MH903-20 Social Determinants of Health

21/22

Department
Warwick Medical School
Level
Taught Postgraduate Level
Module leader
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Credit value
20
Module duration
1 week
Assessment
100% coursework
Study location
University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

Module web page

Module aims

The module aims to give students a thorough theoretical grounding in the sociology of health and illness and health policy through analysis of concepts of health and illness, and debates concerning the social determinants of health inequality.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Concepts of health and illness

1. Lay and professional understandings of health, illness and disease;
2. Concepts of primary and secondary deviance; stigma, disability and handicap;

3. Social and structural iatrogenesis;
4. Role of medicine in society;
5. Social patterns and experiences of illness;
6. Social, cultural and psychological factors that influence health and health-related behaviour.
   Social Determinants of health inequalities
7. Economic, psychosocial, educational, nutritional, environmental determinants;
8. Measures of deprivation;
9. Determinants of inequality – poverty, race, gender and disability;
10. Impact of social and political forces;
11. Access to health care;
12. Impact of social policy.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the current debate on the principal determinants of health and health inequalities
- Demonstrate an advanced and critical understanding of sociological concepts of health and illness
- Demonstrate an ability to use critical appraisal skills
- Demonstrate an ability to evaluate and use different sources of evidence appropriately
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of written communication skills
- Demonstrate an ability to work with others

Indicative reading list

Reading lists can be found in Talis

Subject specific skills

Sound understanding of subject
Critically evaluate
Reflection

Transferable skills

Numeracy
Thinking and problem solving
written communication
oral communication
Teamwork
Organisation & time management
Use of tools and technology
Commercial awareness

Independence and initiative
Adaptability/Flexibility

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	20 sessions of 1 hour (10%)
Seminars	7 sessions of 30 minutes (2%)
Tutorials	7 sessions of 30 minutes (2%)
Private study	173 hours (86%)
Total	200 hours

Private study description

170 hours of self-directed learning
3 hours of private study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Assignment (4000 words)	100%	10 hours	Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Written feedback with the availability of face-to-face personalised feedback

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Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of TMHS-B923 Postgraduate Award in Sociology of Health, Health Policy and the Social Determinants of Health
- Year 1 of TMDS-B9C2 Postgraduate Taught Health Research
- Year 1 of TMHS-B902 Public Health

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of TIMA-L981 Postgraduate Social Science Research