Course Description and Objectives
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.

Skills Development
This course aims to increase students’ understanding of the root causes of health inequities and their ability to critically assess the effectiveness of various policies and interventions aimed at reducing inequalities in health and health care.

Course Organization & Requirements
There is no required textbook for this course. Required readings are accessible through CourseSpaces and/or the library. Assigned readings will need to be completed in advance of the scheduled classes to which they apply.

Course evaluation may be based on:
Discussion Questions Based on the Assigned Readings (10%)
Case Study Research Project and Report (30%)
Mid-Term Test (20%)
In-Class Final Test (15%)
Final Term Paper Assignment (25%)

* 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.