 – 11/21	CH12
Session 14: 11/22 – 11/26	Thanksgiving Holidays
Session 15: 11/27 – 12/1	CH13 Final Exam: December 4 (6am -11:59pm)