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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

New Course     
  Course Prefix Change     
  Course Deletion  
 Course Revision     
  Course Number and/or Title Change     
  Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: **Soc 342 Social and Cultural Aspects of Health and Medicine**

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: **Soc 342 Medical Sociology**

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills   
  Knowledge Area   
  Global and Multicultural Awareness   
  Writing Across the Curriculum (W Course)  
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship   
  Information Literacy   
  Oral Communication  
 Quantitative Reasoning   
  Scientific Literacy   
  Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

Honors College Course   
  Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

Catalog Description Change   
  Program Revision   
  Program Title Change   
  New Track  
 New Degree Program   
  New Minor Program   
  Liberal Studies Requirement Changes   
  Other

Current program name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed program name, if changing: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Melanie Hildebrandt</i>	2/7/13
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>Ally Weh</i>	2-12-13
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>Theresa Brown</i>	2-27-13
College Dean	<i>Brown</i>	2/27/13
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate	<i>Evelyn Reilly TECC / E. Nardi</i>	3/25/13
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## I. Catalog Description and Title Change

### Soc 342 Medical Sociology

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**Prerequisite:** Soc 151

A review of medical sociology. Focuses upon the sociological examination of health, illness, and healing; health inequalities; medicalization; medicine as a profession; healing occupations; interactions within medical settings; the social organization of health services; and bioethics. Examines current, major issues in public policy and healing.

## II. Comparison of Old and New

<b>Current Title and Course Description</b>	<b>Proposed New Title and Course Description</b>
<b>Soc 342 Social and Cultural Aspects of Health and Medicine</b>	<b>Soc 342 Medical Sociology</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b> 6 credits of SOC or ANTH	<b>Prerequisite:</b> Soc 151
A review of the fields of medical sociology and anthropology. Focuses on such topics as health and illness in cross-cultural context, aging, social and psychological aspects of pain, and social organization of health facilities and services. Definitions of limits of “life” and “death” in context of holistic health.	A review of medical sociology. Focuses upon the sociological examination of health, illness, and healing; health inequalities; medicalization; medicine as a profession; healing occupations; interactions within medical settings; the social organization of health services; and bioethics. Examines current, major issues in public policy and healing.

## III. Rationale

The current course description and title date back to prior to 1992 when Sociology and Anthropology were a joint department (SOC/ANTH). Neither the course title nor the course description was revised to reflect the split. These changes reflect the fact that this course is and has been taught from a sociological perspective since 1992. The new course title and catalog description reflect more succinct and appropriate terminology that is widely recognized in the field of Sociology. These changes do not reflect or require revisions to course content (see Syllabus of Record).

The prerequisite for this course is also being revised. The revision will make SOC 342 consistent other upper level Sociology courses by requiring a prerequisite of Soc 151.

**Syllabus of Record**  
**SOC 342 – Social and Cultural Aspects of Health and Medicine**

**I. Catalog Description**

**Prerequisite:** 6 cr in Sociology or Anthropology  
**3cr**

**3c-01-**

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**II. Course Outcomes**

In this course, students will:

- a) Compare sociological perspectives on the study of health and illness in the context of the American health system.
- b) Differentiate theories that sociologists use to study health, illness, sickness and disease as social phenomena.
- c) Assess how social inequalities, including social class, race, and gender, influence health and illness.
- d) Examine ways in which health is shaped by social context, culture, social structure, and social processes.
- e) Analyze the social organization of health care including health care occupations, the organization of the health care delivery system and related policy issues.

**III. Course Outline [Below are example topics and content for this course.]**

- Week 1: Perspectives & Theories  
Definitions of health  
Historical contexts of health, illness & medicine
- Week 2: Who gets sick?  
Social epidemiology: social distribution of health & illness  
Social causes of morbidity & mortality  
Population health
- Week 3: Inequalities & social disparities in health  
Life chances & life choices  
Health lifestyles: health behaviors & behavior change
- Week 4: The sick role  
Illness as deviance  
Medicalization  
Social control & sickness
- Week 5: Social stress & health

- Social roles, role conflict & role strain
- Meanings of illness & disability
- Illness behaviors & the experience of illness
- Social models of disability
- Week 6: Medicine as a profession
- Medicine as an institution
- Historical context and social process of becoming a physician
- Medical education
- Socialization and the values of medicine
  
- Week 7: Doctor-Patient interactions
- Models of physician-patient relationships
- Communication in health encounters
- Medical authority
- Professional dominance and decline
- Professional codes: Ethical issues and obligations of physicians
  
- Week 8: Midterm Exam
- [Note: Individual faculty should adjust the course schedule for breaks/holidays, such as Labor Day or MLK Day, Spring or Thanksgiving break, and reflect them in the syllabus.]
  
- Week 9: Nurses & nursing
- Care work & caregiving
- Historical contexts of nursing
- Nursing & femininity
- Professional status of nursing
- Allied health workers & other health care practitioners
  
- Week 10: Complementary & alternative medicines (CAM) or systems of healing
- Historical & cultural contexts of medical traditions
- Regular medicine & allopathy
- CAM Examples: Homeopathy, Osteopathy, Chiropractics, Acupuncture, Ayurveda, Curanderismo, Native American Healing, Christian Science
- Co-optation of CAM practices
  
- Week 11: The U.S. Health Care System
- Health care financing
- Health insurance
- Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance, un-insurance
  
- Week 12: Comparison of national health & health care systems
- Examples: (U.K., Canada, Germany, Japan, Russia, China, Mexico, Switzerland, Taiwan, France, Cuba)
  
- Week 13: Health care delivery organizations
- Complex organizations & bureaucracies

Historical & social contexts of the hospital and the doctor's office  
Corporatization, chains, & integration of care

Week 14: Social issue & medical debates  
Historical & social contexts of technological change in medicine  
New technologies & ethical questions regarding life & death  
Patient rights: informed consent & informed refusal

Week 15: Exam Week

Culminating Activity: Research projects, Examination and/or Presentations

[Note: Each faculty member should determine the culminating activity and state it in the syllabus.]

#### IV. Evaluation Methods

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Participation	0 to 15%
Writing assignments	25 to 75%
Class presentation(s)	0 to 25%
Quizzes (may be in-class or take-home, multiple choice and/or essay)	0 to 40%
Exams (may be in-class or take-home, multiple choice or essay)	25 to 75%
Other forms of evaluation	<u>0 to 50%</u>

Must total 100%

This arrangement is designed to provide faculty with maximum flexibility and academic freedom in regard to the design of their courses.

[Note: Individual faculty members should determine the methods of evaluation for student learning in the course. The methods and their proportion of the course grade should be listed in the syllabus provided to students. The percentages may vary from those indicated here; the parameters above are merely suggested minimum and maximum weights for different types of methods of evaluation frequently used in courses.]

#### V. Grading Scale

Grading Scale: A: 90% or higher      B: 80-89%      C: 70-79%      D: 60-69%      F: 59%  
or lower

#### VI. Attendance Policy

IUP expects students to attend class. University policy permits students unexcused absences without penalty as follows: 3 absences in classes that meet for 50 minutes 3 times per week (i.e., MWF classes); 2 absences in classes that meet for 75 minutes twice per week (i.e., (T, Th classes); and 1 absence in classes that meet for 150 or more minutes once per week.

[Note: Individual faculty members should develop an attendance policy for the course that it is in keeping with the university's policy (see the undergraduate catalog for Undergraduate Course Attendance Policy). The faculty member's attendance policy for the course should be included in the syllabus provided to students.]

## VII. Required textbooks, supplemental books and readings

[One or more texts, such as the sample texts below, supplemented by other readings and videos.]

- Cockerham, William C. 2009. *Medical Sociology*. 11<sup>th</sup> edition (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall).
- Fennell, Mary and Bernice A. Pescosolido, eds. 1995. "Forty Years of Medical Sociology: The State of the Art and Directions for the Future." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Vol 35 (Extra Issue).
- Freund, Peter E.S., Meredith McGuire, and Linda S. Podhurst. 2003. *Health, Illness, and the Social Body: A Critical Sociology*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall).
- Hankin, Janet R. and Eric R. Wright, eds. 2010. "What Do We Know? Key Findings from 50 Years of Medical Sociology." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Vol 51 (Extra Issue).
- Henderson, Gail E., Sue E. Estroff, Larry R. Churchill, Nancy M. P. King, Jonathan Oberlander, and Ronald P. Strauss, eds. 2005. *The Social Medicine Reader, Volume Two: Social and Cultural Contributions to Health, Difference, and Inequality*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press).
- King, Nancy M.P., Ronald P. Strauss, Larry R. Churchill, Sue E. Estroff, Gail E. Henderson, and Jonathan Oberlander, eds. 2005. *The Social Medicine Reader, Volume One: Patients, Doctors, and Illness*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press).
- Oberlander, Jonathan, Larry R. Churchill, Sue E. Estroff, Gail E. Henderson, Nancy M. P. King, and Ronald P. Strauss, eds. 2005. *The Social Medicine Reader, Volume Three: Health Policy, Markets, and Medicine*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. (Durham, NC: Duke University Press).
- Weiss, Gregory L. and Lynne E. Lonnquist. 2009. *The Sociology of Health, Healing and Illness*. 6<sup>th</sup> edition. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall).
- Weitz, Rose. 2010. *The Sociology of Health, Illness, and Health Care: A Critical Approach*. 5<sup>th</sup> edition. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning)

### Films:

- The Business of Being Born* (2008)
- Doctors' Diaries: 7 Doctors, 21 Years* (2009. NOVA)
- Gray's Anatomy* (1996)
- Murderball* (2005)
- Sick around America* (2009. Frontline)
- Sick around the World* (2008. Frontline)
- Unnatural Causes... is inequality making us sick?* (2008)

## VIII. Special resource requirements

### Technology Skills and Software

Students enrolled in this course should possess the following technology skills:

- The ability to access information via the Web

- The ability to use an appropriate web based instructional software such as Moodle and associated tools, including discussion/chat, quizzing, and assignment submission features
- The ability to use word processing software and to save in either Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format
- The ability to use Internet communication tools, specifically e-mail
- The ability to demonstrate appropriate online conduct

### Technical Support

Technical support for computer issues and technology related to this course is available from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania IT Support Center (724-357-4000, G-35 Delaney Hall). When you contact them you should be prepared to give specific details regarding your technical issue(s), including what you were doing before the error occurred and the exact text of any error messages received. If you experience issues outside of the normal IT Support Center hours, you can also submit your error or question via e-mail at [it-supportcenter@iup.edu](mailto:it-supportcenter@iup.edu) or via electronic form available online in Moodle.

### **Disability Services**

IUP is committed to ensuring equal access to education as intended by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disability Support Services provides services to students with disabilities of all kinds, including learning, physical, hearing, vision, or psychological. Students who plan to request accommodations should contact the Disability Support Services Office at the beginning of each semester. To determine whether you qualify for accommodations, or if you have questions about services and procedures for students with disabilities contact: Office of Disability Support Services, 216 Pratt Hall, 724-357-4067.

### **Academic Integrity**

IUP students are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the IUP Academic Integrity Policy, (website: <http://www.iup.edu/teachingexcellence/nfo/acadintegrity.shtm>). Practicing academic integrity means you do not:

- Provide or receive unauthorized assistance in coursework, including papers, quizzes, and examinations.
- Use unauthorized materials and resources during quizzes and tests.
- Possess course examination materials without the prior knowledge of the instructor.
- Plagiarize
- Engage in behaviors that are disruptive or threatening to others.
- Use computer technology in any way other than for the purposes intended for the course.

Plagiarism involves using the words, facts, or ideas of another person or source as if they were your own. It is illegal and violates both university policy and the principles of scholarship. To avoid plagiarism, you must properly cite other people's words, facts, and

ideas that you incorporate into your work. If you paraphrase (put into your own words) or quote (use the author's exact words) from any source (including material from the Internet), the paraphrase or quote must be cited properly. Quotes need to be placed in quotation marks, with the page number(s) indicated in the properly formatted citation of the source. Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are grounds for receiving an F on an assignment or exam, an F for the course, and referral to the university for judicial review and potential sanctions that may include suspension or expulsion from the university.

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[See also American Sociological Association teaching resources available at

<b>Conceptual Framework</b>	<b>INTASC Standards</b>	<b>NCSS Program Standards</b>	<b>Course Objectives</b>	<b>Course Assessment</b>
1a.	1	1. Culture and Cultural Diversity 5. Individuals, Groups and Institutions	(c), (d)  (a), (c) – (e)	Quizzes Exams Papers Presentations

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