

**COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM**  
for new course proposals and course amendments

<b>Department/School:</b>	<b>School of Law</b>	<b>With effect from Academic Session:</b>	<b>Valid from 2012-13</b>
<b>Course Title:</b>	Sociology of health and illness (1)	<b>Course Value:</b> (UG courses = unit value, PG courses = notional learning hours)	0.5 unit
<b>Course Code:</b>	CR3001	<b>Course JACS Code:</b> (Please contact Data Management for advice)	L310
<b>Availability:</b> (Please state which teaching terms)	Autumn term	<b>Status:</b> (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Optional
<b>Pre-requisites:</b>	Year One core programme	<b>Co-requisites:</b>	
<b>Co-ordinator:</b>	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
<b>Course Staff:</b>	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
<b>Aims:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide an introduction to sociology of health and illness</li> <li>2. To understand the social patterning and causes of ill health</li> <li>3. To examine different sociological perspectives to the study of health and illness</li> </ol>		
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>By the end of the course students will have acquired:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An understanding of different sociological approaches to the study of health and illness</li> <li>2. An awareness of the social patterning and causes of ill health</li> <li>3. The confidence and competence to understand and critically examine debates in sociology of health and illness</li> </ol>		
<b>Course Content:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction</li> <li>2. Health, illness and disease as social concepts</li> <li>3. Labelling and stigma</li> <li>4. Medicalisation</li> <li>5. Class inequalities in health</li> <li>6. Ethnicity and health</li> <li>7. Gender and health</li> <li>8. AIDS, epidemics and society</li> <li>9. Medicine, health and risk</li> <li>10. Alternative and complementary medicine</li> </ol>		
<b>Teaching &amp; Learning Methods:</b>	<p>Lecture (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Seminar (1 hour a week)</p>		
<b>Details of teaching resources on Moodle:</b>	Course outline and handouts		
<b>Key Bibliography:</b>	<p>Bury, M. (1997) <i>Health and Illness in a Changing Society</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Bury, M. (2005) <i>Health and Illness</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p> <p>*Bury, M. and Gabe, J. (eds.) (2004) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness: A Reader</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>*Gabe, J. et al (eds.) (2004) <i>Key Concepts in Medical Sociology</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>*Nettleton, S. (2006) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p> <p>* Recommended for purchase</p>		
<b>Formative Assessment &amp;</b>	Course evaluation by anonymous self completion questionnaire		

<b>Feedback:</b>	
<b>Summative Assessment:</b>	<b>Exam</b> <b>Coursework</b> 90% two essays 2500-3000 words 10% seminar presentation <b>Deadlines:</b> As per the student handbook issued at the start of term

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