

# Bemidji State University

## SOC 3330: Sociology of Health and Medicine

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

In this course we will explore, from a sociological perspective, how health care is organized, inequalities related to health care organization, and how, as an institution, health care systems interact with other institutions. We will also be examining delivery interactions within the medical systems, the culture of medicine, professional power, and who gets to define ¿wellness.¿ Finally, we will explore how health care is shaping individual lives and the understandings of the human.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 01/12/2020 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Social organization of health care, the social nature of disease, social class and illness, racial and gender context related to health care, social relationships and health care, cost and financial aspects, medical culture, and health care reform.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. describe how health care is organized.
2. specify patterns of inequality associated with health care in the U.S.
3. construct and apply theoretical concepts related to health and medicine.
4. interpret the institutional aspects of the health care system and how it interacts with other institutions.
5. identify the micro, meso, and macro levels of social structure associated with health care in contemporary society.
6. compare and contrast health care systems across time and space and their impact on communities.
7. analyze the professional aspects of the health care system and patterns of interaction with patients and other professionals.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted