

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The Sociology of Health and Illness
Status: Definitive
Code: **6020SOCIO** (120928)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24
Total Delivered Hours: 52
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 188

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Online	8
Workshop	44

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3000 Word Essay	50	
Presentation	AS2	Presentation	50	

Aims

1. To critically examine Sociological approaches to the study of health and illness.
2. To examine key areas in the sociology of health, focusing on different theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches.
3. To demonstrate the contribution sociologists have made to the understanding of health and illness.
4. To facilitate an examination and understanding of aspects of ideology, power and inequality as they relate to health.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the social context of health and illness
- 2 Examine critically the relationship between sociology and medicine
- 3 Critically assess competing theoretical perspectives in the sociology of health and illness
- 4 Critically appraise the nature, processes, problems and issues relating to inequalities in health.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

3000 Word Essay	1	3
Presentation	2	4

Outline Syllabus

- *The social context of health.*
- *Sociological perspectives on health and illness.*
- *Social divisions and inequality in health.*
- *The development of the NHS and its relation to private healthcare.*
- *Medicine as social control.*
- *Medicalisation, power & patriarchy.*

Learning Activities

Integrated and flexible sessions including: lectures, tutorials, student-led seminars, on-line support, discussions, group work and guest speakers.

Notes

The module considers key areas in the sociology of health and illness, bringing together the contribution of different perspectives and methodological approaches which characterise sociological research in this area.