INDL 120C : Global Public Health Issues

Provides an introduction to and overview of the key areas of global health by addressing the major determinants of health and how health status is measured to determine the burden of disease in the developing world. Using the perspectives of public health, the course will cover factors associated with the development of health problems and efforts to prevent disease in impoverished areas. Students will explore the role of social communication, politics, religion, economics, education, and culture in contributing to global public health issues and will integrate these factors and values in developing solutions to the widespread public health issues impacting communities worldwide. Students will learn about the magnitude of disease in the developing world (e.g., communicable and non-communicable disease, women and child health, nutrition, and unintentional injuries) and how health is assessed and how health systems effectively work together to improve global health. (This course may be used to meet either an SOCI elective or a Humanities elective but not both.)

Credits 3

Lab/Practicum/Clinical Hours 0 Lecture Hours 3

Learning Outcomes

- Explain the importance of public health and the interconnectedness of local and global societies.
- · Describe the ethical basis of health and well being.
- Evaluate examples of successful efforts that have been done to improve lives and livelihoods.
- · Identify mechanisms that impact global health within chosen careers.
- Discuss methods used to measure and assess the health of populations.