



**University of Ottawa  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Health Sciences Program**

**HSS1101D – Determinants of Health  
(Winter term)**

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<b>Class Schedule:</b>	Online
<b>Professor:</b>	Dr. Raywat Deonandan
<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	
<b>Availability:</b>	Please email for an appointment
<b>Course website:</b>	

**Begins/Ends:** Jan 9, 2017  
**Meeting Day/Time:** April 7, 2017  
**Last Day to Withdraw:** Check University calendar

**Description of the course**

Examination and discussion of existing knowledge and theory regarding the origins of health disparities between populations. Approaches to contemporary international health issues from an interdisciplinary perspective. This includes the roles of key international bodies.

Note: This class is taught entirely in English, however students are permitted to submit assignments and exams in either French or English. Comments will be given in English only, however.

**Objectives of the Course**

By the end of this course, students are expected to:

1. Develop strategies to address the complexity of international health issues;
2. Explain and discuss social, economic, geographic, political and environmental determinants of global public health;
3. Discuss challenges, ethical dilemmas and successful models of humanitarian aid;
4. Evaluate the workings of major organizations involved in international health and development (e.g. UN, NGOs, World Bank, IMF, etc);

5. Assess the interrelationships and impacts of common diseases having a major influence on mortality and morbidity in the developing world (e.g. HIV, TB, Malaria, etc);
6. Discuss the role of history in defining the current state of international health.

### **Course structure**

This course is entirely lecture based. Assignments and marks will be posted on the course website. Most lecture notes will also be posted on the website. *However, lecture notes are to be considered a courtesy and not an expectation.* Students are expected to conduct some research and read supplementary materials prior to preparation of the assignments.

### **Textbook**

The following text is *mandatory* for this class:

- *“Introduction to International Health Theory”* by Raywat Deonandan. Dubuque: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2013 (ISBN 978-1-4652-3210-6)
- Available at: <http://www.kendallhunt.com/deonandan>

The following texts are *recommended* for keen students, but are not mandatory:

- *“An Introduction to International Health”* by Michael Seear. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, Inc, 2007 (ISBN 978-1-55130-327-7)
- *“The Betrayal of Africa”* by Gerald Caplan. Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2008 (ISBN 978-0-88899-824-8)
- *“Dead Aid”* by Dambisi Moyo. Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2010 (ISBN 9780374532123)
- *“The White Man’s Burden”* by William Easterly. New York: Penguin Press, 2006. (ISBN 1594200378)
- *“The End of Poverty”* by Jeff Sachs. New York: Penguin Press, 2005. (ISBN 1594200459)

### **Policy on late submission of assignments:**

Assignments must be submitted by the due date and time. Penalties for late submissions are described in the document describing each assignment.

### **Policy on missed exams:**

A student who misses an examination because of medical reasons must provide evidence. All other reasons for missing an examination must be discussed with the course professor at least a week before the examination. Each case will be considered on an individual basis. A student who misses an examination without a valid reason and prior permission will receive a grade of zero on that examination.

If you are unable to attend scheduled midterms or the final exam due to serious illness or other valid reason, it is your responsibility to notify the professor via email **immediately**. Notification of missed assessment immediately is absolutely essential to ensure prompt rescheduling of the assessment. It is the student’s responsibility to document the absence (medical note from campus physician, death certificate etc) and to present the documentation directly to the professor. **DO NOT RELY ON HEALTH SERVICES TO MAIL DOCUMENTS TO FACULTY.**

Obtain a copy and provide it in person to the professor. Note, absentee policies are in place **only for serious illness and death**

Students missing the final exam *must* write the make-up exam on one of the dates pre-determined by the department: Jan 4, 5 or 6, 2017. No special arrangements will be made for students who find these dates inconvenient.

### **Viewing Grades in Blackboard Vista**

Scores will be posted to the Virtual Campus Grade Book system. Click on the MyGrades link on the left navigation to view your assessment scores. Scores are hand-entered and human error may cause errors in the data entry. Errors will be corrected as soon as possible and communicated with affected students. The official scores used to tabulate grades are the scores students' legitimately received on assessments. Please note that the grades expressed on the website may not be weighted, thus the final ongoing grade for the class may not be accurately expressed.

### **Contacting the Professor**

Please contact the professor by email. The professor will not respond to emails on weekends or holidays. Nor will he answer course-related questions within 24 hours of an exam or assignment being due.

### **Other important information**

#### **Evaluation of course by students**

For further information concerning course evaluations visit:

<http://web.sass.uottawa.ca/welcome.php>

#### **Student academic support**

Guidance and support to students for course preparation and assistance in preparing submissions for assignments and examination is provided on campus. Please visit

<http://web.sass.uottawa.ca/welcome.php> for further information.

#### **Letter Grade Assignment**

Final grades assigned for this course will be based on the percentage of total marks earned and are assigned as follows:

## Passing Grade

At the undergraduate level, the passing grade is usually set to D.

### **\*Important: Grades are not negotiable!\***

All quiz, midterm, and examination results are final.

**Please do not request:** Re-weighting of quizzes, assignments, midterms or final exams. Requests for increases in marks to jump students to next letter grade WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

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## Academic Fraud and Plagiarism

**Academic fraud** – [www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/fraud](http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/info/regist/fraud)

Academic fraud is an act by a student that may result in a false academic evaluation of that student or of another student. These include:

- Not work of the student: academic paper, an essay, a test, an exam, a research report (written or oral)
- Presents research data that has been falsified/concocted;
- Attributes a statement of fact or reference to a concocted source;
- Submits same piece of work or significant part thereof for more than one course;
- Falsifies an academic evaluation, forged or falsified academic record;
- Undertakes any other action for the purpose of falsifying an academic evaluation.

Possible repercussions of academic fraud:

- Letter written by the dean
- Dossier will go to the faculty committee for review
- Sanction by the faculty committee can be recommended
- Dossier can go to the executive where a decision is made
- Dossier may go to the university committee where a decision is made
- Student may receive a mark of 0 on the work; may receive a mark of 0 for the course; and in extreme circumstances, be expelled from the school

**Plagiarism** - <http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/writing/kit/plagiarism.pdf>

Please do not copy work from other people and pass it off as your own! Reference all information that does not come from your own head, even if it's from an email or a conversation you had with someone. If you are using a direct quote, remember to include quotation marks and the source reference.

### **Important Note**

Any form of academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, will be reported to the Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences.

## Sexual Violence

The University of Ottawa does not tolerate any act of sexual violence. Sexual violence refers to any act of a sexual nature committed without consent, such as rape and sexual harassment or

online harassment. The University, as well as student and employee associations, offers a full range of resources and services allowing members of our community to receive information and confidential assistance and providing for a procedure to report an incident or make a complaint. For more information, please visit <http://www.uOttawa.ca/sexual-violence-support-and-prevention/>.

### **Cell Phones**

Use of cell phones in class is not permitted; they must be turned off or set to vibrate mode.

### **Noise and Conversation**

Please refrain from conversations and discussion during lectures out of consideration for both the professor and your classmates.

### **Students Resources**

**Mentoring Centre** – <http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/mentor/eng/index.asp>

**Academic Writing Help Centre** - <http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/writing/>

**Career Services** - <http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/careers/>

**Counselling Service**- <http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/personal/>

**Access Service** - <http://www.sass.uottawa.ca/access/>

**Student Resources Centres** – <http://www.communitylife.uottawa.ca/en/resources.php>

## Schedule and Content

Week	Week start	Topic	Quiz	Readings
1	Jan 9, 2017	What is Health	No	Ch1, 2
2	Jan 16, 2017	Disease	Yes	Ch 3
3	Jan 23, 2017	Socioeconomic Status	Yes	Ch 4
4	Jan 30, 2017	Disability	Yes	Ch 5
5	Feb 6, 2017	Gender	Yes	Ch 7
6	Feb 13, 2017	Social Support	Yes	Ch 8
	Feb 20, 2017	Reading Week (no class)		
7	Feb 27, 2017	<b>Midterm exam</b>		
8	Mar 6, 2017	Low Income and Poverty	Yes	Ch 6
9	Mar 13, 2017	Aboriginal and Indigenous Health	Yes	Ch 9
10	Mar 20, 2017	Environment and Climate Change	Yes	
11	Mar 27, 2017	Health Care Systems	Yes	
12	April 3, 2017	Sustainable Development Goals	Yes	Ch 10
	<b>Apr 11-28, 2017</b>	<b>Final exam</b>		