The Course

Global health examines how various assemblages of global, national, regional, and local factors converge on a health issue, problem, or outcome.

Course Objectives

- Understand the material conditions – political ecology and economy – that affect health and well-being of livelihoods and landscapes are involved in the anthropogenic transformations of the biosphere
- Understand how structural inequalities contribute to health disparities in the context of globalization
- Explore people’s agency in the context of global health.

Grade Scale (based on 100%)

- A+ 95-100
- A 90-94
- A- 85-89
- B+ 80-84
- B 75-79
- B- 70-74
- C+ 65-69
- C 60-64
- C- 55-59
- D 50-54
- F 0-49

Assignments, Marks, Percentages

* There is ONE EXAM worth 30% of your final mark. Exams are essay. All exams are Moodle exams taken by students in computer labs during hours of operation. There are no lectures during exam periods. Consult your syllabus for dates.
* There is ONE PAPER assignment worth 30% of your final mark (see the last page of this syllabus for details.
* There is ONE PRESENTATION (paper) worth 30% of your final mark.
* Your PARTICIPATION in this course is 10% of your final mark and based on attendance, Moodle use, and in-class contributions.

Readings and Lecture Materials


All additional readings are available as PDF files on the Moodle site for this course. Consult syllabus for dates.

The professor reserves the right to make changes to this schedule.
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Dates, Lecture Topics, Readings & Assignments, Exams

January 8: introduction to the course

January 13 - 27 (5 lectures)

Conceptualizing World Systems, Globalization, Planetarity


January 29 - February 24 (5 lectures)

Medicine and Health


February 26 - 28: Moodle Essay Exam (2 hours)
March 3 – March 12 (5 lectures)

Global Social Medicine


March 17 – April 9 (8 lectures)

In class Student Paper Presentations (5-10 minutes)

April 15: Final Paper Due by 5:00pm
Electronic Version Submitted Via Moodle
(see following page for Final Paper information)
**Final Paper Topic and Format:** Select a global health problem of interest to you. In your paper, include the following components:

* an introduction to the epidemiology of the health problem and/or why this is a significant global health issue

* a case study of the health issue

* a concluding section that discusses the health issue from the perspective of the globalization debate that informs recommendations that may improve public health education or interventions related to the health issue that is the topic of the paper.

Some recent topics include:

- Abortion
- Acute Respiratory Infections
- Breastfeeding
- Cancers
- Child Mortality
- Cholera
- Circumcision
- Community Health Promotion
- Contraception
- Diabetes
- Diarrhea and ORT
- Ethnomedicine and Traditional Healers
- Gender Inequalities and Health/Care
- Guinea Worm Eradication
- HIV/AIDS
- Household Production of Health
- Immunization
- Infertility and New Reproductive Technologies
- Infant Care Practices and Infant Mortality
- Malaria and Bednets
- Maternal Morbidity and Mortality
- Mental Health
- Nutrition and Malnutrition
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pregnancy and Prenatal Screening
- Prenatal Sex Selection and Feticide
- Primary Health Care
- Schistosomiasis
- Smoking and Tobacco use
- Tuberculosis
- War, Political Violence, and Refugee Health

**Paper Format:**

* 5-7 pages including bibliography

* all pages numbered

* no title page (name, ID, Course title top left of page 1)