

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The Politics of Health
Status: Definitive
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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: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 33
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 167

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Seminar	22

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	Abstract (250 words) -15%; Written Conference Paper(3000 words) – 45%;Paper presentation (20 minutes)– 40%	85	
Reflection	AS2	Self-reflective piece (750 words on module engagement)	15	

Aims

1. Introduce students to the politics of health by exploring different elements such as everyday provisions, drug formulations and testing and pandemics; as well as discussions on state and privatised systems.
2. Develop an understanding of how health and politics are intertwined and the

impact this has on provision and preparedness.

3. Encourage students to engage with 'comparative health' to understand the different approaches adopted across the world to different situations so that a more nuanced understanding of different systems can be gained.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse health systems and government responses to different situations.
- 2 Critical engagement in their analyses of the politics of health.
- 3 Relate government policies/approaches to different health related situations.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Conference	1	2	3
Self reflective piece	2		

Outline Syllabus

Topics to cover in the module will typically include:

- *How do we understand health? Theories and concepts*
- *State vs. privatised healthcare provisions*
- *Understanding 'everyday' illnesses*
- *Developing medicines*
- *Pandemics and our responses to them*
- *Access to healthcare provisions*
- *Pandemics & state preparations*
- *Trafficking*
- *Animal testing*

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, workshops, module conference

Notes

This module will explore the intertwined relationship between politics and health through a thematic approach. This will allow students to engage with different issues relating to health and care provision by exploring different systems, provisions and responses to illness. This will not only allow students to gain insights into how systems operate, but it will also allow them to engage with the politics of health from

a more personal perspective following 2020 Covid-19 pandemic.