



CIEE in Seville, Spain

Course name:	DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH CARE: THEORY AND PRACTICE
Course number:	PUBH 3001 CSCS
Programs offering course:	Liberal Arts, Advanced Liberal Arts, Business and Society and Communication, New Media and Journalism Program – Spanish
Language of instruction:	Spanish
U.S. semester credits:	3 credits
Contact hours:	45 hours
Term:	Spring 2019

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The overall objective of the course is to train students to be able to define, interpret and apply the basic theoretical and practical concepts of epidemiology and public health.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Understand the concepts and functions of public health, based on an analysis of the historical evolution of the field and a critical evaluation of current models
- Analyze and understand the current situation of public health services and social services in Andalusia, Spain, and Europe
- Become familiar with the current public policy and analyze it, with a special emphasis on the health and social sectors
- Analyze and discuss the health of different populations, identify the principal problems, their causes, and the needs of different population groups, from a public health perspective
- Learn and become comfortable with the methods and techniques of epidemiologic and social research, applicable to public health services in order to understand and change undesirable health situation, and adjust service management styles and procedures accordingly

COURSE PREREQUISITES



This course will be especially useful for all students enrolled in Sciences of health, sociology, epidemiology or related areas of study.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

The course is based on two basic elements: theory and practice.

- Theory: The explanations in the classroom will address the theoretical, historical and contextual aspects of public health. Different readings will be assigned to complement the topics that will be discussed during the class, and whenever possible, the course will use audio-visual material, web pages, as well as a frequent participation of guest speakers and visits outside the classroom.
- Practice: Students take to practice some of the knowledge acquired in the classroom.

ASSESSMENT AND FINAL GRADE

CIEE classes are not graded on a curve nor is there extra credit work. The final grade will be based upon the following criteria:

Homework	20 %
Class participation	20 %
Mid-term	25 %
Final Exam	35 %

Assignments

Homework - Students will submit a total of 6 homework assignments

- 3 readings: Students should read the assigned text and write a review of the text while also giving their opinion over the theme of the assigned reading and over the difficulty of the text
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Health Education Program
- Survey Investigating Quality



Midterm -

50 multiple choice questions (4 choices). If the student passes this exam, their final exam will only be over material covered from that point on. (Should a student not pass the midterm, the Final exam will be a cumulative exam over all the material throughout the course)

Final -

50 multiple choice questions (4 choices) over material not included in the midterm, (if they have passed the midterm), if not the Final exam will be cumulative.

Evaluation

- Homework – Quality of text review and expression of student's opinion and in general, on time submission of assignment and the level of work completed will be evaluated.
- Participation – Attendance, interest, active participation, attitude and completion of the homework will be evaluated
- Midterm – Each correct answer is worth 2 points (max 10 points)
- Final – Each correct answer is worth 2 points (max 10 points)

Attendance policy

Students are not allowed to miss class for unjustified reasons. For each unexcused absence, the participation portion of the grade will be lowered. Hence, it will be very difficult to receive a 100 in the class. Please keep this in mind.

If a student misses class once without a valid excuse (a note from a physician in the event of an illness), then the professor will automatically lower the final grade by 10 points (on a 100-point scale) for each class missed thereafter. Students with 3 or more absences will fail the course.

Students should arrive to class on-time. Arriving more than 15 minutes late for a class will count as an unexcused absence. Please note that an excused absence is one that is



accompanied by a doctor's note: signed stamped and dated. Travelling and/or travel delays are not considered valid reasons for missing class.

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to act in accordance with their university and CIEE's standards of conduct concerning plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Use of online translators for work in Spanish will result in an automatic failure.

Linguistic Resource Center

Students are encouraged to use the Writing Center for help with class activities as well as for the final essay.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week 1

- Presentation of the course objectives.
- Introduction to the basics of public health. During the first week we will focus on the students getting to know the concept of public health. We will try to understand what public health is, and its evolution over time.
- **Readings:** "Public Health and the Sustainability of Public Health Programs"

Week 2

- Healthcare system models.
- **Homework:** Create a brief Power Point presentation (10 min max.) comparing the Spanish healthcare system to that of another country. The presentation should include commonalities and differences between the health systems. Students should send their presentations to the professor via email. Two of the submissions will be chosen to be presented in the next class.
- Power Point presentations.
- An introduction to SNS (the Spanish healthcare system).
- The roles and structures of the autonomous regions' programs. Competencies.
- **Readings:** "Inequalities in the Spanish Healthcare System"



Week 3

- The Andalusian public healthcare model (SSPA).
- The legal framework in Andalucía
- The Health Department (*The Consejería de Salud. SAS.*) Public Enterprises. Consortia.
- *Cartera de Servicios*- the services offered (new points)

Week 4

- Areas of public health: primary care and specialized attention
- Field trip to the Virgen del Rocio Hospital and a neighbourhood clinic.
- **Readings:** The economic crisis' impact on the health of the population and policies to address it

Week 5

- Determining health levels.
- The concept of health promotion. The Jakarta conference.
- The impact of environment and surroundings on health.
- Promoting health in the workplace (accident prevention).

Week 6

- Review session
- **Readings:** "Health and the Media in Spain"
- Review and **Midterm**

Week 7

- Health education
- Programs designed to promote health in the classroom
- **Homework:** Create a program for health education
- *Laughing Therapy* Workshop

Week 8

- Improving the health of specific groups: Maternal, Children and Youth, Elderly
- Public health from a gender perspective
- Field trip to a community center for the elderly



Week 9

- The basic concepts of epidemiology.
- The SVEA and the legal obligation to disclose certain illnesses.
- The design of epidemiological studies and classifications.
- Statistical parameters.

Week 10

- Types of epidemiological studies (theory)
- Types of epidemiological studies (practicum)

Week 11

- Qualitative methodology in health sciences
- Development and implementation of a questionnaire

Week 12

- Review and **Final Exam**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Out of Classroom Activities

- Visit to Virgen del Rocio University Hospital
- Visit to a Primary Care Center
- Visit to a Nursing Home
- Laughing Therapy workshop

Compulsory Reading

- “Salud Pública y sostenibilidad de los sistemas públicos de salud”.
- “Desigualdades territoriales en el SNS de España”.
- “El impacto en la salud de la población de la crisis económica y las políticas para abordarla”.
- “Salud y medios de comunicación en España”.



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 - Sociedad Española de Salud Pública y Administración Sanitaria (www.sespas.es).
 - Organización Mundial de la Salud (www.who.int/es).