

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GEOGRAPHY OF HEALTH
Status: Definitive
Code: **6501CPHEA** (100070)
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: Accrington & Rossendale College

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20.00
Total Delivered Hours: 48.00
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 152

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	39.000
Seminar	6.000
Tutorial	3.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS1	CW1: Seminar Discussion	30.0	
Essay	AS2	CW2: Essay (4000 words)	70.0	

Aims

To examine geographical approaches to the study of health and environment, focusing on the investigation of spatial variations in disease incidence, the epidemiology of selected diseases and the links between environment and health.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically appraise the spatial variations in disease incidence.
- 2 Evaluate the contributions of research which impact upon our understanding of specific diseases.
- 3 Explore the link between environmental factors and human health.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Seminar Discussion	2	3
4000 Word Essay	1	

Outline Syllabus

This module develops further some of the themes introduced in 'Contemporary Issues in Health' (Level 1). It aims to increase the students understanding of spatial variations in health and disease and how these may impact upon the overall experience of health by the individual and/or whole populations. Some of the methodological difficulties are considered. For example, there exist a massive literature in environmental epidemiology concerning the links between air pollution and human ill-health. The research evidence is overwhelmingly 'biomedical' thus lay beliefs are explored. The main emphasis of the module is on Britain and Western Europe, though selected examples may be drawn from other parts of the world.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars, group work, video and student presentations.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Gattrell T, A
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Geographies of Health
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Blackwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Anthamatten, P., Hazen, H
Publishing Year	2011
Title	An Introduction to the Geography of Health
Subtitle	

Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Curtis, S.
Publishing Year	2009
Title	Health and Inequality
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Sage
ISBN	

Notes

This module considers some of the fundamental concepts needed for a basic understanding of 'health' and 'geography'. It explores the interface between the two and uses examples drawn from local, national and in addition international studies of health experience and disease incidence. Students are encouraged to adopt a critical approach to research evidence. Regular tutorials will provide opportunities for informal formative assessment to support student learning and discuss their overall progress.