Social Determinants of Health (IEHC0027)

Description

‘Social Determinants of Health’ is a module designed to provide you with a thorough grounding in the theories, conceptual frameworks and quantitative evidence on the proximal and distal social influences that impact on individual health and lead to population health inequalities. The objective is to engage and inspire you to acquire the depth of health literacy needed to make sense of the concept of health at individual and societal levels, and provide insight into how our social and economic circumstances get under our skin. More specifically, the module aims to introduce you to the core concepts of social epidemiology and public health including social, economic, and cultural determinants of health, but also to introduce you to conceptual frameworks that exist to explain the pathways between social factors and health outcomes, and public health policy implications.

By the end of the module, you will be able to:

1. recognise the wider determinants of individual health and population health inequalities with examples drawn mainly from the UK, Europe, and the US
2. use transferable academic skills acquired through the module, including essay writing, referencing, and presentation skills

This is an introductory core module for Year 1 students on the BSc Population Health programme. The module is also open to UCL elective students from other departments. Spaces are limited to 40 and places are allocated on a ‘first come first served’ basis on Portico.

You will be attending weekly 3-hour lectures on topics mentioned above. The module runs in both Term 1 and 2.

The assessment for this module consists of five parts. There will be two written essays (open book; one formative essay of 1,000 words in Term 1 and one summative essay of 2,000 words in Term 2 counting for 40% of your total grade for this module). Moreover, you will hold two oral presentations (10-minute group presentations; one

Key information

- **Year**: 2020/21
- **Credit value**: 30 (300 study hours)
- **Delivery**: UG L4, Campus-based
- **Reading List**: [View on UCL website](#)
- **Tutor**: Dr Anja Heilmann
- **Term**: Terms 1 and 2
- **Timetable**: [View on UCL website](#)

**Assessment**

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formative in Term 1 and one summative in Term 2 counting for 10% of your total grade for this module). Finally, you will take an unseen three-hour exam in Term 3 which counts for 50% of your total mark for this module.

Module Leads: Dr Anja Heilmann and Prof Yvonne Kelly.

**Selected Reading List**
