Instructor: Dr. Margaret Penning

Course Description:

This course offers a critical appraisal of the socio-political and economic determinants of health and illness from a cross-national perspective. In particular, the course explores the unequal distribution of health, illness and injury within and between countries in the context of poverty and economic marginalization. It also addresses the role of health care systems in the distribution of health, illness and injury. The course draws on case studies from around the world to examine health and health care inequities.

Required Resources May Include:

There is no required textbook for this course. A reading list (approximately 2 articles per week) will be supplied with the required readings accessible through CourseSpaces and/or the library. Assigned readings will need to be completed in advance of the scheduled classes to which they apply.

1 This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.