

Course description

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Course name:	Social History of Medicine		
Academic Year:	2024/2025	Printed:	28.05.2024 23:28

Department/Unit /	UHV / EMEDI			Academic Year	2024/2025
Title	Social History of Medicine			Type of completion	Course-credit
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 5 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 1 [HRS/WEEK] Seminar 1 [HRS/WEEK]			Course credit prior to	NO
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Counted into average	NO
Summer semester	0 / 0	0 / 0	0 / 15	Min. (B+C) students	not determined
Winter semester	0 / 0	0 / 8	0 / 6	Repeated registration	NO
Timetable	Yes			Semester taught	Summer semester
Language of instruction	English			Internship duration	0
Optional course	Yes				
Evaluation scale	S N				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	No				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

Medicine is more than a way of research and treatment or creating of scientific concepts. It also affects society. The history of recent development of medical culture must be understood in broad scope. Thirteen selected topics will give an account of ideas, social relations, political economy and individual reactions, which influenced the development in medical field. The main objective of the course is to introduce the last two centuries of the development of Western medicine and medical treatment. Lectures will give an explanation, for why medicine developed as it did, becoming one of the most important part of contemporary culture.

Requirements on student

Lessons will take the form of a debate about specific problems, for that is for students necessary to prepare on each lesson on the basis of specified text (will be available through the web sources). Essential will be an active participation in debate during the seminar.

Content

- 1) Anthropology of the body: The body as a substance, machine, genetic information or construction of a culture
Reading: Geurts, Culture and the Senses. Bodily Ways of Knowing in an African Community, Berkley 2002, p. 228-235.
- 2) Philosophical concepts and basic theoretical approaches of cultural anthropology to human body
Reading: Merleau-Ponty, Phenomenology of Perception, London 2013, p. 133-149.
- 3) Embodiment, madness and the healing of evil spirits
Reading: Csordas, Embodiment as a Paradigm for Anthropology, Ethos 18 (1990), p. 5-47.
- 4) Physician as an institution. The doctor and a relationship with his patient

Reading: Porter, The Patinet's View. Doing Medical History from Below, Theory and Society 14 (1985), p. 175-181.

5) Medicine and women. Social construct of masculinity and femininity, biological nature of the social and gender determinations of health

Reading: Shorter, A History of Women's Bodies, New Haven 1982, p. 4-17.

6) Epidemics - plague, syphilis, black pox

Reading: Showalter, Sexual Anarchy, London 2010, p. 188-189.

7) Disease as a stigma - tuberculosis, gout, nervousness, obesity

Reading: Porter - Rousseau, Gout. The Patrician Malady, New Haven 1998, p. 71-73.

8) Discursive approaches to the "diseases" of 19th century, onania, hypochondria, hysteria

Reading: Stengers, Masturbation: The history of a great terror, New York 2001, p.53-59.

9) Historical concepts of pain

Reading: Scarry, The Body in Pain. The Making and Unmaking of the World, New York 1985, p. 25-59.

10) Alternative methods of treatment. Homeopathy, mesmerism, hydropathy. Acceptance of the non-conventional principles by contemporary medicine

Reading: Dinges, Medical Pluralism and Homoeopathy in India and Germany (1810-2010), Stuttgart 2014, p. 7-30.

11) Medical treatment and space - public spaces, hospitals, spas

Reading: Casey, From space to place in contemporary health care, Social science & Medicine 56 (2003), p. 2245-2247.

12) Futures of medicine

Reading: Bynum (et al.), Western Medical Tradition 1800 to 2000, Cambridge 2006, p. 52-81.

Prerequisites - other information about course preconditions

Willingness to actively participate in debates. Communication in English.

Competences acquired

The students will be familiar with the methods and results of research in contemporary social history of medicine and history and anthropology of the body. The objective of the workshop in each lesson is aimed also on the developing of participants skills of critical thinking and the ability of analysis and interpretation of the historical text.

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Mgr. Vladan Hanulík, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Lecturer:** Mgr. Vladan Hanulík, Ph.D. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** Mgr. Vladan Hanulík, Ph.D. (100%)

Literature

- **Recommended:** Shorter E. *A History of Women's Bodies*. New Haven, 1982.
- **Recommended:** Geurts K. L. *Culture and the Senses. Bodily Ways of Knowing in an African Community*. Berkley, 2002.
- **Recommended:** Csordas T. *Embodiment as a Paradigm for Anthropology*. Ethos 18, 1990.
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Teaching methods

Dialogic (discussion, interview, brainstorming)
Work with text (with textbook, with book)

Demonstration
Projection

Assessment methods

Systematic monitoring

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
Historical Sciences	Follow-up study	Full-time	Cultural History	1	2013	2024	Compulsory Options	B		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2021	2024	Optional Courses	C		
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Gendery History	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		
History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Dějiny literární kultury	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Kulturně historická studia slovanských zemí	1	2023	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Péče o kulturní dědictví	1	2024	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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History	Follow-up study	Full-time	Historie - Soudobé dějiny	1	2022	2024	Optional Courses	C		
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