

**Global Health  
Studies**

# **FALL 2021 COURSE BOOKLET**



UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
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# Fall 2021 Courses

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## **GHS 201 Introduction to Global Health**

MM 204, TuTh 1:00-2:15PM

Instructor: Imelda Moise

A focus of this course will be on Global Health and its determinants, in all countries of the world, regardless of their social wealth, and all existing resources, especially those, intended to organize health care. This course blends the methods of geography, history, sociology, anthropology, and related disciplines to expose the layers of causation and meaning beneath what we often see as straightforward, common-sense responses to biological phenomena. The course culminates with pragmatic, student-led assessments of global health policies designed to identify creative and cost-effective solutions to the most persistent health problems in the world today. The course will use a combination of readings, guest speakers, multi-media, in-class activities, and examples that highlight varying contexts.

## **GHS 301 Sociocultural Foundations of Global Health**

MM 213, MW 3:30pm-4:45pm

Instructor: Louis Herns Marcelin

The class examines the sociocultural and historical foundations of Global Health. It analyzes major global health challenges, programs and policies. Students are introduced to emerging global health priorities, social and cultural determinants of health and vulnerability to diseases and human insecurity. It compares health systems across countries and cultures and evaluate access and utilization of health services. It finally assesses key community-based and global initiatives, and identifies resources for learning and career opportunities in global health.

## **GHS MAJORS:**

Please speak to your advisor regarding the appropriate capstone course:

**GHS 498, 499, 501, 505, 506, 507, 508, or 590**

## **APY 202 Principles of Cultural Anthropology**

LC 192, TR 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: Ann Brittain

Cultural anthropology, including such topics as economics, politics, kinship and families, health systems, religion, and personality.

## **APY 205 Medicine and Health Care in Society**

Online

Instructor: Louis Herns Marcelin

A sociohistorical analysis of the intersection between medicine, health care and society, using examples throughout the world. It will reflect on 'taking-for-granted' concepts such as the 'body, risk, illness and healing' and their relationships to culture, power, and society, as well as the plurality of narratives and discourses on health and healing practices.

## **APY 413 Medical Anthropology**

Unger 506, MWF 9:15am-10:05am

Instructor: John Bryan Page

Cross-cultural and historical perspectives on health and illness in human evolution. Effects of heredity, environment, and culture upon human disease ecology. Biological and behavioral adaptations to disease.

## **APY 21 Interpreting Bodies**

MM 102, TR 2:40pm-3:55pm

Instructor: Pamela Geller



Perceptions, representations, and regulation of the physical body as a gendered and sexual site, as a source of pleasure, as a means of social validation, and as an object of coercion. Writing Credit. Lecturing will be kept to a minimum, as the bulk of the class will be devoted to discussion and debate.

**APY 512 Advanced Medical Anthropology**

MM 213, MW 3:30pm-4:45pm

Instructor: Louis Herns Marcelin

Applications of theories and methods of medical anthropology to problems in human health and disease.

**CLA 233 Ancient Medicine**

LC 194, TR 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: John Paul Russo

Provides a historical survey of evidence, practices, and ideas from the world of ancient medicine.

**ECO 386 Health Economics**

Stubblefield 408 Business School, MW 6pm-7:15pm

Instructor: Esteban Petruzzello

The course applies the tools of microeconomic analysis to the health care sector. It examines how models of demand and supply apply to the health care sector in general, and in particular to the health insurance, the hospital, the physicians, and the pharmaceutical sectors. By examining the actors and issues in this market, students are able to discuss policy issues from an economic perspective.

**ENG 240 Literature and Medicine**

Ungar 506, MW 3:30pm-4:45pm

Instructor: Tassie Gwilliam

Patients, doctors, and disease itself offer writers avenues to explore ultimate questions. In this course we will examine medicine—and these ultimate questions—as represented in fiction, drama, poetry, and non-fiction. We will consider the works in terms of both the implications for medicine and the literary uses to which medicine can be put.

**GEG 110 Introduction to Human Geography**

Campo Sano 201, TR 9:40am-10:55am

Instructor: Han Li

An introduction to the sub-fields of human geography by an examination of patterns and process in the international system.

**GEG 331 Sustainable Development**

Campo Sano 201, TR 4:20pm-5:35pm

Instructor: Jose Maria Cardoso da Silva

The concepts of sustainable development, its origins, and the global conventions associated with it. We use indicators of human well-being, governance, environmental conservation, social inclusion, and economic prosperity to evaluate how countries are making their development trajectories more sustainable. Although most of our discussion adopts a global perspective, the research conducted by students is focused on the challenges for implementing sustainable development policies in tropical and sub-tropical countries.

**GEG 337 Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, and Society**

Campo Sano 250A, TR 4:20pm-5:35pm

Instructor: Harold Wanliss

This course provides an understanding of the scientific evidence for the reality and imminent seriousness of climate change, an assessment of the societal and environmental repercussions, and preparation to communicate, prepare for, and begin trying to solve this most serious problem of our century.

**GEG 345 Global Water Security and Sustainability**

MM 201, TR 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: Justin Stoler

Explores the physical, social, economic, and political dimensions of global water insecurity, particularly the management of global drinking water supplies, through an interdisciplinary social science lens that recognizes water's importance to social equity and environmental sustainability.

### **GEG 346 Immigrant and Refugee Health**

MM 201, TR 9:40am-10:55am

Instructor: Imelda Moise

A theoretical background essential for understanding the complex interaction of migration and health. Students will gain a basic understanding of the theories surrounding the movement of people within and across political boundaries. Emphasis will be placed on the health issues experienced by displaced populations including refugees, migrants, and internally displaced persons. We will explore some of the difficulties that receiving communities face in addressing the health needs of migrants, the roles of actors involved in working with displaced populations and how emigration of a large segment of the population, either abruptly or over time, affects sending communities as well. Much of the class will consist of guest speakers and case studies presented by different healthcare professionals working with migrant communities, with examples of the problems faced and solutions achieved in addressing issues of immigrant and refugee health drawn from both national and international experience.

### **GEG 348 Climate Change and Public Health**

MM 113, Mon 6pm-8:45pm

Instructor: Justin Stoler

The mechanisms by which climate change adversely affects human health, and the policy options for mitigating our exposure.

### **GEG 412 GIS for Health and the Environment**

Campo Sano 201, TR 11:20am-12:35pm

Instructor: Imelda Moise

This course provides practical experience in using spatial technologies to address issues of health and environment. This course will provide an introductory level approach to using the ArcGIS software, so even if you have never used it, you can learn what you need. Lectures, discussions, readings and guest speakers will provide content and background. A final project will allow you to explore your own interests.

### **GSS 201 Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies**

MM 119 MWF 9:15am-10:05am

Instructor: Claire Oueslati-Porter

MM 104 MWF 10:30am-11:20am

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Online

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Conceptions of masculinity and femininity; gender relations; gender inequalities; the intersections of gender with other categories of identity such as class, race, sexuality, and stages in the life cycle; and the broad impact of gender on society.

### **GSS 315 Gender, Race, and Class**

MM 206 TR 2:40pm-3:55pm

Instructor: Sumita Chatterjee

Conceptions and intersections of gender, race, and class in historical and contemporary cultures; the impact of these experiences on individuals and society as a whole.

### **GSS 335 LGBTQ Communities**

MM 218 TR 11:20am-12:35pm

Instructor: Robert Johnson

Sociology of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgendered and Queer communities and identities. The history, methods, theory and concepts of social science research on these topics over the last half century and examines contemporary issues.

### **GSS 348 Mental Illness, Gender, and Psychiatry**

Online

Instructor: Claire Oueslati-Porter

An investigation of often unquestioned ideas surrounding mental illness, including the definition of mental illness itself, in the context of the burgeoning field of disability studies. The course focusses on giving a voice to those who suffer from mental illness while critiquing the mainstream discourse of

mental illness as articulated and managed by mental health professionals. Particular attention is placed on the role of gender in the discourse of mental illness.

### **GSS 405 Gender and Sexuality in Cultural Context**

MM 208, 11:45am-12:35pm

Instructor: Claire Oueslati-Porter

How cultural values shape our understanding and experience of gender and sexuality; how those values are produced and policed; and the impact of codes of conduct for gender relations on individuals and society as a whole within a specific cultural milieu. Writing Credit.

### **INS 101 Global Perspectives**

MM 203, TR 11:20am-12:35pm

Instructor: Dina Moulioukova

LC 170, TR 2:40pm-3:55pm

Instructor: Maria Gomez-Mera

Online

Instructor: John Twichell

Introduces students to the study of international relations focusing on the continuing threat of national and ethnic conflict; terrorism; environmental and health concerns; globalization; economic interdependence, and poverty. Students are provided an overview of the evolution of international affairs in the modern era and are introduced to the various scholarly approaches for an understanding of international affairs.

### **INS 570 Globalization and Health**

Campo Sano 250A, Mondays 3:30pm-6:15pm

Instructor: Sherri Porcelain

Globalization and its benefits and threats to public health; the relationship between global economic, political, social, cultural, environmental and technological changes and their impact on human health.

### **INS 570 Global Health and International Development**

Campo Sano 250A, Wednesdays 3:30pm-6:15pm

Instructor: Sherri Porcelain

Health and development links; macroeconomic policies and their impact on social equity; poverty and structural inequities; and other key issues that influence human development.

### **MLL 322 Topics in Comparative Cultural Studies**

LC 180, TR 6pm-7:15pm

Instructor: Caroline LaPorte

*North American Native and Global Indigenous Perspectives: Stories of Resistance and Resilience*

Cultural phenomena in various societies. Interdisciplinary analysis of the political dynamics of contemporary culture and its historical foundations with a focus on ideology, social class, nationality, ethnicity, sexuality and/or gender. Specific topics vary; may be repeated for credit if topics differ. Taught in English.

### **PHI 238 Environmental Ethics**

MM 209 TR 1pm-2:15pm

Instructor: Mark Rowlands

Theoretical and practical issues in the field of environmental ethics. It will explore the relationship between humans and the natural environment, the moral status of the natural world and the non-human entities within it, and how we should address various environmental problems and challenges. Topics to be covered include anthropocentrism vs. non-anthropocentrism, moral obligations to non-human animals, conservation vs. preservation, wilderness, over-population, agriculture and the environment, climate change, human rights and the environment, and sustainable development.

### **PHI 334 Biomedical Ethics**

MM 206, TR 4:20pm-5:35pm

Instructor: Ji Soo Seo

Fundamental issues including: the allocation of medical resources, behavior control, definition of death, experimentation with human subjects, euthanasia, and abortion.

**PHI 546 Evidence and Knowledge in Medicine**

MM 212, TR 2:40m-3:55pm

Instructor: Edward Erwin

Basic methodologies in medicine in the context of philosophical theories of evidence.

**POL 316 Politics of Globalism**

MM 100, TR 2:40m-3:55pm

Instructor: George Gonzalez

Global politics, including the political and normative values that shape global politics: nationalism, internationalism, neoliberalism, empire, socialism. The format will include a focus on energy, as energy is arguably the basis of the global polity.

**POL 341 Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Political Conflict**

MM 200, MW 7:40pm-8:55pm

Instructor: Constantino Pischedda

Examines theories of ethnic and national conflict focusing on contemporary issues throughout the world.

**PSY 426 Health Psychology**

Flipse 535, TR 2:40m-3:55pm

Instructor: Jill Kaplan

The psychosomatic and biopsychosocial models of illness. Requisite: 2.5 PSY GPA, 15 credits in PSY courses including PSY 220, PSY 290, and PSY 291 or PSY 292.

**PSY 445 Cultural Values, Religiosity, and Mental Illness**

Flipse 402, Fridays 8:00am-11:00am

Instructor: Amy Weisman

Cultural differences in the manifestations, course, and outcome of severe mental illness (those in which psychosis is likely to occur). This seminar also explores the growing body of research on the relationship between chronic mental disorders and the following socio-cultural factors: ethnicity, religious values, family cohesion, attributions of control, and world-view. Finally, we will explore cultural differences in societies' reactions to, and treatment of mentally ill patients. Requisite: 2.5 PSY GPA and 12 credits in PSY courses including PSY 291 or PSY 292.

**REL 161 Religion and Medicine: Health Care as Spiritual Practice**

Cox 145, TR 2:40pm-3:55pm

Instructor: Catherine Newell

An exploration of the history of medical care and the history of medicine as calling, as well as the changing professionalism of health care; the role of virtue ethics in the practice of medicine; the tensions between religion and medicine; the place of personal religious beliefs in health care; and the changing landscape of health, holism, healing, faith, and the science of medicine.

**REL 351 Death and Dying**

Cox 145, TR 4:20pm-5:35pm

Instructor: Catherine Newell

For as long as we have documented history on the subject, human beings have debated issues about what it means to be mortal, what it means to live well, how to die well and whether death is truly the end of life. This course surveys discourses about death and death rituals from the ancient Mediterranean (ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome) to the present day. Some of the issues we will discuss include (but are not limited to): the history of certain perspectives on illness, death and burial; the relationship between organized religious systems and death and dying; personhood; theodicy; euthanasia; suicide; and the afterlife.

**SOC 368 Violence in America**

Online

Instructor: Amie Nielsen

Issues relevant to the study of violence in the United States will be covered. While the emphasis throughout will be on street violence (i.e., homicide, robbery, rape, and aggravated assault), other forms (e.g., corporate violence, intimate partner violence) will also be covered. In particular, we will: Examine violence in historical, international, and situational contexts, examine the major explanations of violence,

and examine the factors associated with violent crime. We will also consider how we seek to control violence in the U.S.

**SOC 377 Sociology of Drug Abuse**

Eaton 148, MWF 11:45am-12:35pm

Instructor: Jan Sokol-Katz

Application of sociological perspectives and concepts to examine drug use and abuse. The course examines the historical and theoretical understanding of the social causes and consequences of drug use, as well as the correlates of use and abuse. The course also takes a critical perspective of the policies developed to reduce the harms associated with drug use and abuse.

**SPA 433 Medical, Cultural, and Bioethical Debates in Spanish**

Online

Instructor: Maidelin Rodriguez

Medical vocabulary, technical and practical terminology in Spanish. Composition based on models of the documents, letters, medical history cases required in health care professions.