PHD MINOR IN MEDICAL HUMANITIES AND HEALTH STUDIES (12 CR)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MHHS M504 Intro to Res Ethics
Introduction to the basic concepts of research ethics, this course covers the historical development of concern with ethics in science as well as practical information needed by students working in science today. Format is lecture and discussion.

MHHS M520 The Culture of Mental Illness
This course explores the ways in which our understanding of mental illness is constructed, represented, and proliferated throughout our culture, by examining text and film. We will consider how we as individuals and as a society are affected by different representations of mental illness, and how this translates into everyday interaction with others.

MHHS M592 Topics in Medical Humanities & Health Studies
Study of topics in medical humanities:

The Literature of Addiction
This course explores the ways in which, through literature, certain understandings of addiction are constructed, represented, and proliferated throughout our culture.

MHHS M-598 Readings in Medical Humanities and Health Studies
Focused readings on selected topics in medical humanities by arrangement with the instructor.

PHIL P547 Foundations of Bioethics
A rigorous examination of bioethical theory and practice. Stress is placed on moral and conceptual issues embedded in biomedical research, clinical practice, and social policy relating to the organization and delivery of health care.

PHIL P696 Topics in Biomedical Ethics
Selected topics in bioethics, such as international research ethics; ethical issues in pediatrics; ethical issues in genetics
PHIL P555 Ethical and Policy Issues in International Research
This course examines ethical and policy issues in the design and conduct of transnational research involving human participants. Topics discussed include: economic and political factors; study design; the role of ethics review committees; individual and group recruitment/informed consent; end-of-study responsibilities; national and international guidelines.

COMM C592 Advanced Health Communication
A course designed to teach communication skills and practices related to health care by examining health care communication theory. Topics range across communication levels (interpersonal, intrapersonal, group, organization, mass media, and mediated communication) within a variety of health care contexts.

COMM C510 Health Provider Consumer Communication
Designed to teach communication skills and practices related to health care talk by examining transactional communication within health care contexts. Topics covered in this course focus directly upon interpersonal dialogue between health care providers and patients.

COMM C521 Family Communication in Health Contexts
This interdisciplinary seminar focuses on communication involving families in health care settings, addressing significant issues for graduate/professional students who will work with families, including students in Comm. Studies, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work, Public Health, and Medicine. Topics include communication with families about health care concerns and family-patient-health provider systems.

COMM C591 Variable Topics in Health Communication
This is a revolving topics course. The changing nature of the topic allows graduate students to explore, synthesize, and integrate knowledge of the field of communication and the particular discipline of applied communication while focusing on a single topic not otherwise addressed in the course of study.

COMM C695 Seminar in Communication and Healthcare
This course offers the unique opportunity to gain insights and better understand the challenges of healthcare communication from those actively administering care and conducting medical research. The experts, who have agreed to lecturing in this seminar, include faculty and investigators in the IU School of Nursing, IU School of Medicine, the
Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics, Regenstrief Institute, the IU School of Dentistry, IU School of Social Work, The Center for Medical Humanities, the Center for Hispanic Health, Riley Child Development Center, researchers in women’s health, mental health policies, surrogate decision-making, cellular and integrative physiology, adolescent health, intercultural communication, and drug prevention and experts in clinical care.

**SOC-R 585 Social Aspects Mental Health/Mental Illness**
This is a graduate-level course on the sociology of mental illness and mental health. Provides a thorough grounding in the research issues and traditions that have characterized scholarly inquiry into mental illness in the past. Students will become familiar with public policy as it has had an impact on the treatment of mental illness and on the mentally ill themselves.

**SOC R515 Sociology of Health and Illness**
Surveys important areas of medical sociology, focusing on social factors influencing the distribution of disease, help-seeking, and health care. Topics covered include social epidemiology, the health care professions, socialization of providers, and issues of cost and cost containment.

**SOC S610 Sociology of Health and Illness Behavior**
This seminar explores sociological and social scientific research on health and illness behavior. Special emphasis is placed on examining how social factors and conditions shape people's responses to disease, illness, and disability.

**SOC S526 Sociology of Human Sexuality**
This is a one-semester graduate-level course on the sociology of human sexuality. This course will provide a detailed examination of the development of sex research, a sociological perspective on and critique of this corpus, and an opportunity for students to develop research of their own.

**SOC 560 Topics in Medical Sociology**

**ANTH A 560 Topics in Medical Anthropology**
A conceptual examination of selected topics in the field of anthropology.
ENG L 680 Illness Narrative
Illness Narrative explores the world of medical story-telling in literature and the arts. The course proceeds from the assumption that the physical and psychological realities of suffering are intrinsically difficult to describe. Students will use their critical knowledge of narrative as it is grounded in representations of illness, pain, recovery, and transcendence. In genres ranging from fiction to nonfiction, we will read novels, poems, plays, essays, and pathographies, and we will study medical cases, films, art work, and medical humor.

HIST H546 History of Medicine
Study of topics in the history of science, medicine, and technology.

HIST H509 Topics in the History of Medicine:

  History of International Humanitarian Assistance
The subject of humanitarian assistance is of great current interest, but its history has been relatively neglected. The goal of this course will be to examine the main elements of this history, as well as its usefulness in understanding the current situation and future developments.