Syllabus – Elective Course

Course title:

Healthcare Systems: A Comparative Approach

Credits:

6 ECTS credits

Teaching language:

English

Target students:

Undergraduate students from all study areas with an interest in health, nursing, politics, ethics and public health.

Teacher in charge of the course:

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COURSE PRESENTATION

Prerequisite:

Students undertaking this course should normally have successfully completed at least one semester at university, or have equivalent experience. They must have some ability to work as a group and be able to communicate easily in English at a standard university level. In other respects, the course is intended to serve a mix of profiles and learning backgrounds for a more diverse international learning experience.

Content:

This course will provide students with an introduction to 2 different healthcare systems in France and in the USA. A comparative approach will give students an overview of how the different countries try to tackle current challenges related to health care.

Course sessions will include:

- 1st session: the history of French healthcare system through a visit of the city and former to current hospitals.
- 2nd and 3rd session: Presentation of the current French Health Care system
- 4th session: One current challenge: Day care versus Hospital Stay and Health Prevention (course that will be held at one of UCL’s hospital and learning lab)
- 5th-6th and 7th session: Presentation of the US healthcare system:
  - From Almshouse to Hospital
  - How the Trajectory of Private Health Insurance was Established
  - Medicare and Medicaid
Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the students should:

• understand European and USA healthcare systems and how they are financed
• be able to describe current major issues for health care systems globally and potential solutions
• understand how decision-making and care is organized in hospitals
• develop critical thinking through being exposed to other healthcare systems
• develop cultural awareness in order to be more culturally sensitive

WORKLOAD

French contact hours = 60 minutes (in some countries/institutions, 1 contact hour = 45-50 minutes)

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EDUCATIONAL METHODS

Lecture, workshops, study visits, case-studies...

RESOURCES

All course materials will be supplied in class. References may be made to the following resources:

• Handicap Et Dépendance – Drames Humains, Enjeux Politiques – Florence Weber
• Humanitude : Comprendre la vieillesse, prendre soin des hommes vieux – Jérôme Pellissier & Yves Gineste
• Faire de la santé publique – Didier Fassin
• La politique de santé en France : « Que sais-je ? » n° 2814
• La maladie d’Alzheimer au jour le jour : guide pratique pour les familles – Jacques Selmès & Christian Derouesné
• Les Grands Défis De La Politique De Santé En France Et En Europe – Ecologie et Santé – Dominique Belpomme
• Manuel de soins palliatifs : Clinique, psychologie, éthique, 4e édition – Dominique Jacquemin & Didier de Broucker
- *Soins et croyances : Guide pratique des rites, cultures et religions à l’usage des personnels de santé et des acteurs sociaux* – Isabelle Lévy
- *Prévenir plutôt que guérir, la révolution de la e-santé* – Alexis Normand

**ASSESSMENT**

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