

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ANTH 306: Medical Anthropology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

ANTH 110 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 08 - Global Perspective

A survey of the distributions of illness throughout the world with emphasis on the definitions, treatments, and practitioners as well as the cultural settings producing them. MnTC Goal 8.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/10/2000 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Field of medical anthropology.
2. Human evolutionary adaptations.
3. Ecology of health and disease.
4. Demographics of health and disease.
5. Nutrition, health, and disease.
6. Reproductive issues.
7. Stress and mental health.
8. Culture change and health.
9. Political economy of health and disease.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Be aware of both the biological and cultural influences on human health and disease.
2. Understand what constitutes a health care system.
3. Appreciate the value of both western and non-western medical systems.
4. Acknowledge the public health challenges facing the human species today.
5. Recognize the increasing process of commoditization of health and the consequences of this process both globally and nationally.

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

Goal 08 - Global Perspective

1. Demonstrate knowledge of cultural, social, religious and linguistic differences.
2. Analyze specific international problems, illustrating the cultural, economic, and political differences that affect their solution.
3. Understand the role of a world citizen and the responsibility world citizens share for their common global future.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted