Health, Illness, and Medicine
Fall 2020
Soc 590-001 (37588)

Days: Thursday
Time: 5:00pm - 7:50pm
Location: https://siue.zoom.us/j/97315158891
COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this class we will be studying the theories and topics in the sociological study of health and medicine. This includes the social determinants of health, health inequality, the social construction of health, illness experience, and medical institutions.
OBJECTIVE

- Reading Skills
- Writing Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Learn Medical Sociology Concepts and Theories
- Connect to Current Debates/Issues
- Sociological Perspective on Health and Medicine
Required Texts

Dying of Whiteness: How the Policies of Racial Resentment is Killing America's Heartland
By Jonathan M. Metzel

Against Health: How Health Became the New Morality
Editors: Jonathan M. Metzel and Anna Kirkland

Contesting Intersex: The Dubious Diagnosis
By Georgiann Davis

Caring on the Clock: The Complexities and Contradictions of Paid Care Work
Editors: Mignon Duffy, Amy Armenia, and Clare L. Stacey

Other Texts will be provided on Blackboard
Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating includes all forms of plagiarism, submitting work that is not entirely your own and original, incorrect citations of others’ works, fabrication of sources of information or observations, and use of materials not explicitly permitted during assignments and exams. Students are individually responsible for understanding what constitutes cheating and forms of plagiarism. For more information on the SIUE’s policies regarding academic misconduct see: www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml.

Plagiarism includes either presenting someone else’s words without quotation marks (even if you cite the source with a page number or even if the sentence is a definition) or presenting someone else’s ideas without citing that source. For more information on SIUE's policies regarding plagiarism see: www.siue.edu/policies/1i6.shtml

If you are caught cheating or plagerising in this class, consequences can include anything form failing an assignment to failing the course - depending on the severity of the infraction. All academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of the Provost and may result in further action.
Title IX - Responsible Employee

I am considered a "responsible employee" according to Title IX. That means if a sexual assault, stalking, dating/domestic violence, or any other violent incident is reported to me, I must inform the Title IX office. Incidents can be reported confidentially to the counseling center or to Edwardsville's "Call for Help" hotline: 618-397-0975.

Accomodations

Students requiring accomodations due to illness, impairment, etc. need to register with Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS) and complete an intake process. For more information on policies, procedures, or necessary forms, please visit the ACCESS website at www.siue.edu/access.
COVID-19 Pandemic Policies Related to Classroom Instruction (Fall 2020)

Health and Safety

Consistent with the Illinois Board of Higher Education guidance contained in “Safely Launching Academic Year 2020” released on June 23, 2020 and guidelines established by Governor J. B. Pritzker and Restore Illinois, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has implemented a new policy to help ensure the safety of all students, faculty and employees during the pandemic. The measures outlined below are required and any student who does not comply may be in violation of the COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy, as well as the University’s Student Code of Conduct.

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Classrooms, Labs, Studios, and Other Academic Spaces

While in the classroom, lab, studio, or other academic spaces, students shall practice social distancing measures by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others in the classroom and wearing a face covering. Extra care should be taken upon entering and leaving the classroom spaces. Classroom furniture should not be rearranged, and furniture that has been taped off or covered should not be used.

Students who forget to wear a face mask or face shield will be reminded of their obligation to comply with SIUE’s COVID-19 People-Focused Health and Safety Policy and temporarily asked to leave the class until they are able to conform to the policy. Students who forget or lose their face coverings may be able to obtain replacements from a friend, a faculty member, or a nearby departmental office. Face coverings are also available for purchase in the Cougar Store (MUC).

Students who refuse to wear a face covering will be asked to leave the classroom and referred to the Dean of Students for non-compliance with community health and safety protocols. Repeated non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions, including the student being administratively dropped from an on-ground/face-to-face course or courses without refund if no alternative course format is available.

If a student has a documented health condition which makes wearing a face covering medically intolerable, that student should contact ACCESS to explore options with the understanding that ACCESS will not grant accommodations which excuse the need for a face covering while on campus or in the classroom. ACCESS will work with qualifying individuals to find reasonable alternatives, whenever such solutions are available. Please call or contact the ACCESS Office via email to schedule an online appointment to discuss potential alternatives. ACCESS office (Student Success Center, Room 1203, 618-650-3726, and myaccess@siue.edu).
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General Health Measures

At all times, students should engage in recommended health and safety measures, which include:

- Conducting a daily health assessment. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, but not yet tested positive, have had COVID-19 close contact exposure, or are COVID-19 diagnosed as presumptive or confirmed positive, stay home and contact your health provider or SIUE Health Service at cougarcare@siue.edu or 618-650-2842. More information is available on the SIUE COVID-19 website.
- Frequent washing or disinfecting of hands.
- Social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from others.
- Face masks or face coverings that cover the nose and mouth are required in indoor public spaces regardless of the ability to maintain social distance. Indoor public spaces include common spaces or community settings that anyone can access, such as reception areas with walk-in access, restrooms, hallways, classrooms, teaching and research laboratories, as well as common spaces in residence halls, conference rooms, lobbies, and break rooms.
- Adhere to directional signs and traffic flow patterns in buildings and offices. Doors for entering and exiting buildings will be designated. Where multiple doors exist, in and out doors will be marked with “Entrance” and “Exit” signs. Plans that consider traffic flow in and out of buildings, and within buildings (i.e. stairs, hallways, etc. where possible) will be marked.
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**Academic Integrity**
Students are reminded that the expectations and academic standards outlined in the Student Academic Code (3C2) apply to all courses, field experiences and educational experiences at the University, regardless of modality or location. The full text of the policy can be found here: [https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml](https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml).

**Recordings of Class Content**
Faculty recordings of lectures and/or other course materials are meant to facilitate student learning and to help facilitate a student catching up who has missed class due to illness. As such, students are reminded that the recording, as well as replicating or sharing of any course content and/or course materials without the express permission of the instructor of record, is not permitted, and may be considered a violation of the University’s Student Conduct Code (3C1), linked here: [https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml](https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml).
Classroom Conduct
- Controversial Topics
- Debate is good, be respectful
- Sit with discomfort

Email
- Best way to contact me outside of class
- I will respond within 24 hours on weekdays
- I don’t respond email evenings, weekends, and holidays
- Check school email regularly

Blackboard
- Post syllabus, assignments, grades, and other info
- Check Blackboard regularly

Attendance
- You are expected to attend every class in full
- Please let me know asap if you must miss class
GRADING

- Participation: 20%
- Discussion Leader: 20%
- Reflection Papers: 25%
- Final Project: 35%

100%
RESOURCES

Help with Technology
618-650-5500
help@siue.edu
kb.siue.edu

Writing Center
siue.edu/lss/writeing
wcenter@siue.edu

Counseling
siue.edu/counseling/in-an-emergency

ACCESS
siue.edu/access
myaccess@siue.edu

Blackboard
These and other resources on BB under "Resources"

Your Professor
I want you to succeed.
Contact me if you are struggling for any reason.