

COURSE SPECIFICATION FORM
for new course proposals and course amendments

Department/School:	School of Law	With effect from Academic Session:	Valid from 2012-13
Course Title:	Sociology of health and illness (1)	Course Value: (UG courses = unit value, PG courses = notional learning hours)	0.5 unit
Course Code:	CR3001	Course JACS Code: (Please contact Data Management for advice)	L310
Availability: (Please state which teaching terms)	Autumn term	Status: (i.e.: Core, Core PR, Compulsory, Optional)	Optional
Pre-requisites:	Year One core programme	Co-requisites:	
Co-ordinator:	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
Course Staff:	Professor Jonathan Gabe		
Aims:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an introduction to sociology of health and illness 2. To understand the social patterning and causes of ill health 3. To examine different sociological perspectives to the study of health and illness 		
Learning Outcomes:	<p>By the end of the course students will have acquired:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An understanding of different sociological approaches to the study of health and illness 2. An awareness of the social patterning and causes of ill health 3. The confidence and competence to understand and critically examine debates in sociology of health and illness 		
Course Content:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Health, illness and disease as social concepts 3. Labelling and stigma 4. Medicalisation 5. Class inequalities in health 6. Ethnicity and health 7. Gender and health 8. AIDS, epidemics and society 9. Medicine, health and risk 10. Alternative and complementary medicine 		
Teaching & Learning Methods:	<p>Lecture (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Seminar (1 hour a week)</p>		
Details of teaching resources on Moodle:	Course outline and handouts		
Key Bibliography:	<p>Bury, M. (1997) <i>Health and Illness in a Changing Society</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Bury, M. (2005) <i>Health and Illness</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p> <p>*Bury, M. and Gabe, J. (eds.) (2004) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness: A Reader</i>. London: Routledge.</p> <p>*Gabe, J. et al (eds.) (2004) <i>Key Concepts in Medical Sociology</i>. London: Sage.</p> <p>*Nettleton, S. (2006) <i>The Sociology of Health and Illness</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p> <p>* Recommended for purchase</p>		
Formative Assessment &	Course evaluation by anonymous self completion questionnaire		

Feedback:	
Summative Assessment:	Exam Coursework 90% two essays 2500-3000 words 10% seminar presentation Deadlines: As per the student handbook issued at the start of term

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