Part Time Lecturer- Health & Society/Global Public Health


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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an introductory course that examines how social, behavioural, historical and political factors influence public health in community, national and global contexts. It considers how health is influenced by factors such as age, gender, culture, race/ethnicity, social class, and geography. Public health problems and their solutions are analysed in light of individual risk factors as well as larger structural forces, and it considers the rights of the individual versus the welfare of the public. The class examines the ways our understandings of health and well-being shape, and are shaped by, the health care system, our own values, and our assumptions.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

The course aims to: introduce definitions of disease, illness, and well-being from various perspectives; to introduce students to a population perspective on health and disease; to define and describe the social determinants of health and explain how they differ from other (biological) determinants of health; to introduce the field of public health and its various dimensions; to encourage debates on individual versus societal rights related to the promotion of health and prevention of disease; to deepen students’ understandings of the complex factors that shape health issues, and the response of government, institutions, and policies to those issues.

TEACHING & LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

The instructor will combine his or her own lectures (based on common readings) with classroom discussions, debates and activities that he or she will facilitate. Small-group research exercises and student presentations can be encouraged, as appropriate. All student work is to be marked and commented upon by the instructor.

EXPECTATION OF HOURS:

The semester is 15 weeks and classes meet once a week for 2.5 hours (either Tues. afternoons or Wed. mornings, though there may be some flexibility). In addition to the time required for course preparation, classroom instruction, and marking, the instructor is required to hold a minimum of one set 60-minute “office hour” at NYU London per week, during which time she or he will be available to meet with students.
FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants should have a PhD in a related field. It is expected that the post-holder will have a minimum of 2 to 3 years teaching at the university level; experience teaching American undergraduates is helpful.

APPLICATIONS:

Competitive salary. Terms and conditions will be discussed with the successful applicant. Applicants should be eligible to work in the UK prior to appointment. Applications, in the form of a C.V. and letter of interest, should arrive no later than Monday 7th December, 2015 by e-mail to Luke Harper: luke.harper@nyu.ac.uk. Informal enquiries can be made to Amy Rowe: amy.rowe@nyu.edu.