

HSC 4624 (Section 2916) Trends & Issues in International Health

Fall 2010

Location:	245 Florida Gym
Time:	Wednesday Evening, Periods 9-11
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Textbook:	Skolnik, R. (2008). <i>Essentials of Global Health</i> . Jones & Bartlett Publishers, Boston, Mass.
Reading Materials:	Additional reading materials are available from the <i>Bulletin of the World Health Organization</i> . These readings will be used to supplement the textbook.

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to introduce students to the various factors influencing human health conditions around the world. Current global health topics and country or region specific health issues will be the focus of the course.

Specifically, the objectives of the course are to:

- (1) develop interests in studying the trends and issues involved in global health.
- (2) explore the determinants of health from a global perspective.
- (3) identify major public health problems around the world and potential strategies for reaching the “Health for All” goal.
- (4) explore and compare health issues and services in selected countries around the world.

Tentative Timeline:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
August 25 th	Course Introduction Group Assignment	
September 1	Principals & Goals of Global Health Group Discussion – Global Health Quiz	Chapter 1 Assigned reading materials (#1, 2)
September 8	Health Determinants, Measurements And Trends Group Discussion – Status of Global Health	Chapter 2 Assigned reading materials (#3, 4)
September 15	Globalization & Global Health Issues Group Discussion – Global Health	Chapter 3 & 4 Assigned reading materials (#5-7)
September 22	Culture and Health Care Services Guest Speaker: Dr. Allan Burns Group Discussion – Health Care Services in Mexico and other countries	Chapter 6 Assigned reading materials (#8, 9)
September 29	Food and Nutrition: International Perspective Guest Speaker: Dr. Judy Perkin Group Discussion – Nutrition Issues Around the World	Chapter 8 Assigned reading materials (#10,11)
October 6	Health Service Systems & Primary Health Care Group Discussion – Primary Health Care Issues & Health Care Systems	Chapter 5 Assigned reading materials (#12-15)
October 13	Exam #1	
October 20	Maternal and Child Health Issues in the World Guest Speaker: Dr. Sharleen Simpson Group Discussion – Material and Child Health Issues	Chapter 9 & 10 Assigned reading materials (#16-19)

October 27	Environmental Sustainability and Health Issues Group Discussion – Environmental Issues in the World	Chapter 7 Assigned reading materials (#20, 21)
November 3	The Eradication of Smallpox- Pox, Politics, and Paranoia Guest Speaker: Dr. Arlan Rosenbloom Group Discussion – Understanding Emerging Infectious Diseases	Chapter 11 Assigned reading materials (#22, 23)
November 11	Working to Improve Global Health Food Security and Health Issues in Africa Guest Speaker: Dr. Della McMillian	Chapter 15 Assigned reading materials (#24-26)
November 18	International Health: The China Experience Group Discussion – Health Issues in China	Chapter 12 Assigned reading materials (#27-30)
November 24	Thanksgiving	
December 2	Group Project Presentations	
December 9	Exam #2	

Course Policies:

Policy on exams and assignments:

Exams are to be taken on the scheduled dates. Assignments will not be accepted electronically and are due during the class period on the assigned due date (unless otherwise noted). Make-up exams and late assignments will be considered without penalty only under unusual or extenuating circumstance.

Policy concerning accommodations for students with disabilities:

Students with disabilities who need reasonable modifications to complete assignments successfully and otherwise satisfy course criteria are encouraged to meet with the instructor as early as possible to identify and plan specific accommodations. Students must supply a letter from the *UF Office of Students with Disabilities* to assist planning modifications.

Honest Policy:

By formally registering for coursework at the University of Florida, you agree to abide by the following statement:

“I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.”

Evaluations:

1. Exams 200

Students will be expected to complete a midterm and final exam worth 100 points each for a total of 200 points. The exams are based on assigned readings, lectures, and group discussions.

2. Attendance and Participation 50

Students will be expected to attend and participate in both group discussion and the lecture. Attendance will be monitored and any unexcused absence will result in a reduction of points (3 points for each unexcused absence).

3. Group Discussion Reaction Papers 100

In order to crystallize your thoughts for the discussion groups, students will be asked to read the group discussion materials prior to coming to class, discuss them in the small group and write a brief reaction paper to turn in the following week. This will be monitored and collected by the discussion group leaders. **Reaction papers will not be accepted late or from students not in attendance at the lecture session.**

4. Group Project 50

Each discussion group will select a country and develop a poster board to be displayed in the class. Each display should include two elements:

1. Basic information about the country assigned such as geography, climate, government, language and customs.
2. Health Information about the country assigned such as forms of medical care available to the citizens, status of child health, fertility, life expectancy, and major public health problems.

This project is due on or before November 17, 2010.

The project presentation is scheduled on December 1, 2010. Each group will be given 10-15 minutes to present their project.

5. Grading

Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Reaction papers	100 points
Attendance & Group Discussion	50 points
Project	50 points
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Total	400 points

Grades:

A	90% or higher
B+	85% - 89%
B	80% - 84%
C+	75% - 79%
C	70% - 74%
D+	65% - 69%
D	60% - 64%
E	below 60%

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List of Additional Reading Materials

1. Palma-Solis, M, Gil-Gonzalez, D, Alvarez-Dardet, C & Ruiz-Cantero, MT. (2008). Political and social context of not attaining the Millennium Development Goal to reduce poverty. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 86 (10): 772-779.
2. Cottingham, J, Kismodi, E, Hilber, AM, , Lincetto, O, Stahlhofer, M, & Gruskin, S. (2010). Using human rights for sexual and reproductive health: improving legal and regulatory frameworks. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 88: 551-555.
3. Subramanian, SV, Huijts, T & Avendano, M. (2010). Self-reported health assessments in 2002 World Health Survey: how do they correlate with education? *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 88: 131-138.
4. Groenwald, P, Bradshaw, D, Daniels, J, Zinyakatira, N, Matzopoulos, R, Bourne, D, Shaikh, N & Naledi, T. (2010). Local-level mortality surveillance in resource-limited settings: a case study of Cape Town highlights disparities in health. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 88: 444-451.
5. Shiffman, J. (2009). A social explanation for the rise and fall of global health issues. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 87: 608-613.
6. Piva, P & Dodd, R. (2009). Where did all the aid go? An in-depth analysis of increased health aid flows over the past 10 years. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 87: 930-939.
7. Prinja, S & Kumar, R. (2009). Reducing health inequities in a generation: a dream or reality? *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 87:84.
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19. Jehan, I, Harris, H, Salat, S, Zeb, A, Mobeen, N, Pasha, O, McClure, EM, Moore, J, Wright, LL & Goldenberg, RL. (2009). Neonatal mortality, risk factors and causes: a prospective population-based cohort study in urban Pakistan. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 87(1): 130-138.
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22. Gupta, I & Guin, P. (2010). Communicable diseases in the South-East Asia Region of the World Health Organization: towards a more effective response. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 88: 199-205.
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