

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM
for new course proposals and course amendments

Department/School:	School of Law	With effect from Academic Session:	Valid from 2012-13
Course Title:	Sociology of health and illness (2)	Course Value: (UG courses = unit value, PG courses = notional learning hours)	0.5 unit
Course Code:	CR3002	Course JACS Code: (Please contact Data Management for advice)	L310
Availability: (Please state which teaching terms)	Spring term	Status: (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Optional
Pre-requisites:	Year One core programme	Co-requisites:	
Co-ordinator:	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
Course Staff:	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
Aims:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand the changing role and status of the medical profession 2. To understand the health consequences of an ageing society 3. To examine different sociological perspectives to the study of health, medicine and illness and relate the issues examined to contemporary health policy concerns 		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>By the end of the course students will have acquired:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An understanding of the changing role and status of the medical profession 2. An awareness of the health consequences of an ageing society 3. The confidence and competence to understand and critically examine sociological perspectives to the study of health, medicine and illness and relate the issues examined to contemporary health policy concerns 		
Course Content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. The Parsonian legacy and the sick role 3. The doctor-patient relationship 4. The profession of medicine: early theories of power and authority 5. The future of medical power and autonomy 6. Trust in medicine 7. The management of uncertainty in illness and medicine 8. Living with chronic illness and disability 9. Ageing and health 10. Death and dying 		
Teaching & Learning Methods:	<p>Lecture (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Seminar (1 hour a week)</p>		
Details of teaching resources on Moodle:	Course outline and handouts		
Key Bibliography:	<p>Bury, M. (1997) <i>Health and Illness in a Changing Society</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>*Bury, M. and Gabe, J. (eds.) (2004) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness: A Reader</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Kelleher, D., Gabe, J. and Williams, G (eds) <i>Challenging Medicine</i>, 2nd ed, London: Routledge</p> <p>*Gabe, J. et al (eds.) (2004) <i>Key Concepts in Medical Sociology</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>Gabe, J, and Calnan, M (2009) <i>The New Sociology of the Health Service</i>, London: Routledge.</p> <p>*Nettleton, S. (2006) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p> <p>* Recommended for purchase</p>		

Formative Assessment & Feedback:	Course evaluation by anonymous self completion questionnaire
Summative Assessment:	<p>Exam 50% 2 questions out of 6</p> <p>Coursework 40% one essay 2500-3000 words 10% seminar presentation</p> <p>Deadlines: As per the student handbook issued at the start of term</p>

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